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## Fox River Status Update July 22, 2021

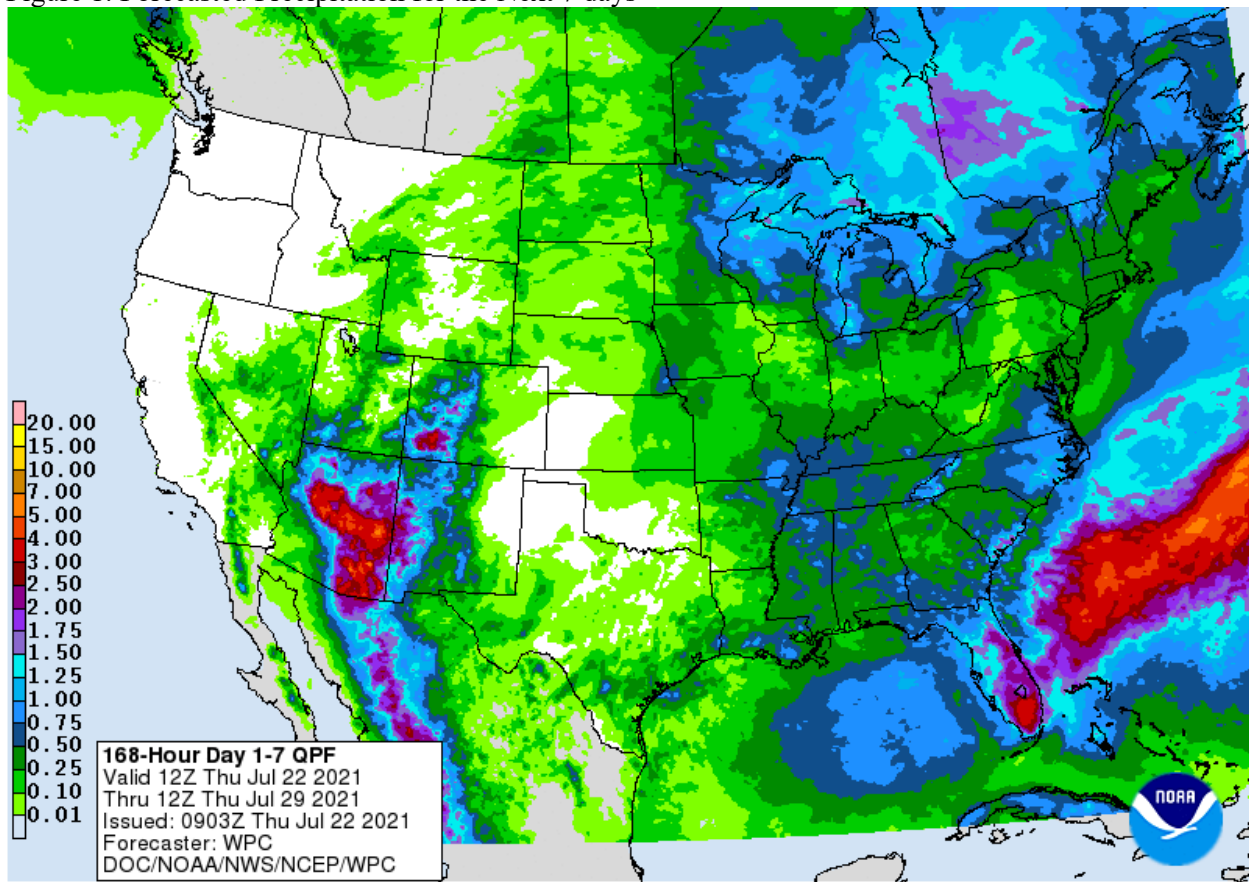
### Current Conditions

Measured inflows on the Fox River near New Munster, WI are 172 cfs; flows on Nippersink Creek near Spring Grove are 48 cfs. The Fox Lake stage is 4.16 ft; the Stratton Dam Tailwater stage is 0.67 ft. The Fox River at the Algonquin Dam Tailwater stage is 4.56 ft.

### Forecast

The National Weather Service (NWS) 7-day forecast is predicting ¼” to ½” of precipitation for the Fox River watershed as shown on Figure 1. Minor precipitation such as this is expected to infiltrate into the ground and have very little impact to inflows to the lake system. Dry conditions are expected to persist.

Figure 1: Forecasted Precipitation for the Next 7 days



**Summer Pool/Boating Outlook**

The IDNR/OWR goal is to maintain the Fox Lake stage within the normal summer pool of 4.0-4.2 ft. The boating outlook in the Chain of Lakes and Upper River are looking good for the remainder of the week weekend as stages hold steady or have a slight decrease. Boating conditions on the lower river will remain in poor condition due to the extreme drought and low inflows into the system resulting in flows on the lower river remaining low. Caution should be used when navigating low water level areas. The IDNR/OWR continues to closely monitor the precipitation forecasts by the NWS. Algonquin gates will likely remain fully closed and no significant changes are expected at Stratton.

**Personnel Update**

The IDNR would like to wish Munib the best on his upcoming retirement from the IDNR Office of Water Resources. Any correspondence previously provided to Munib should be transmitted to Wes Cattoor from today forward. A contact email address is provided below.

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