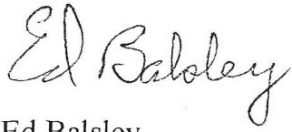


Compact meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Peter or me at any time.

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Ed Balsley
Gate Manager

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Keuka Lake Outlet Compact
Special Event Water Release and Minimum Flow Policy

- ◆ In recognition that many groups have an interest in Special Event water releases or minimum flow requirements in the Keuka Lake Outlet; and
- ◆ These Special Events may have a positive impact on the local economy; and
- ◆ Scheduling and communication of Special Events are critical for avoiding conflicts of uses, flood protection and public safety; and
- ◆ The KLOC has ultimate authority and responsibility for the management of Keuka Lake level and the operations and maintenance of the outlet gates; and
- ◆ According to the US Army Corp of Engineer Reservoir Regulation Manual for Keuka Lake, the primary goal of lake level management is to prevent flooding around Keuka lake, with recreation and downstream flooding being secondary considerations; and
- ◆ The Village of Penn Yan is contracted by KLOC to operate and maintain the outlet gates according to the Keuka Lake Guide Curve and the Reservoir Regulation Manual; the following procedure is being implemented:
 - 1) The opening or closing of the outlet gates for Special Events (i.e., recreational events on the outlet, fish stocking, educational programs, search and rescue training, etc.) shall be requested in writing through the KLOC Gate Manager (Village of Penn Yan Director of Public Works) office at least two weeks in advance so that public notification can be made and scheduling conflicts can be avoided.
 - 2) The Gate Manager shall keep a schedule of Special Event releases or minimum flow requests and provide dates to Cornell Cooperative Extension for publication with the Lake Level curve. The Lake Level curve, along with Special Event release dates, will be sent to local papers and the Keuka Lake Association website on a weekly basis. The lake level chart will also be emailed to the KLOC Chairman, KLA President, Friends of the Outlet President, Village of Penn Yan Director of Public Works and other interested parties (by request through CCE).
 - 3) When evaluating a request to open or close the outlet gates for a special event, the Gate Manager shall consider the cost, amount of potential water discharge, and impact on current or expected water level. Scheduled releases or changes to gates settings will **only** be allowed if the current lake level is within the lake level guide window (i.e. between the recommended minimum and maximum levels). During high water levels, i.e., above 714.5', and where gates setting and water discharges are being used to control flooding potential on Keuka Lake according to the Reservoir Regulation Manual, requests to reduce water releases for a Special Event will not be allowed.
 - 4) If permission is granted for a Special Event water release or for minimum flow, the gates shall be opened and closed to the appropriate settings immediately prior to and after the event. Gates shall not be left open for the entire weekend, unless the release is needed for maintaining water levels according to the guide window.