

INSTRUCTIONS: Please circle and/or fill in all applicable blanks below. Please be sure your answers are truthful, clear, complete, and legible. PLEASE RETURN YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRE TO **Brennan Steil, S.C., 1 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville, Wisconsin, 53545**. Please also feel free to distribute copies of your completed questionnaire to your elected representative(s) and whomever else you see fit. Thank you!

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 107A OAK STREET

I have (owned/leased) this property for 3 years. My property has lake frontage totaling 125 feet.

Piers: Over the time I have owned my property, I have invested at least \$ 1,000 on installing and/or maintaining pier(s) on my property. My pier(s) (is/are) 14 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 4 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 8 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**): IN THE CHANNEL LEADING TO MY HOUSE THERE ARE MANY STUMPS, WHEN THE WATER LEVELS ARE LOW THESE POSE A HUGE SAFETY RISK TO ALL OPERATING WATERCRAFT. WHEN THE WATER HAS BEEN LOW I HAVE HIT STUMPS ON (2) DIFFERENT OCCASIONS WITH MY OWN WATERCRAFT.

Boat lifts and boathouses: Over the time I have owned my property, I have invested at least \$ 5000 on installing and maintaining boat lift(s) and boathouses on my property.

Shoreline protection structures (check boxes and fill in applicable blanks): Over the time I have owned my property, I have invested at least \$ 200 on installing and/or maintaining the following shoreline protection structures on my property:
125 feet of seawall which is constructed out of CINDER BLOCK - CEMENT
 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): CURRENTLY I TAKE NO PROTECTION MEASURES EACH YEAR FOR MY SHORELINE/PIERS/BOAT-LIFTS BECAUSE THE ICE DOES NOT REACH MY EQUIPMENT. THIS IS A HUGE + THE BIGGEST REASON I CHOSE MANITOWISH WATERS CHAIN TO BUY LAKE PROPERTY.

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: PROPERTY DAMAGE, PROPERTY VALUE. MY SEAWALL BE DESTROYED DUE TO HIGH WINTER WATER & ICE. I HAVE STEEP SHORELINE & HAVE NO MEANS TO REMOVE PIERS & BOAT LIFTS EACH WINTER. FOR THE LOWER WATER IN THE SUMMER I FEAR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONAL INJURY IS EMINENT DUE TO EXPOSED & SUBMERGED OBSTACLES!

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): AT THE MOUTH OF REST LAKE (AROUND THE ISLAND) ONE WAY IS SHALLOW ALREADY & THE OTHER WAY IS STUMP INFESTED. WATER CRAFT DAMAGE + POSSIBLE INJURY!

If the winter water level is kept at 6ft 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): WATER ABOVE 6 FT I HAVE NO REALISTIC MEANS TO MAINTAIN MY LIFTS & PIERS. I WILL HAVE TO REMOVE THEM PERMANENTLY + PUT IN A TEMPORARY PIER TO USE EACH YEAR. MY SEA WALL WILL BE DESTROYED FROM ICE, I WILL THEN BE SEEKING SOLUTIONS FROM THE DNR FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT OPTIONS WHICH ARE ALREADY HEAVILY REGULATED.

I offer the following additional comments for the DNR to consider: PEOPLE IS WHAT MAKES THE NORTHWOODS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE THAT IS UNRUINED, RELAXING & ENJOYABLE. WITH 99% OF PEOPLE OPPOSING THESE CHANGES WHY IS THE DNR SO INTENT ON UPSETTING EVERYONE? MANY PEOPLE HAVE WORKED ALL THEIR LIFE FOR THEIR LAKE HOME & NOW IT SEEMS THE STRUGGLES THAT THE DNR KEEPS POSING WILL TAKE AWAY THE VERY REASON PEOPLE BUY IT. I HOPE THE DNR HAS A PLAN TO RELAX SHORELINE REPAIR LAWS TO AT LEAST ACCOMMODATE ALL THE DAMAGE THEY ARE INVOLVING.

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