

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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NE Regional Ecological & Water Resources  
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To: Pelican Lakeshore Owner's Association, Pelican Lake Resort Association, City of Orr, Town of Leiding, and other interested parties.

## **UPDATE: Water outflow, Pelican Lake #69-0841P, near Orr, St. Louis County.**

MN DNR staff closed the fish passage window in the center weir of the Pelican Lake outlet dam on April 5, 2013. This action was taken because water is currently flowing over the top of the weir, providing water to the Pelican River and the danger of winterkill has now passed. The window (hole) was opened in December of 2012 to prevent another fish kill on Pelican River like the one that occurred the previous winter. It appears this action was successful. The DNR will continue working with stakeholders to come up with a long-term solution that addresses the needs of all interests, both upstream and downstream while protecting fish, wildlife, and aquatic habitat on Pelican Lake and Pelican River.

This dam and Pelican water levels will continue to be monitored. Persons are asked to refrain from altering the dam in any way as it is unlawful to tamper with the dam or the opening.

Questions related to fish habitat can be directed to Kevin Peterson, International Falls Area Fisheries Supervisor, at 218-286-5220 or [kevin.peterson@state.mn.us](mailto:kevin.peterson@state.mn.us). Questions related to water outflow can be directed to Amy Loiselle, Area Hydrologist, at 218-744-7450 ext. 222 or [amy.loiselle@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.loiselle@state.mn.us).