

Manitowish Chain Defense Fund

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Dear Sirs or Madams,

I have responded to the MCDF, The DNR and Copied in all the politicians including US Senators, Governor et al. I have filled out the defense fund questionnaires. If you want to study the DNR order change impact in a microcosm you need only to examine the East shore of Island Lake. The shore is shallow... No drop off... Solid packed sand with few shores or weeds. Most existing docks are permanent and are built only to the ^{existing} winter low level waters edge. Shore stations are placed similarly. There are few boat houses and the few there are are on shore or flow through. The size of the lake itself exposes the East shore to strong North Northwest winds when the ice breaks up in the spring time. Finally, the channel from Island Lake to Spider Lake has a 90° turn (half way through) ~~and~~ There is a high probability that eliminating the Fall draw down will cause the channel to silt up over a few years and; Complicated by the DNR proposal draw down; (Spring through August) will cut off Island Lake from the rest of the Chain.

You can see that a combination of events will cause

East shore infrastructure to ultimately be renewed. The shallowness of the East shore, combined with the new high level Dnm winter operating level will lock infrastructure in the ice and tear it down. If the owner adjusts same, at significant expense, the remainder of the summer will be spent chasing the draw down level with rock extensions, ^{MOVING} shore stations, bougies etc. As the Lake exit channel sits up and/or eliminates draught for boats. The following Fall, the new high operating order will cause wind driven ice; established at new higher winter levels; to tear out natural shore line protection.

Three other points:

- (1) The existing ^{winter} draw down seems to be killing ^{the invasive} curly leaf pond weed that becomes exposed on bare sand each winter during draw down.
- (2) Most property owners will be forced to alter their shore lines to gain access to their infrastructure with trestles; to build "on shore" boat houses to replace flow throughs and shore stations and to be able to utilize their watercraft. If the DNR is going to change the operating order to suit them, do you see any reason to seek permission / permits to be able to enjoy the lake?
- (3) Numerous residents are looking to aerations to keep open water around infrastructure. Can you imagine the impact on ice fishing, snowmobiling and drownings.

Regards
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