



GRAND LAKE

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE 53RD CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRESQUE ISLE
NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER
GRAND LAKE

DATE: August 10, 2026

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Presque Isle County Circuit Court
151 E. Huron Avenue
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Hearing to Amend Lake Level Order

A petition dated June 12, 2026, was filed with the Presque Isle County Circuit Court to establish seasonal lake levels for Grand Lake. The intent of the petition is to establish seasonal (summer and winter) lake levels so that Grand Lake can be drawn down to a lower level each fall and refilled to the currently established lake level each spring.

The Presque Isle County Circuit Court will review the petition on the above date, time, and location to receive evidence to establish seasonal lake levels for Grand Lake, located in Presque Isle Township and Krakow Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan, consistent with the provisions of MCL 324.30707.

Hearing Participation

Property owners may submit written testimony and/or evidence regarding the petition and this matter in advance of the Circuit Court hearing. Property owners may also attend the Circuit Court hearing in-person on the above date, time, and location to provide oral testimony and/or evidence to the Court.

All property owners who wish to provide testimony and/or evidence are requested to submit a completed testimony registration form, a copy of which is enclosed and is also posted at presqueislelakelevels.org.



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Hearing To Establish Seasonal Lake Levels Testimony Registration Form

INSTRUCTIONS

All property owners who wish to provide testimony and/or evidence regarding the Hearing to Establish Seasonal Lake Levels are requested to submit a completed testimony registration form.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Lake Address (if different): _____

1. Are you providing written testimony and/or evidence? Yes No

If yes, please provide written testimony and evidence below and attach additional sheets/materials if necessary:

2. Do you wish to provide oral testimony and/or evidence to the Court during the August 10, 2026 Hearing to Amend Lake Level Order? Yes No

Submit completed testimony registration forms by email or mail at the information below:

EMAIL: presqueislelakelevels@gmail.com

MAIL: Grand Lake – Lake Level
4151 Okemos Road
Okemos, MI 48864

To ensure consideration by the Court, all testimony registration forms must be received by July 31, 2026 (please consider this when mailing the form). The Court will attempt to review testimony registration forms submitted after the deadline but cannot guarantee that late forms will be reviewed prior to the hearing.



Because it is anticipated that a significant number of property owners may wish to attend the hearing and/or provide testimony and evidence, the Court will use the completed testimony registration forms to determine how much time for testimony is available. Please note that time for oral testimony and/or evidence during the hearing may be limited. To ensure that the Court receives all relevant testimony and evidence regarding this matter, please submit as much written information as possible using the testimony registration form.

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Learn More

A recorded webinar about the court hearing and seasonal lake levels is available on the Presque Isle County Lake Levels website at presqueislakelevels.org. For additional information or questions regarding the hearing, please contact the below:

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Accommodations

Persons with disabilities who need accommodations to attend the Circuit Court hearing should call the Court at (989) 734-3288 or by using the Michigan Relay Service at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the hearing to coordinate accommodations.

Sign Up for Email Updates

To receive email updates regarding the Grand Lake – Lake Level, visit <https://bit.ly/Presque-Email> or scan the QR code.





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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NOTICE OF HEARING TO ESTABLISH SEASONAL LAKE LEVELS

Why am I receiving this notice?

You are receiving this notice because you own lands within the lake level special assessment district that was established by the Presque Isle County Circuit Court for Grand Lake.

What is a legally established lake level?

Part 307 of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act allows circuit courts to establish lake levels for inland lakes to, among other things, benefit property owners and preserve Michigan's natural resources. Grand Lake has a court ordered legal lake level under Part 307.

What are seasonal lake levels?

Seasonal lake levels often include different legally established lake levels for the summer and winter seasons. This allows a county to maintain a higher lake level in the summer for boating and other recreational activities and then conduct a fall drawdown to a lower lake level for the winter.

Has Grand Lake historically experienced a drawdown?

Yes. The historical lake level records show that a fall drawdown and spring refilling have historically occurred on Grand Lake. The amount of the drawdown has varied from year-to-year, with an average drawdown of approximately 6 inches.

Why wasn't there a drawdown for the 2025-26 winter season?

The existing court order does not provide for seasonal lake levels or otherwise authorize the County to conduct a fall drawdown on Grand Lake. In an effort to comply with the court order, the County did not conduct a drawdown for the 2025-26 winter season.

Why is the County requesting seasonal lake levels now?

The County has recently received a significant amount of feedback from Grand Lake property owners expressing support for an annual drawdown to alleviate issues such as:

- Shoreline erosion
- Ice damage
- Spring flooding

To ensure the County has the legal authority to conduct future drawdowns, the court order must be amended to include seasonal lake levels.

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Will EGLE allow a drawdown?

The County has engaged in preliminary discussions with the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (“EGLE”) regarding a proposed annual drawdown on Grand Lake. EGLE has indicated that it is supportive of a 6-inch drawdown beginning on October 1 of each year, so long as seasonal lake levels are established by the Circuit Court.

What are the proposed seasonal lake levels?

The proposed seasonal lake levels are:

- **Summer level** = 593.69 feet NAVD88 (matches the current year-round legal lake level)
- **Winter level** = 593.19 feet NAVD88 (6 inches lower than the summer level)

What is the proposed date for the drawdown?

The drawdown will begin on October 1 of each year and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

When will the seasonal lake levels become effective?

If approved by the court, the seasonal lake levels will become effective immediately so that a drawdown can take place for the 2026-27 winter season.

We had court hearings for Grand Lake in 2025. Why is there another hearing?

Last year, the County requested updates to the court order for Grand Lake to be consistent with state law and ensure there is a special assessment district in place to fund operation and maintenance of the legal lake level. At the time of the 2025 hearings, the County did not request the establishment of seasonal lake levels on Grand Lake.

Do I have to attend the Circuit Court hearing?

You are not required to attend the Circuit Court hearing; however, it is your right to do so. You may also present testimony and evidence to the Court regarding the proposed seasonal lake levels. All property owners who wish to provide testimony and/or evidence are requested to submit a completed testimony registration form, a copy of which is enclosed and is also posted at www.presqueislelakelevels.org. To ensure consideration by the Court, it is requested that all testimony registration forms be *received* by **July 31, 2026** (please take this into consideration when mailing the form).
