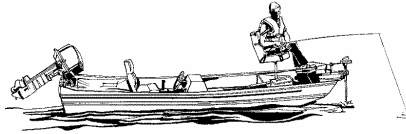


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LKRA to Oppose DNR Summer Draw Down On Lake Koshkonong

A group of businesses and sportsmen from communities surrounding Lake Koshkonong intend to hire an attorney to oppose the DNR's recent Environmental Assessment (EA), which advocates a lowering of summer water levels.

Gordon Millar, president of the association and a retired Fulton Town constable, said his group has raised several hundred thousand dollars during annual fundraisers for the DNR's Bark River Fish Hatchery near Fort Atkinson. Event proceeds are earmarked for fish stocking and improvements to the hatchery.

"We cannot, in good conscience, continue to ask for donations to improve fishing and recreation on Lake Koshkonong at a time when the DNR says they want to simulate summer drought conditions," said Millar. "We are shocked that after accepting our donations year after year, the DNR would contradict our joint efforts to improve the hatchery."

Millar said that it is unfortunate that financial resources once designated for the DNR and their facility at Bark River will now be needed for legal bills. "Our supporters from Janesville, Fort Atkinson, and Edgerton are very concerned that our fish stocking efforts will be wasted should the DNR artificially lower the lake levels this summer and beyond."