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Fox River Status Update Low Flow Conditions August 3, 2018

Current Conditions

After above normal flows for June and the first week of July, flows have dropped to normal levels for this time of year on the Fox River near New Munster, WI and Nippersink Creek. Total measured inflows to the Chain of Lakes are 370 cfs; these flows signify low flow operations. Flows on the Fox River at Algonquin Dam are 442 cfs.

Forecast

The National Weather Service (NWS) is predicting ½" to 1" of rainfall for the next 5 days in the Fox River Watershed. With minimal rain for the past week, little runoff to the Fox River is anticipated.

System Conditions and Operations

Low flows are occurring on the Fox River. Please take care navigating the Fox River.

The sluice gates at Stratton Dam are set to minimal opening which will allow the stage to remain as high as possible and send half of the flows over the spillway.

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