



**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 of CHELAN COUNTY**

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Lake Chelan homeowner

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Dear Chelan County PUD Customer-Owner,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful days of October. This was a good year for a variety of water sport activities on Lake Chelan.

In 2011, Chelan PUD was asked by the City of Chelan and Lake Chelan community members to investigate a permanent increase through October to a target lake level elevation of 1,098 feet above sea level. We have met with Lake Chelan License Settlement Agreement parties to talk about the possibility of re-opening the 2006 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license to allow for the increase.

I wanted to let you know that based on meetings with the Settlement Agreement parties, we reached consensus to stay with the existing lake level plan and not re-open the FERC license to extend higher lake levels into October. Here are the main reasons provided by the parties:

- The lake level plan was the result of a two-year collaborative process where Settlement Parties reached a compromise that carefully balanced competing interests
- The parties worked collaboratively throughout the relicensing process on establishing a lake level plan that would best meet the needs of natural resources and recreational interests
- The possibility of flooding in Stehekin
- The potential for increased shoreline erosion by keeping the lake level higher for a longer time period
- A concern about sediments blocking fish passage into tributary streams
- The increased flow due to spill damaging fish habitat in the Chelan River during spawning

The Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife believes that site-specific modifications to docks or installing mooring buoys can address individual access issues instead of changing lake levels. They will review projects on a case-by-case basis and provide technical assistance to help individuals. They also are a great resource for help to complete the permitting process.

I will be in Chelan on Tuesday, Oct. 14, to talk with you about lake level management. There are several opportunities for us to get together:

9:30 – 11 am at The Vogue Coffee Shop – 117 E. Woodin Avenue

4 – 5:30 pm at City Hall – Council Chambers - 135 E. Johnson Avenue for an Open House with some of the Settlement Agreement representatives

I also will be on KOZI Radio (1230 AM and 93.5 FM) 8:30 Tuesday morning Oct. 14.

I hope to see you then and to answer any questions you might have.

Regards,

Steve Wright  
General Manager