

TEMPORARY SECORD, SMALLWOOD, WIXOM & SANFORD LAKE DRAWDOWNS PLANNED

AS OF AUGUST 6TH it appears that Boyce will be receiving a temporary variance for lowering the four dam reservoirs a total of 4 Feet starting Sept. 20TH .

Boyce's current plan and schedule: Drawdowns will begin **Sept. 20** at a rate not to exceed 8" (eight inches) per day. **The lakes will be drawn down 4' by Oct. 1.** The spillway structures will then be inspected and photographed. All the spillway gates will be inspected and operated.

Commencing between Oct. 5 to 8, the lakes will be refilled at a rate not to exceed 9" (nine inches) per day. It will take at least 5 days to refill the lakes.

Things to keep in mind. Readers are advised that, even with FERC approval of the schedule above, there will still be uncertainty. Rainfall, or the lack of it, may affect timing of lake lowering and refilling. Heavy rains could interfere with drawing the lakes down and/or maintaining the lowered levels. **Refilling the lakes could take 5 days to a few months, depending on how much rain our area gets this Fall and any delays in the inspection process.**

We are advising the public of the planned drawdown now, as this may affect plans people have for removing boats and other equipment from the lake prior to winter. We are in favor of conducting the spillway inspections and spillway gate tests.

We are grateful that FERC and Boyce have agreed to conduct the inspections and spillway tests outside the busiest part of the boating season.

**THIS IS THE LATEST INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED TO CLEMENT TOWNSHIP,
AS OF AUGUST 16TH.**