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LAKE SUPERIOR OUTFLOW CONDITIONS

The International Lake Superior Board of Control, under the authority granted to it by the International Joint Commission, has set the Lake Superior outflow to 2,040 cubic meters per second (m^3/s) (72.0 thousand cubic feet per second (tcfs)) for the month of July. This is the outflow recommended by the regulation plan for the month of July and is a decrease from the June outflow of $2,210 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (78.0 tcfs).

The July outflow will be released by discharging about $1,918 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ (67.7 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 maintained at the existing setting equivalent to one-half gate open (four gates open 25 cm, or about 10 inches each). There will be no change to the setting of Gate #1 that supplies the Fishery Remedial Works.

The water supplies for Lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron were below their June averages with Lake Superior being well below its average. This past month the level of Lake Superior, which usually rises in June, fell by about 1 cm (1/2 inch). Currently, the Lake Superior level is about 27 cm (11 inches) below its long-term average beginning of July level and about 12 cm (5 inches) below the level recorded last year. The level of Lake Superior is now 3 cm (1 inch) above its chart datum level. The level of Lakes Michigan-Huron rose by 6 cm (2 inches) this past month, 1 cm (1/2 inch) less than its usual amount for June. The level of Lakes Michigan-Huron is about 58 cm (23 inches) below its long-term average beginning of July level, and is now about 32 cm (13 inches) below the level recorded last year. Lakes Michigan-Huron's level is now 2 cm (1 inch) above its chart datum level, and is 26 cm (10 inches) above its record low beginning-of-July level. The Board continues to monitor conditions both on Lake Superior and downstream and will advise the International Joint Commission accordingly on those conditions.

Colonel Mark A. Roncoli, Commander, Chicago District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is the Alternate United States Board Member. Mr. Carr McLeod is the Board Member for Canada.

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