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LAKE SUPERIOR OUTFLOW TO INCREASE

The International Lake Superior Board of Control, under authority granted to it by the International Joint Commission, has set the Lake Superior outflow to 2,460 cubic metres per second (m^3/s) (86.9 thousand cubic feet per second (tcfs)) for the month of August. This is the outflow recommended by the regulation plan for the month of August and is an increase from the July outflow, which was 2,250 m^3/s (79.5 tcfs).

The August outflow will be released by discharging about 2,266 m^3/s (80.0 tcfs) through the three hydropower plants and passing most of the remaining flow through the control structure at the head of the St. Marys Rapids.

The **gate setting of the control structure will be increased** to one gate fully open on August 1. As a result, the flow and water levels will increase in the St. Marys Rapids. **Anglers need to be cautious** of the changing flows and water levels in the rapids on August 1 and the unusually high flows and levels in the rapids during August. There will be **no change to the setting of Gate #1** that supplies the Fishery Remedial Works.

This past month the water supplies to the lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron basins were above their long-term averages for July. Lake Superior is currently 22 cm (9 inches) above its chart datum level. The level of Lake Superior is expected to rise slightly in August. Currently, the Lake Superior level is about 12 cm (5 inches) below its long-term average beginning-of-August level, but is 40 cm (16 inches) above the level recorded a year ago. This past month the level of Lake Superior rose 6 cm (2 inches), while on average the level rises by 5 cm (2 inches) in July. The level of Lakes Michigan-Huron rose by 3 cm (1 inch) this July, while on average the level remains the same in July. The level of Lakes Michigan-Huron is now about 33 cm (13 inches) below its long-term average beginning-of-August level, and is 21 cm (8 inches) higher than it was a year ago, and 25 cm (10 inches) above chart datum. The level of Lakes Michigan-Huron is expected to decline slightly in August. The Board continues to monitor conditions both on Lake Superior and downstream and will advise the International Joint Commission accordingly on those conditions.

Colonel Vincent V. Quarles, Commander, Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is the Alternate United States Board Member. Mr. David Fay is the Board Member for Canada.

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