

**Pelican Lakeshore Owners Association
P.O. Box 52
Orr, MN 55771**

October 27, 2008

Commissioner and Board Chair Mike Forsman
St. Louis County Board
Government Services Center
118 South 4th Avenue East
Ely, MN 55731

Re: Pelican Lakeshore Owners Association
Pelican Lake, Orr, Minnesota

Dear Commissioner Forsman:

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Our main focus at this time is addressing the issue of the water level of the lake since the installation of the new dam on County Road 23 (Nett Lake Road) just west of U.S. Highway 53 in 2002. The dam is apparently owned by St. Louis County. We have taken the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter we have sent to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) introducing our Association and requesting a meeting. We hope to meet with DNR employees in person in the coming weeks to improve communication, enhance our understanding of what corrective actions the DNR is contemplating and a timetable for action, and instill a sense of urgency with respect to our concerns.

A secondary but very important focus relates to the marking of navigational hazards on the lake. Pelican Lake is one of the largest bodies of water in St. Louis County and we feel it deserves to be marked, as is the case with several other lakes in the county. We understand that the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department has authority over marking navigational hazards and we intend to make contact shortly.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let you know about our organization as we hope to have a positive impact in the Pelican Lake area. We welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have about these matters or the Association in general. You can reach the Association in writing at the address above or contact me at (651) 688 - 6774.

Sincerely,



Dan Donovan, President
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Enclosure

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Sen. Thomas M. Bakk
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Capitol Building, Room 226
St. Paul, MN 55155-1606

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100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

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