



Lake Levels Update

Presque Isle Township

February 9, 2026



Part 307 (Inland Lake Levels)

- Circuit Court establishes a **“normal lake level”**
- Once established, lake level is **administered by County Board of Commissioners**
- County Board can appoint a **“delegated authority”** to perform day-to-day duties under Part 307 on the County’s behalf

Presque Isle County Lake Levels



Grand Lake

Delegated Authority = Presque Isle County Road Commission



Lake Esau

Delegated Authority = Presque Isle County Drain Commissioner



Where Are We Now?

- County filed petitions to update lake level orders and confirm special assessment districts (***July 2025***)
- Presque Isle County Circuit Court held hearings to consider proposed updates (***September & October 2025***)
- Circuit Court entered updated lake level orders (***December 2025***)



Grand Lake – Order Updates

- Normal level = **593.69 feet NAVD88**
- Authorizes **temporary variations** due to things like weather and natural conditions
- Confirms boundaries of a **special assessment district** to fund operation and maintenance of lake level and infrastructure



Grand Lake – Next Steps

1. Develop assessment methodology & computation of costs (*now*)
2. Mailing & publication notice (*March/April 2026*)
 - All property owners in the special assessment district will be mailed notice of the hearing
3. Public hearing to consider assessment roll and computation of costs (*April 2026*)

Grand Lake – Next Steps

4. County Board meeting to review assessments
(April/May 2026)
 - Final assessment roll and computation of costs are subject to County Board approval
5. Assessment appeal period ***(15 days after County Board approval)***
6. Assessments on 2026 Winter tax bill



Lake Esau – Order Updates

Normal level = **596.63 feet NAVD88**

- Effective from **later of April 1 or ice out until October 15** each year
- Established as **target level**
- **Authorizes fluctuations** due to limitations of lake level control infrastructure, water source, weather and natural conditions, etc.



Lake Esau – Order Updates

- Authorizes **water banking up to 6 inches** to maintain normal level
- Confirms boundaries of a **special assessment district** to fund operation and maintenance of lake level and infrastructure



Lake Esau – Next Steps

- County is working with engineers and quarry to **identify short and long-term plans** for water source
- **Assessment hearing** is expected when additional information is received (may occur in 2026)
- **Additional updates** will be provided when available



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