

WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

THROUGH JANUARY 16, 2026



PRECIPITATION *measured at CWD office in Winthrop:*

December 2025 total:	4.30 inches
2025 year total:	36.41 inches
January 1-16, 2026:	0.91 inches water content precipitation snow depth 6 inches

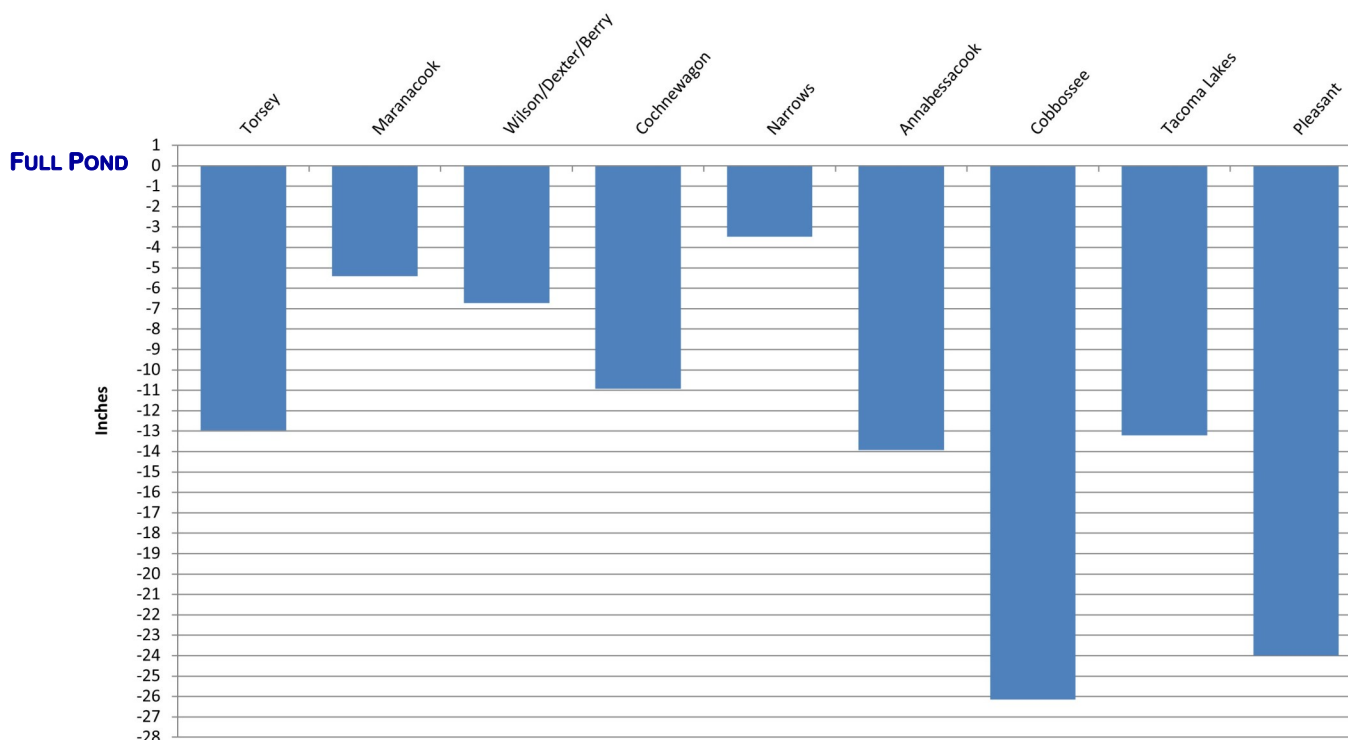
Total annual precipitation for 2025 was the lowest since the year 2001. At 36.41 inches it was the 7th lowest in 50 years of precipitation measured at CWD in Winthrop, and 9 inches below average. Drought conditions persisted for much of the year and as of the 1/15 U.S. Drought Monitor report, the Cobbossee Watershed remains in a severe drought condition. December precipitation (as measured at CWD in Winthrop) was slightly above average and was the second wettest month in 2025. Precipitation as water content in newly fallen snow was measured on 10 dates in December.

Lake Levels

Most lakes have been drawn down for winter and have been fairly stable but some have increased since last month's report, particularly with recent rain and a short warm spell. The greatest change was seen at Annabessacook Lake, which has risen 9 inches but is still more than one foot below the top of the dam.

All lakes and ponds are below full pond, as they should be in the winter season. Lakes range from 3 inches below full at Narrows Ponds, with no outlet control dam, to 26 inches below full at Cobbossee, as shown in the graph below. Details on current levels and seasonal standards are on page 2.

CWD Lake Levels January 10-16, 2026 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. **Annabessacook Lake and Narrows Ponds are above 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	169.04 1/16	166.7	168.7	Slightly above winter maximum standard. 1.2 feet below full pond.	7 boards out.
COBBOSSEE LAKE	165.12 1/16	164.0	165.6	Within winter standards. 2.2 feet below full pond.	1 gate open 2.1 feet. Outflow est. 150 cfs.
COCHNEWAGON LAKE	269.99 1/16	268.0	270.0	Within winter standards. 0.9 feet below full pond.	Gate open approx. 4 inches.
MARANACOOK LAKE	211.05 1/16	209.0	211.0	Within winter standards. 0.45 feet below revised full pond.	Gate open, outflow 64 cfs.
NARROWS PONDS	171.71 1/12	169.0	171.0	Above winter maximum standard. 0.29 feet below full pond.	none
PLEASANT POND and Cobbossee Stream	133.00 1/10	132.0	134.5	Within winter standards. 2 feet below full pond. At drawdown goal.	2 gates partly open. 3 rows of boards off. Outflow = 173 cfs.
TORSEY POND	261.92 1/14	261.0	262.75	Within winter standards. 1.1 feet below revised full pond.	Both gates open 2 inches.
WILSON POND and Dexter & Berry Ponds	240.94 1/16	239.0	241.0	Within winter standards. 0.56 feet below full pond.	6 boards out.
WOODBURY POND /Tacoma Lakes *Not feet above sea level.	6.4* 1/16	6.0	none	Within TLA winter minimum goal 6.0 on staff gage. 1.1 feet below full.	Water flowing out at 4 gates.