

HIGHLAND LAKE FIVE-YEAR WATER LEVEL POLICY

YEAR	TARGET DEPTH	GATE OPEN/BEGIN DRAW	PUBLIC WORKS ACTION
2012/2013	3 feet down	November 1	Maintain 3 foot level, as much as possible, until ice off the entire lake. Then allow refill to usual over-spillway level (approx. 11.9)
2013/2014	4 feet down	November 1	Approximately mid-January, allow refill back up to 3 feet down and maintain there, as much as possible, until ice off the entire lake. Then allow refill to usual over-spillway level (approx. 11.9)
2014/2015	6 feet to maximum of 8 feet down	October 1	Regulate gate to prevent level going below 8 feet down. *If gate is not already closed, must close gate on December 15. Level allowed to rise to as much as 3 feet down and maintain at 3 foot level, as much as possible, until ice off the entire lake. Then allow refill to usual over-spillway level (approx. 11.9)
2015/2016	3 feet down	November 1	Maintain 3 foot level, as much as possible, until ice off the entire lake. Then allow refill to usual over-spillway level (approx. 11.9)
2016/2017	3 feet down	November 1	Maintain 3 foot level, as much as possible, until ice off the entire lake. Then allow refill to usual over-spillway level (approx. 11.9)
<p>*Goal for deep draw is to allow the water level to rise enough to cover the lake bed in the coves before ice on, for purposes of access to the frozen surface and prevention of formation of a floating island (or bog).</p>			