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**From:** Pamela S. Walker [mailto:sledder@comcast.net]

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**To:** Ives, Wayne

**Subject:** Pawtuckaway Lake

My husband and I have lived on this lake for 24 years and it was a camp prior to that owned by his Dad so we are very familiar with the issue of not drawing the lake down by 7 feet and not having enough water to put our boat in etc. We disagree with taking the water level down in lesser amounts as it does do damage to our docks in the winter and also does not allow maintenance in and around the water. We have the feeling that other smaller interest parties have a play in this and parties who do not care what our concerns are and none of us here on the lake have been asked how we feel about this project. We pay the HIGHEST taxes in Nottingham and the major reason for that is the lake. Now others get to play around with the lake and if the lake get dangerously low and we have to remove our watercraft which may happen if the people tracking these periodic draw down we will be the ones to "suffer". We understand your intent is NOT to cause us and animals in this area, such as loon nests any issue but this plan will cause more harm to us as well. We also understand the Lamprey gets low during the summer, but so does our lake.

Some areas of concern might be:

How often is "infrequently" (for water releases during critical dry periods)?

Damage to docks and other problems from a smaller fall draw down

Effect of winter releases

Danger to loon habitat and nesting areas

Health of lake wildlife

Water quality

Boating dangers and safety concerns in low level water

What about notice to property owners before any water release

What about a monitoring program that assesses the overall impact of releases beyond measuring how much the lake level has dropped

Shouldn't there be a mechanism for feedback from lake residents and users after these programs are implemented, **because nothing is actually known the impact this will have on the**

**Pawtuckaway ecosystem**

Thank you for taking time to hear our concerns.

Sincerely,

Duane & Pam Walker