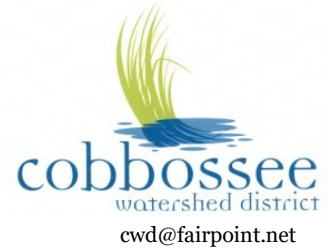


WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

THROUGH JULY 28, 2026



PRECIPITATION *measured at CWD office in Winthrop:*

June total: 3.05 inches
July so far: 1.82 inches

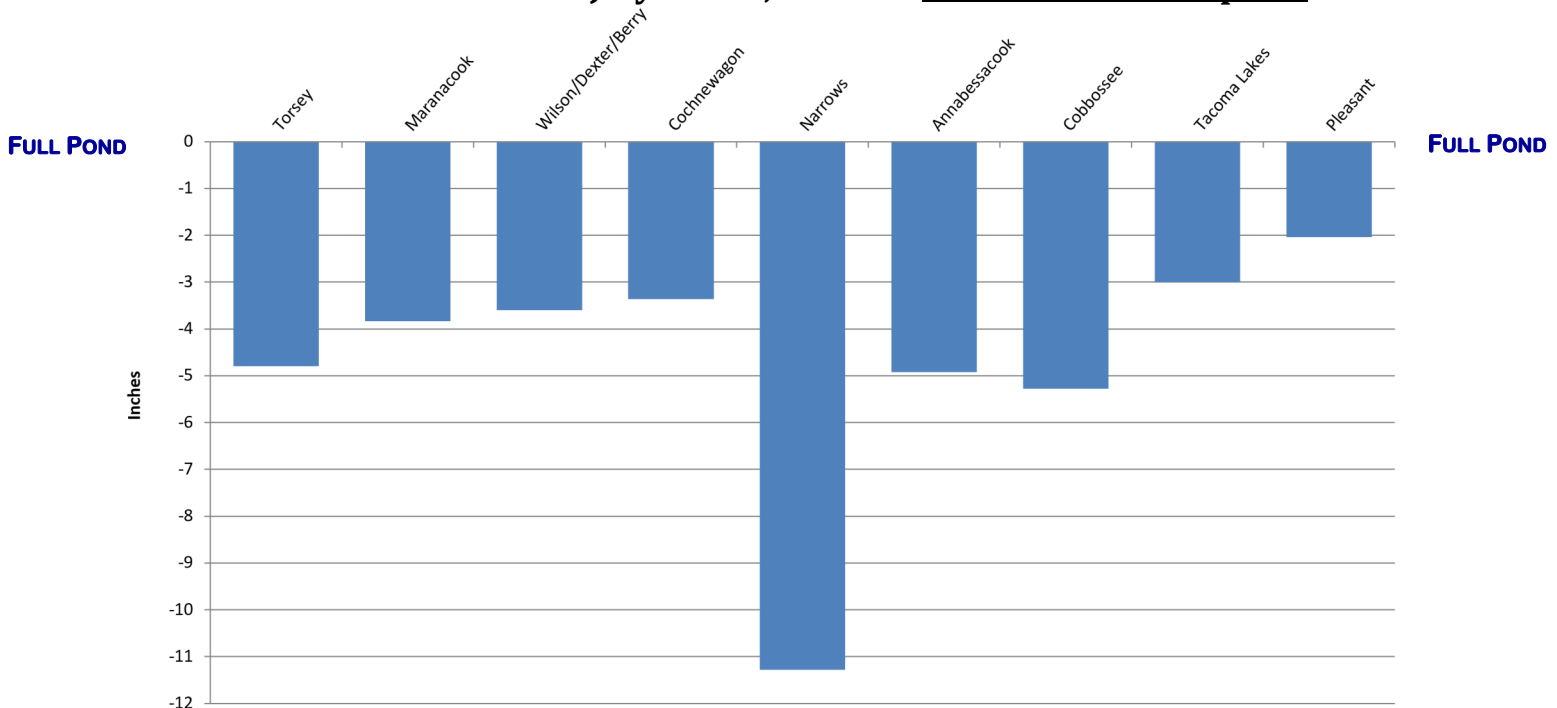
Rain would be welcome. June precipitation (as measured at CWD in Winthrop) was one inch below average. July precipitation through the 28th was 1.82 inches, which is also below average, being at 47% of a monthly July average. Note that less than half an inch of rain is predicted to fall in the last days of the month. The drought status in the Cobbossee Watershed is a designation of “abnormally dry”.

Lake Levels

Summer water level management goals are to start with a full pond and minimize seasonal water loss from evaporation by minimizing water discharges and dam leakage, resulting in only a gradual lowering of water levels throughout the summer. Last year's drought made it difficult to maintain desired levels. It is beginning to be challenging now to keep the lake and pond levels from changing too quickly.

All lakes are below full pond levels. This is not unusual, but the rate of level decline is increasing. The variation ranges from 11 inches below full pond at Narrows Ponds, where there is no dam to control the level, to 2 inches below full pond at Pleasant Pond. The inches below full pond for each set of lakes are shown in the graph below. Dam operators have greatly minimized water release. Additional details are on page 2.

CWD Lake Levels July 21-28, 2026 as inches below full pond



Summer water level standards went into effect June 1st. All lakes are within summer standards. The table below gives current lake levels and compares to the summer standards. Levels are expected to decline during summer unless rainfall is above normal.

Recent lake levels, MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SUMMER water level STANDARDS (*feet above sea level NGVD 29*)

LAKE	RECENT LEVEL	SUMMER MINIMUM	SUMMER MAXIMUM	WATER LEVEL STATUS	DAM STATUS
ANNABESSACOOK LAKE	169.79 7/27	168.7	170.35	Within summer standards. 5 inches below full pond.	All boards in. Flow is leakage only.
COBBOSSEE LAKE	166.86 7/27	166.1	167.6	Within summer standards. 5 inches below full pond.	1 gate open 3 inches. Outflow est. 27 cfs
COCHNEWAGON LAKE	270.62 7/28	269.4	271.0	Within summer standards. 3 inches below full pond.	Gate open 1 inch.
MARANACOOK LAKE	211.18 7/28	210.0	212.0	Within summer standards. 4 inches below revised full pond elevation.	Gate barely open, outflow 4 cfs. Some leakage.
NARROWS PONDS	171.06 7/28	170.5	172.0	Within summer standards. 11 inches below full pond.	none
PLEASANT POND and Cobbossee Stream	134.83 7/27	134.0	135.0	Within summer standards. 2 inches below full pond.	1 gate open 2 inches. Outflow = 15 cfs
TORSEY POND	262.6 7/21	262.0	263.5	Within summer standards. 5 inches below revised full pond.	1 gate open 0.5 inch.
WILSON POND and Dexter & Berry Ponds	241.20 7/28	240.2	241.7	Within summer standards. 4 inches below full pond.	0 boards out, slight outflow
WOODBURY POND /Tacoma Lakes *Not feet above sea level.	7.25* 7/27	none	7.5	Within TLA maximum goal of 7.5 on staff gage. 3 inches below full pond.	Gates closed

- ♦ The Mill Pond Dam on Wilson Stream, below the Wilson Pond Dam, is tentatively scheduled for repair in August.
- ♦ The Town of Monmouth is developing a plan to fix the board leakage at the Annabessacook Lake Dam.
- ♦ Owners of the New Mills Dam on Cobbossee Stream in Gardiner continue to make plans for maintenance repairs in the fall.



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