

WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 2025

PRECIPITATION *measured at CWD office in Winthrop:*

October total:	2.77 inches
November total:	1.98 inches , no snow on ground 11/30
December 1-16:	1.23 inches , snow depth = 6 inches



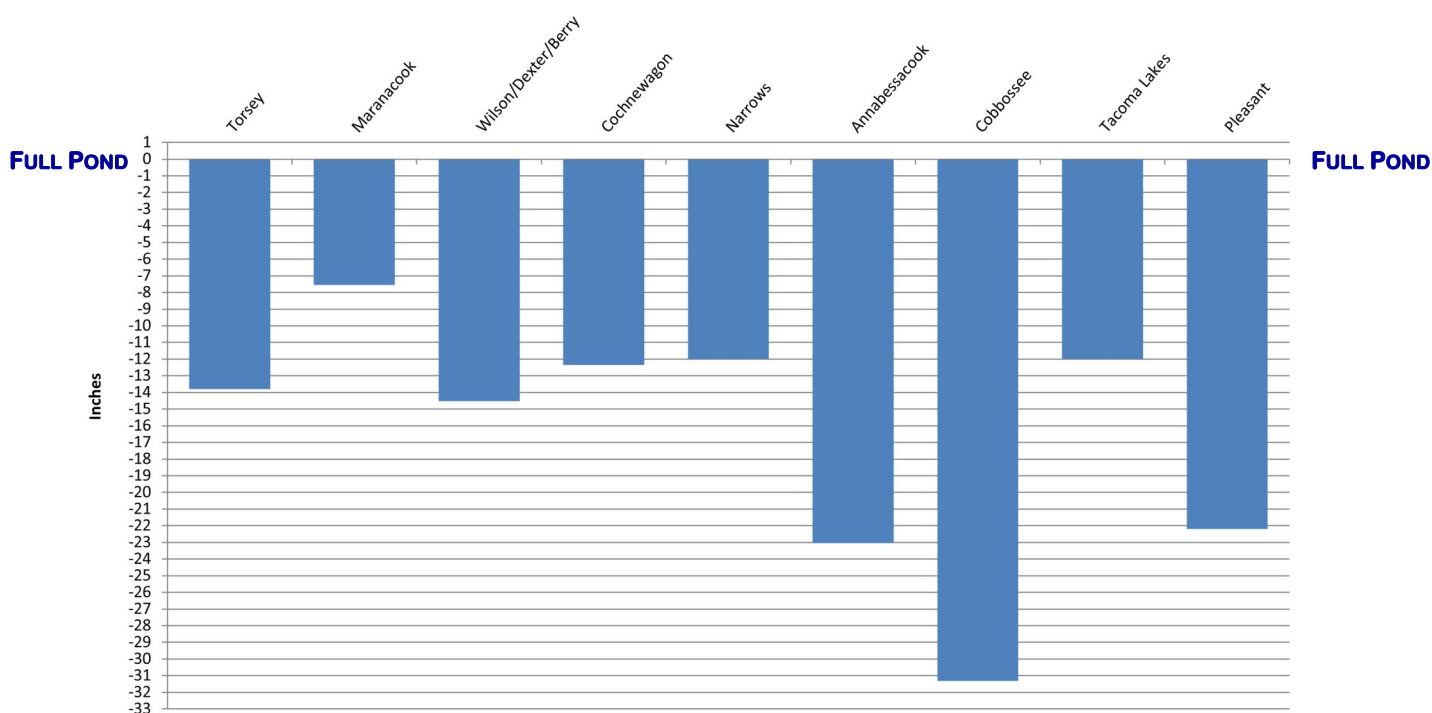
Precipitation has continued to be below normal. The U.S. Drought Monitor reported conditions in our area as abnormally dry in late summer, worsening to drought, then severe drought, and finally to extreme drought in October. The most recent report on 12/11 indicates this has only improved to "severe drought" condition. Winter is not a time of groundwater recharge and it is expected the drought will persist into the spring. We could, however, experience runoff into lakes if warm temperature, rain, and snowmelt weather conditions occur.

Lake Levels and drawdowns

Autumn water level management provides for drawdowns as needed to reach lower lake levels before winter. Winter water levels management is to maintain these lower levels as stable as possible. Lake drawdowns have been successful and currently most lakes are within one inch below, to three inches above, drawdown goals.

All lakes are below full pond, currently ranging from 8 to 31 inches below full pond, as shown in the graph below. The targeted range for the lakes collectively is 12 to 30 inches below full pond but each lake has a specific target, with the more downstream lakes having larger depth targets. Also, the drawdown targets are goals within a range of standards for the winter season. The seasonal range allows for some lake level rise from winter rainstorms and snowmelt, followed by a return to desired winter levels. Details on current levels and seasonal standards are on page 2.

CWD Lake Levels December 6-16, 2025 as inches below full pond



Winter water level standards are now in effect. Winter water level management goals are to maintain stable levels below full pond, providing storage capacity for late winter/early spring snow-melt and runoff. The table below gives current lake levels and compares to the winter standards. **All lakes and ponds are within the winter water level standards.**

Recent lake levels and MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WINTER water level STANDARDS (feet above sea level NGVD29)

LAKE	RECENT LEVEL	WINTER MINIMUM	WINTER MAXIMUM	WATER LEVEL STATUS	DAM STATUS
ANNABESSACOOK LAKE	168.28 12/16	166.7	168.7	Within winter standards. 1.9 feet below full pond.	7 boards out.
COBBOSSEE LAKE	164.69 12/16	164.0	165.6	Within winter standards. 2.6 feet below full pond.	1 gate open 1.5 feet. Outflow est. 107 cfs.
COCHNEWAGON LAKE	269.87 12/16	268.0	270.0	Within winter standards. 1 foot below full pond.	Gate open approx. 3 inches.
MARANACOOK LAKE	210.87 12/16	209.0	211.0	Within winter standards. 0.6 feet below revised full pond.	Gate open, outflow 30 cfs.
NARROWS PONDS	171.0 12/16	169.0	171.0	At winter maximum standard. 1 foot below full pond.	none
PLEASANT POND and Cobbossee Stream	133.15 12/16	132.0	134.5	Within winter standards. 1.9 feet below full pond.	2 gates partly open. 2 rows of boards off. Outflow = 136 cfs.
TORSEY POND	261.85 12/6	261.0	262.75	Within winter standards. 1.2 feet below revised full pond. Gage iced in after 12/6.	One gate open 0.75 inches.
WILSON POND and Dexter & Berry Ponds	240.29 12/16	239.0	241.0	Within winter standards. 1.2 feet below full pond.	6 boards out.
WOODBURY POND /Tacoma Lakes *Not feet above sea level.	6.5* 12/12	6.0	none	Within TLA winter minimum goal 6.0 on staff gage. 0.5 foot below full. Gage iced in after 12/12.	Water flowing out at 3 gates.

