

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Lake's protected elevation too low**

The Minnesota DNR has established a "protected elevation" for White Bear Lake of 922 feet above sea level. In doing so, the Minnesota DNR has ignored the 924-foot recommendation of the White Bear Lake Conservation District and Ramsey County commissioners Victoria Reinhardt and Blake Huffman.

Additionally, the Minnesota DNR has ignored the need of Ramsey County residents to ever reopen the beach at Ramsey County Park on

White Bear Lake. It has been established that the White Bear Lake level must be over 923 feet to have this beach at Ramsey County Park reopen. Why would the Minnesota DNR not care about maintaining the beach at Ramsey County Park on White Bear Lake to be open for the residents of Ramsey County, Washington County, Anoka County and Hennepin County? Why would the Minnesota DNR not care about the state of Commercial Bay on White Bear Lake? Why would the Minnesota DNR not care about reopening the historic sailboat race courses on White Bear Lake?

I simply have no answers to these questions, but would like to understand the Minnesota DNR's callous disregard for the residents of Ramsey County, Washington County, Anoka County and Hennepin County. My hope is that the White Bear Lake Conservation District, as well as the cities and township surrounding White Bear Lake, will challenge the Minnesota DNR in establishing a "protected elevation" of 922 feet rather than the recommended 924 feet.

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