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TO: John Simonson, Wisconsin DNR c/o Manitowish Chain Defense Fund

RE: Comment on Wisconsin DNR's proposed change to operating order for the Rest Lake Dam

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I (own/lease) property on (Rest/Stone/Fawn/Clear/Spider/Island/Manitowish/Little Star/Wild Rice/Alder) Lake of the Manitowish Chain at the mailing address of 12615 ETH K.
~~WE~~ have (owned/leased) this property for 67 years. My property has lake frontage totaling 405 feet.

PIERS: Over the time I have owned my property, I have invested at least \$ _____ on installing and/or maintaining _____ pier(s) on my property. My pier(s) (is/are) 32 feet long. When water in the Chain reaches the normal summer water level of 8'6" on the Rest Lake Dam gauge, the deep end of my pier(s) reaches water that is 3.3 feet deep. In order for me to safely dock a boat at the pier(s) and access the Manitowish Chain from my property, the water level of the Manitowish Chain needs to be at least 7.3 feet at the Rest Lake Dam gauge. When the water level falls below that, I have the following problems navigating on the Manitowish Chain (describe any and all problems you may experience):
If the boat is on the lift you cannot get it off. If off, you cannot get it on. At some point passage to Fawn Lake will be impossible

BOAT LIFTS AND BOATHOUSES: Over the time I have owned my property, I have invested at least \$ * on installing and maintaining _____ boat lift(s) and _____ boathouses on my property. whatever a shore station costs

SHORELINE PROTECTION STRUCTURES (check boxes and fill in applicable blanks): Over the time I have owned my property, I have invested at least \$ 1000 on installing and/or maintaining the following shoreline protection structures on my property:

- _____ feet of seawall which is constructed out of _____.
- 275 feet of rock riprap.
- Other: _____

INVESTMENTS IN STRUCTURES AND POTENTIAL ICE DAMAGE: Presently, I take the following action(s) to protect my (piers/boat lift(s)/boathouse(s)/shoreline protection structures) from ice damage in the winter (please describe all steps you take, why you take those steps, and what the steps cost each year; or, if you take no action, please state that and explain why you take no action):

The piers is dismounted and stored on the shore. The shore station is dragged to the beach resulting from the drawdown. Pier and shore station are then relocated in the spring.

COMMENTARY ON DNR'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REST LAKE DAM OPERATING ORDER. I

understand the DNR is proposing to modify the operating order for the Rest Lake Dam such that (1) summer water levels would fluctuate between a 7'0" minimum and 8'6" maximum, (2) the traditional winter drawdown would be eliminated and/or significantly reduced, so that winter levels would never go below 7'6" in the winter, and (3) summer flows over the dam would not be restricted unless and until levels in the Chain drop to 7'0". With regard to that proposal, I offer the following comments to the DNR (check each applicable box and provide any explanation for your answer):

Overall, I (~~support~~ oppose) the DNR's proposed changes to the Rest Lake Dam operating order because: The current procedure has been relied upon for about 60 years, if it ain't broke don't fix it.

If the summer water level on the Chain is allowed to fall below the 8'4" to 8'6" range that historically has predominated on the Chain, I will experience the following problems and costs (describe any problems you will have with navigability and your enjoyment of the Chain; if your problems will be worse at lower water levels, please indicate the types of problems you will have at each water level): see PIFRS above.

If the winter water level is kept at 7'6" or higher, I will be forced to take the following actions in order to protect my structures from potential ice damage (please fill in the blank to identify the water level at which you will have problems with ice damage, describe the problems you would have with ice damage, describe the steps you would take to try to prevent ice damage, state the estimated cost of taking those steps, and state whether you believe those steps would be successful): Our property has a steep cliff which ends at the rock riprap on the shoreline. If the water level is not significantly lowered, we would have no place to put the pier or glaciostation in the winter. I can currently think of no practical solution. If there is none the effect on our property use and value would be disastrous.

I offer the following additional comments for the DNR to consider: I have read the DNR Environment Overview dated June 17, 2011. The possible gains in habitat for wildlife would be minor when compared to the damage done to human use of the lakes and of their property. The DNR should consider the needs and wants of the citizens who pay their salaries as more important than the sex life of sturgeons.

Signed:
Print Name:
Date:

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