



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **LAKE OF THE WOODS AND WINNIPEG RIVER WATER LEVELS INCREASING**

Heavy rainfall between May 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> throughout much of the Lake of the Woods drainage basin has caused the rate of inflow to Lake of the Woods to rise rapidly. Outflow increases from Rainy Lake upstream will contribute still more inflow over the next week. As a result, Lake of the Woods water levels will increase rapidly.

Lake of the Woods outflow into the Winnipeg River was increased from 300 to 350 m<sup>3</sup>/s on May 17<sup>th</sup>, to 420 m<sup>3</sup>/s on May 21<sup>st</sup> and will be increased further to 500 m<sup>3</sup>/s on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Winnipeg River level immediately below Norman Dam has risen about 15 cm (6 in) over the past week, and will rise a further 35 cm (13 in) following the remaining scheduled increases. Winnipeg River levels at Minaki are not expected to rise this week.

Additional outflow increases are likely the week of May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Lake of the Woods water level is currently 322.86 m (1059.2 ft) and has risen 17 cm (7 in) over the past week. The lake is expected to rise 15-20 cm (6 to 8 in) over the next week.

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>) or by calling 1-800-661-5922.

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#### **FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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