

I would like to add my comments to the tsw panel since I am unable to attend The Minden Aug 14th meeting.

I am a boater and understand the requirements of the (small) boating community well. I also am a passive cottager on Maple Lake in Algonquin Highlands Township and hence I am affected by the management of water flow from so called "Reservoir Lakes".

I place at least an equal weight the importance of flows for fish and wildlife habitat and water quality from reservoir lakes compared to safe boating for large pleasure boats in the TSW.

What were mid August lake levels are being experienced in mid June now due to many factors including increasing temperatures so the tsw panel MUST factor in climate change when water is borrowed from the Gull River Watershed to supply the TSW.

Use of water from 1 watershed to basically support recreational activity/flow in another watershed should not be encouraged at all and I disagree with it.

There are many positive measures that can be taken by all. Limiting downstream activities (boat size) should be looked at also if low flow years continue. Upstream users should not suffer.

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