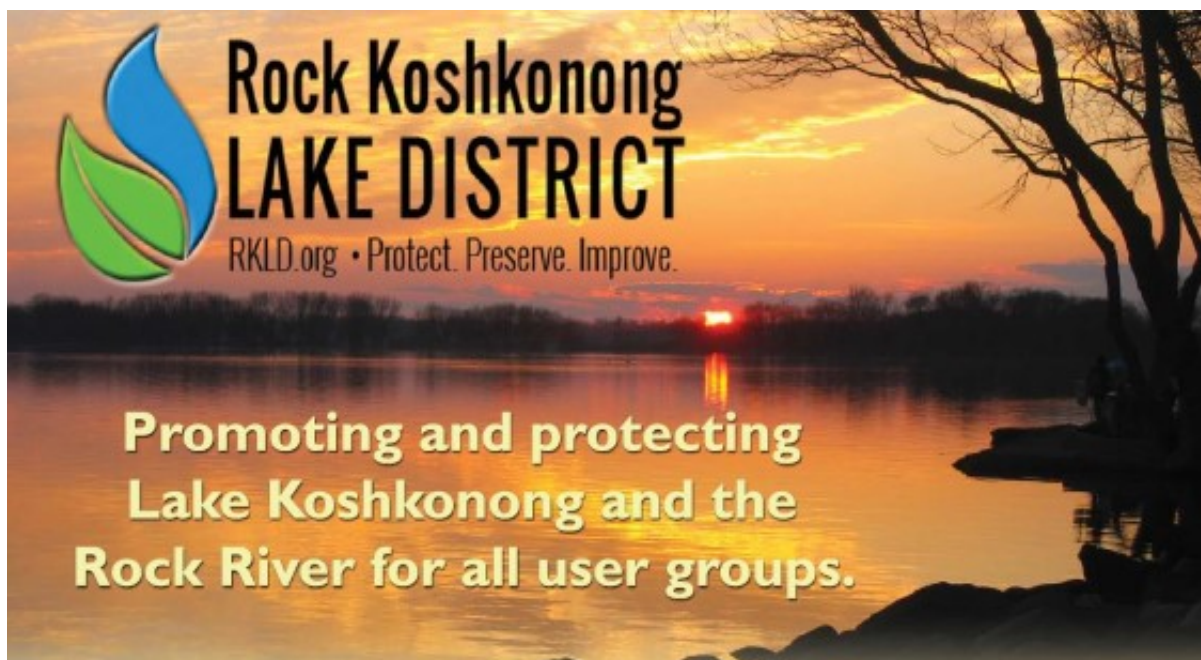


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## Time to Secure your Shoreline Assets

A few days ago, we posted on the RKLD website that the DNR mandated Winter Drawdown takes effect November 1st, and RKLD is required to drain the lake during the next 2 weeks to reach 775.39 by the start of November.

Beginning Friday, October 16th, all slide gates and both wicket gates will be opened 100%.

RKLD has made the point many times in our litigation against the DNR's punitive water level orders, the Dam at Indianford has no impact on high water and cannot cause flooding.

However, the control and effect of the Dam is during low water, during drought conditions, when we can close gates and extend the boating season, improve the fishing season and protect home and business values. RKLD has also documented that the DNR winter drawdown does more to harm the ecology of Lake Koshkonong and does not serve as a flood storage container, as the DNR once claimed.



If RKLD kept all gates closed, as we have done for a large percentage of this past boating season (Memorial Day to Labor Day), the lake level would continue to drop. Why? Because the elevation of the lake is higher than the top of the spillway at Indianford.

It bears repeating, the DNR claims it is trying to mimic Mother Nature, with draining the lake

from November 1st to May 1st. RKLD has documented that what is really achieved is harmful to the fish habitat, to exposed shorelines vulnerable to ice heaves, to wetlands that require wet-ness, and to the overall ecology of the critters above and below the water level.

Today's lake level is near the DNR Summer Max - 776.33 - so you will see a total drop of roughly 1 foot during the next 2 weeks, losing approximately .5 to .75 inch of lake level daily, depending on the rain forecast through November 1st and the inflow from Jefferson's Dam north.

### Still Time to Email DNR

Steve Ales of the DNR is still accepting email comments regarding the economic impact of low water on Lake Koshkonong / Rock River homeowners and businesses. If you have not yet sent your comments, please email them today.

**Please include your name and address.**

**Send Letters to:**

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3911 Fish Hatchery Road  
Madison, WI 53711

**or Email:** [DNRKOSHKONONGWATERLEVELS@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRKOSHKONONGWATERLEVELS@wisconsin.gov)

**Helpful documents on the RKLD website to state your case:**

- [RKLD Wins Sup Ct Dec MEMO 4 2 14 1 .pdf](#)
- [RKLD Legal Position Statement to DNR 9 8 15.pdf](#)
- [Business Ltr to DNR 6 1 15.pdf](#)

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