



October 3, 2025

Village Of Waldo
Attn: Travis Thomas
810 W. Second Street
Waldo, WI 53093

[sent electronically]

Subject: Temporary Drawdown Approval – Onion River (Waldo) Dam, FF #59.15, KSN 307, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you for your submitting an application for a temporary drawdown of approximately 6-feet on the Onion River Dam – Waldo Mill Pond in order to perform lake maintenance activities including tree removal. There are no known ordered water levels for the impoundment, although there is a normal operating range for the dam. Your request was reviewed by Department dam safety and resource staff, and your request has been approved with slight modifications.

1. The impoundment must be drawn down to the lowest level prior to October 15, 2025. If conditions do not permit drawdown by this date, please contact me in writing requesting an extension to the draw down.
2. The impoundment must not be refilled prior to April 15th.
3. Drawdown and refilling rates shall not exceed 6-inches per 24 hours. Refilling rates shall not exceed 6-inches per 24 hours.
4. Contact the Department at least five days before refilling the impoundment.
5. Minimum low flow in compliance with section 31.34, Wis. Stats., or any existing Operating Order, must be passed at all times. During the refilling of the impoundment, you must continue pass the minimum low flow requirement.
6. Prior to beginning any tree removal work, please contact Francesca Sanchez at Francesca.sanchez@wisconsin.gov to inquire if wetland disturbance permits will be needed.

If you have any questions concerning this letter or the drawdown procedure, please contact me at Andrea.Stern@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrea Stern, P.E.
Water Management Engineer
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Cc (via email): Francesca Sanchez– WDNR, Water Management Specialist