

News Release Regarding Appropriation of Water from White Bear Lake

May 22, 2007

NO REMOVAL OF WATER FROM WHITE BEAR LAKE IS ALLOWED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

White Bear Lake Conservation District's Ordinance #6, signed into law May 3, 1990, controls appropriation of water from White Bear Lake.

Section 1. Appropriation of Water Prohibited states: "No person may pump or otherwise appropriate water from White Bear Lake at any time when the lake level is below an elevation of 923.5 feet above mean sea level."

As of May 15, 2007, the official lake level on record at the White Bear Lake Conservation District was 922.69 feet above mean sea level. Therefore, the public is required to comply with, and Ramsey County Sheriff's Department will be alerted to enforce, this ordinance until further notice. The only exception, as stated in Ordinance #6, is "... shall not apply to the emergency pumping or appropriation of water by a municipal fire department for emergency fire-fighting purposes."

The WBLCD will continue to monitor the lake level and will notify the public when the lake regains its 923.5 foot level and this restriction is lifted.

Any questions, please contact the District office. 4701 Highway 61, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 651 429-8520 fax 651 429-8522 e-mail wblcd@msn.com.