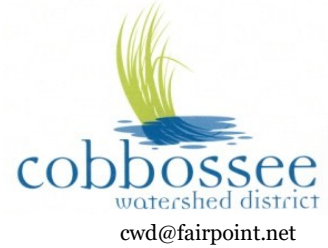


# WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

## **THROUGH MARCH 19, 2026**



### **PRECIPITATION** measured at CWD office in Winthrop:

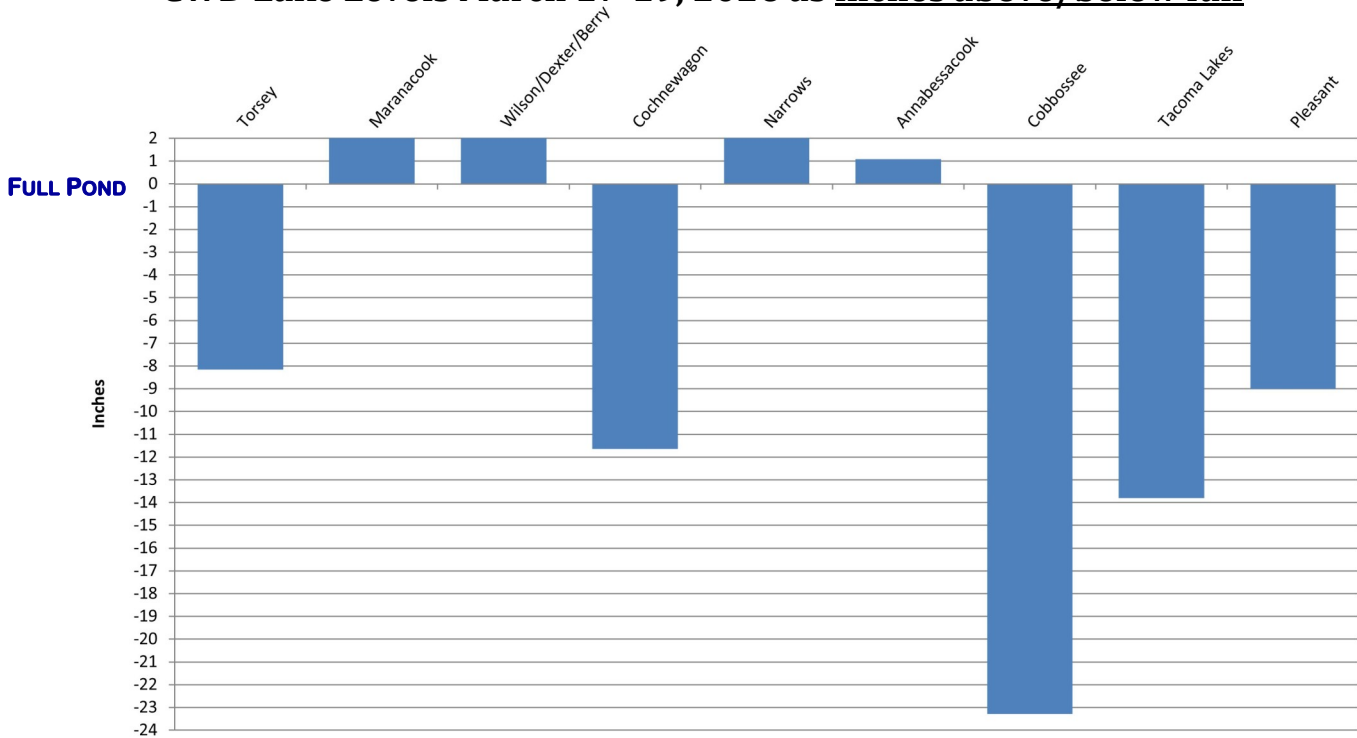
February total:	0.86 inches (precipitation water content) 13.6 inches snow fall; end of month snow depth 15 inches
March 1-19:	2.07 inches (precipitation water content) 6.6 inches snow fall; current snow depth = trace amounts

Although there were several days of snowfall in February, the snow was dry and the resulting monthly precipitation water content was very low, less than one inch. March so far has been a mixture of snow and rain, with most of the water content due to a 1.41 inch rainstorm on March 16th. At the CWD station in Winthrop there is barely any snow on the ground. Drought conditions continue to be severe according to the U.S. Drought Monitor report on March 17th.

### **Lake Levels**

Lakes levels have been very stable all winter but rose noticeably following rain earlier this week. Dam operators made adjustments to outflow at several dams. All lakes were below full pond for the winter but now four lakes are slightly above full pond by an inch or two. Some lakes still have substantial storage capacity for more runoff. See the graph below. As of today, Cobbossee Lake and Annabessacook Lake are still rising but others are just starting to decline. Details on current levels and seasonal standards are on page 2.

**CWD Lake Levels March 17-19, 2026 as inches above/below full**



**March is the beginning of the spring water level season and is a time of transition from low winter levels, which provide storage for spring runoff, to full pond levels by the end of the spring period.** Spring water level management goals are to provide storage capacity for late winter/early spring snowmelt and runoff, minimize spring flooding as possible, and reach nearly full pond levels before summer. The table below gives current lake levels, the winter minimum which remains in effect until winter conditions cease, and the spring maximum in effect for flood control. **No lakes/ponds exceed the spring maximum standards at this time.**

Recent lake levels, MINIMUM WINTER AND MAXIMUM SPRING water level STANDARDS (*ft above sea level NGVD29*)

LAKE	RECENT LEVEL	WINTER MINIMUM	SPRING MAXIMUM	WATER LEVEL STATUS	DAM STATUS
ANNABESSACOOK LAKE	170.29 3/19	166.7	171.2	<b>Below spring maximum standard.</b> One inch above full pond.	7 boards out.
COBBOSSEE LAKE	165.36 3/19	164.0	167.7	<b>Below spring maximum.</b> 1.9 feet below full pond.	1 gate open wide Outflow est. 225 cfs.
COCHNEWAGON LAKE	269.93 3/19	268.0	271.3	<b>Below spring maximum.</b> 1 foot below full pond.	Gate open approx. 3 inches.
MARANACOOK LAKE	211.68 3/19	209.0	213.0	<b>Below spring maximum.</b> One and a half inches above revised full pond.	Gate open, outflow 177 cfs.
NARROWS PONDS	172.84 3/17	169.0	173.0	<b>Below spring maximum.</b> 0.84 feet above full pond.	none
PLEASANT POND <i>and Cobbossee Stream</i>	134.25 3/19	132.0	136.25	<b>At spring maximum.</b> 0.75 feet below full pond.	All gates open. 3 rows of boards off. Outflow = 850 cfs.
TORSEY POND	262.32 3/19	261.0	264.0	<b>Below spring maximum.</b> 0.68 feet below revised full pond.	Both gates open 12 inches.
WILSON POND <i>and Dexter &amp; Berry Ponds</i>	241.85 3/19	239.0	242.0	<b>Below spring maximum.</b> 0.35 feet above full pond.	3 boards out.
WOODBURY POND <i>/Tacoma Lakes</i> *Not feet above sea level.	6.35* 3/19	6.0	7.5	Rising from TLA winter minimum goal. 1.15 feet below full.	Two gates open.