

September 11, 2008

Dear Lake Chelan Residents:

Chelan County PUD would like to remind residents, property owners, boaters and other lake users that **the level of Lake Chelan is planned to be lowered approximately 2 feet between Labor Day and the beginning of October.**

The elevation of Lake Chelan is planned to be approximately 1,097.3 feet above sea level on October 1. The maximum lake elevation allowed under the federal license is 1,100 feet. Lowering the lake in the fall is part of the annual drawdown cycle that provides water for generating electricity and room for runoff from fall rains and spring snowmelt.

Many factors affect lake level including precipitation, temperature, snowpack and the amount and timing of spring runoff, as well as compliance with the hydro project's federal operating license and environmental objectives. In addition, there is the goal to meet target lake elevations May through October.

This is the second year of operation under the federal license granted in 2006 for the Lake Chelan Hydro Project, which includes the dam near Chelan and the powerhouse at Chelan Falls.

More information is available on the PUD's Web site at [www.chelanpud.org](http://www.chelanpud.org) under "fish counts and lake levels."

Sincerely,

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