



**Minority Over-arching Goal:** To maintain higher Lake Levels to allow lake users adequate water levels for recreation, to minimize excursions below the lower rule band and to provide for the needs of other users of the water resource.

**SECTION II**

**Goal #1**

Establish a methodology that insures a fair allocation of water from Deep Creek Lake for all users especially during the months of May through September annually. Unanimously agreed to by all members 4-23-14.

**Section II – A The Water Budget**

**Objective #1:** Adopt a Water Budget, which will afford the users of the waters of DCL an equitable allocation of the resource. The budget should address supply and demand as well as identify the uses of the resource.

Voted on Objective #1, motion by France, second by Weiler; approved as written, by majority of Browning, France, Hoffmann, Matlick, and Weiler; opposed by Jacobs and Zbel. 4-23-14.

**Strategy #1:** See Morgan France’s work, Report #4 Binder (3-12-14 meeting), and Report #5, (4-23-14 meeting) on the DNR website, under the Lake Levels Subcommittee meeting dates and materials.

**Strategy #2:** As the state agency responsible for water allocation and the DCL Water Appropriation Permit, allow MDE the latitude to define the parameters it deems appropriate around which a water budget would be developed.

**Strategy #3:** An independent water resources engineering consulting firm hired by the new Lake Management entity created by the DCLWMP SC report shall define the parameters around which a water budget would be developed.

Voted on Strategies #1, #2, and #3, motion by France, second by Weiler; approved as written, by majority of Browning, France, Hoffmann, Matlick, and Weiler; opposed by Jacobs and Zbel. 4-23-14.

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Minority position offered by Zbel and supported by Jacobs 4-23-14.





- b. In order to help shallow cove slip owners and not impact other stakeholders; Require, prior to closing on a property transfer, a DNR Lake Management Office “eligibility report” be provided. This report contains existing elements with the addition of comprehensive information on individual property lake water conditions and any current violation require correction, and confirm that the buy down transfers with the property.
- c. In consideration to Brookfield Renewable Power profitability and to allow for a better water reserve, amend the Water Appropriations Permit to move the Upper Rule Band (URB) to allow Full Pool of 2461.3 feet year round. (This does not mean the water must be at 2461.3, it just allows Brookfield a larger margin.)
- d. In consideration to Brookfield Renewable Power profitability and to allow for a better water reserve, amend the Water Appropriations Permit to require Full Pool (2461.3) on or around May 1<sup>st</sup>. At present there is no requirement. (Note: The Upper Rule Band for May is presently 2461 feet).

Voted on Goal # 2, Strategies a., b., c., and d. Unanimously approved as written, 4-23-14 by Lake Level Subcommittee members Browning, France, Hoffmann, Jacobs, Matlick, Weiler and Zbel. Whittemore absent.

## **SECTION IV**

### **Recommendations for the Water Quality Subcommittee**

1. Reduce rapid run-off through stormwater control management and allow rainwater to infiltrate in order to improve lake levels through groundwater discharge.
2. Promote and incentivise reforestation of the state owned public buffer zone to reduce runoff, decrease evaporation losses, provide thermal protection, and reduce impacts of the resident Canada goose population.
3. Promote and incentivise reforestation of the Deep Creek Lake tributary streams and the Youghiogheny River watershed to reduce runoff, sediment, and to provide thermal protection.
4. Question DNR Deep Creek Lake Sediment Study:

Question goals of study and add sediment removal by dredging  
Question and review Decision matrix criteria  
Use long term criteria on scoring instead of only months of dredging  
This make “no dredging” the worst option.  
Identify sources from where sediment is coming. E.g., SAV’s, leaves,  
shoreline erosion, the tributaries, etc.  
Low water levels cause accelerated growth of SAV  
Low water levels expose SAV’s to boat props for cultivation  
SAV accumulates on surface and is driven by wind to settle

5. Manage All SAV growth in shallow coves to allow for swimming, boating and healthy water;
  - SAV’s in shallow coves restrict boating, swimming and use of PWC;
  - Low water levels cause accelerated growth of SAV’s
  - Low water levels expose SAV’s to boat props for cultivation
  - SAV’s accumulates on surface and rot, and collect goose droppings.

Voted on Recommendations for the Water Quality Subcommittee, and also to be included in the recommendations of the Lake Levels Subcommittee: Unanimously approved as written, 4-23-14 by Lake Level Subcommittee members Browning, France, Hoffmann, Jacobs, Matlick, Weiler and Zbel. Whittemore absent.

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