

NEWS RELEASE

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LAKE OF THE WOODS, LAC SEUL OUTFLOW INCREASED FURTHER

The Winnipeg River Basin has received more rainfall over the past weekend. As a result of continued high inflow, the outflows from both Lake of the Woods and Lac Seul are being increased on Monday, June 7th.

Lake of the Woods outflow is being increased on Monday, June 7 from 1100 to 1200 m³/s. Water levels on the Winnipeg River in Ontario, which have already risen 226 cm (89 in) below the Norman Dam and 97 cm (38 in) at Minaki since May 9, will rise an additional 30 to 40 cm (12 to 16 in) below Norman and 20 to 25 cm (8 to 10 in) at Minaki. At Nutimik Lake in Manitoba, water levels have already climbed 127 cm (50 in) and will rise an additional 20 to 40 cm (8 to 16 in). Further increases in outflow, and therefore river levels, are possible.

The level of Lake of the Woods is 323.31 m (1060.7 ft). The lake has risen 56 cm (22 in) since May 9 and is now 47 cm (19 in) above median for this time of year. The lake will rise an additional 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 in) over the next week and could rise 15 to 25 cm (6 to 10 in) over the next 2 or 3 weeks, depending on further rainfall.

Lac Seul outflow is being increased on Monday, June 7 from 340 to 440 m³/s. Water levels on the English River, which are already high, will rise even further with these outflow increases. The level of Lac Seul is 356.28 m (1168.9 ft). It has risen 113 cm (44 in) since May 9 and is expected to rise 10 to 15 cm (4 to 6 in) over the next week.

Those affected by water levels, especially on the Winnipeg River, are encouraged to stay informed by frequently accessing one our information services. Up-to-date information on lake levels and river flows in the Winnipeg River drainage basin can be obtained at the Lake of the Woods Control Board (LWCB) web site (<http://www.lwcb.ca>). Less detailed information can be obtained by calling the Board's recorded message service at 1-800-667-5922. Additional information can be obtained by calling the Board's Secretariat at 1-800-661-5922.

Of special note, the Board will be holding two public open houses the week of June 14. The first will be in Ear Falls on Tuesday evening, June 15 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Ontario Power Generation Service Centre. It is located on Hwy 105 South, beside the OPP station. The second will be in Kenora on Wednesday evening June 16 at the Best Western Lakeside Inn, 470 First Avenue South, also from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

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