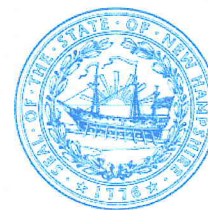




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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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**Interim Operation Plan for Lake Waukewan for the Period between
April 1, 2010 and April 1, 2011**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) has issued this interim operation plan for the Lake Waukewan Dam (Dam # 155.01) in Meredith, NH. This interim operation plan will be valid from April 1, 2010 through April 1, 2011. DES will solicit public comments on this interim operation plan during the 2010 recreational period. A formal Notice of Decision on this interim operating plan will be issued by DES within the next few weeks, and a final operating level decision will be issued by DES in early 2011.

Period	Considerations
April 1, 2010 through May 31, 2010 Management Goal: Raise level of lake to 539.5 feet.	The level of Lake Waukewan shall, insofar as ice cover and meteorological conditions allow, be raised gradually from its fall 2009 drawdown level of 539.0 feet to the summer recreation level of 539.5 feet. Snow melt and spring rains generally provide the greatest susceptibility to upstream flooding, so diligent monitoring and timely operations are crucial.
June 1, 2010 through November 1, 2010 Management Goal: Maintain level of lake at 539.5 feet.	The level of Lake Waukewan shall, insofar as meteorological conditions allow, be maintained at elevation 539.5 feet. Variability in weather conditions or large storm events may cause inflows to exceed outflows at the dam, regardless of the level of operational diligence. As such, lake levels can be expected to vary. During and following periods of high inflow, discharges at the dam should remain sufficiently high so as to return the lake to elevation 539.5 feet as quickly as possible.
November 1, 2010 through April 1, 2011 Management Goal: Lower level of lake to 538.0 feet.	The level of Lake Waukewan shall, insofar as meteorological conditions allow, be lowered gradually from the summer recreation level of 539.5 feet to a drawdown level of 538.0 feet. Recreational usage of lakes and ponds typically drops noticeably between the period of Labor Day and Columbus Day, and by November most lakeshore residents have removed their boats from the water. Operations should be geared toward lowering the water level to the drawdown level by early December and maintaining this level until refilling the lake occurs in the spring.

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