

PUBLIC NOTICE

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The following was information given by Sappi Fine Paper North America dated October 2, 2009.

Sappi Fine Paper North America announced today that this fall the level of Sebago Lake will be lowered in accordance with the Sebago Lake Level Management Plan. Sappi operates the Eel Weir Dam which controls the outlet of Sebago Lake.

The Sebago Lake Level Management Plan requires that the lake occasionally reach a level of at least one and one half feet below the normal fall levels to promote restoration of beaches. This year Sappi will target a low level approximately two and one half feet from the current level. Sappi will begin lowering the lake level in October and plans to reach this target by the end of November.

Sappi asks boaters who utilize Sebago Lake marinas to contact their marina to ensure their boats will be removed prior to the low level being reached. If boat owners do not take action, it is possible that some larger boats will be stranded on the lake.

The Sebago Lake Level Management Plan is a compromise between State of Maine agencies (IF&W, DEP, and DOC), stakeholder groups (including the Friends of Sebago Lake, Sebago Lake Landowners and Users Coalition and others), Portland Water District, and Sappi, and is part of the Eel Weir Dam's operating license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.