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DNR INSPECTION OF HUSTISFORD DAM TO REQUIRE LOWER WATER LEVEL IN LAKE SINISSIPPI

The Wisconsin DNR recently inspected the Hustisford Dam. If you've been reading the papers lately, you've read that many of the dams in Wisconsin are overdue for an inspection. The Hustisford Dam was last inspected in 1988. Dams are usually inspected every 10 years. One of the requests by the DNR when they originally called was to lower the water level in Lake Sinissippi to 1" below the dam spillway. This is needed to inspect the spillway. I told the DNR that I couldn't do that on such short notice as many of the property owners still have their boats in the water and lowering the lake level to that point would cause problems with being able to get the boats out of the water. The DNR understood and were agreeable to do the spillway inspection at the end of October.

We will start to lower the water level during the week of October 22 and will try to do it slowly. That will allow us to do the inspection the last week of October. If you haven't taken your boat out yet, you may want to do it soon. The time it will take to refill the lake obviously depends on the precipitation that we receive. You can check the level information for Lake Sinissippi at www.hustisford.com and click on the Lake Sinissippi tab.

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