

## Notice of Public Informational Hearing for Proposed Water Levels and Flows

On March 8, 2019 the Rock Koshkonong Lake District filed a petition with the DNR to amend the effective water level order for Lake Koshkonong, which is held by the Indianford Dam. The Lake District petitioned for an amendment to the winter drawdown dates to include a later date for starting the drawdown. The current Indianford Dam operating order also includes two stepped raises in water levels. The first raise is currently authorized as the maximum level, and the second raise will be authorized on June 15, 2019, if the DNR has not made a determination that the current authorized levels have caused or significantly contributed to severe adverse impacts to wetlands. Due to the persistence of water levels above the ordered maximum level, the DNR has been unable to complete its evaluation of the impact. DNR proposes to amend the order to complete its evaluation of the impacts prior to authorizing a second raise in the maximum authorized level.

The Department has preliminarily determined a later winter drawdown and the completion of DNR review of the impacts of the first increase prior to the authorization for the second increase will comply with the standards in s. 31.02(1), Wis. Stats.

If you would like to review the draft water level order, it can be viewed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/dams/Indianford/>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

The Department scheduled a public informational hearing for May 23, 2019 from 4:30 PM until 6:30 PM at the Edgerton High School Performing Arts Center located at 200 Elm High Drive, Edgerton, WI. The purpose of the public informational hearing is to allow members of the public to learn more about the draft water level order and submit written or oral comments.

Any member of the public may submit written comments by emailing [Robert.Davis@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Robert.Davis@Wisconsin.gov) or writing to Wisconsin DNR, Attn: Rob Davis, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711 by U.S. mail. Comments should include the project name and should relate to whether the project meets the legal standards listed above. Comments must be received no later than May 30 in order for them to be considered.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the water level order.