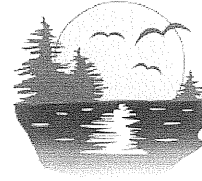


*Lake Isabella Property Owners Association*



Village of  
Lake Isabella

July 10, 2012

Mr. Kip Cronk  
Michigan DEQ  
401 Ketchum Street, Suite B  
Bay City, MI 48708

Dear Kip:

We are writing to you today on behalf of our community to jointly express our concern regarding the required refill date on permit 11-37-0017-P which authorizes a 4 foot drawdown of Lake Isabella for 5 years. The permit issued by the MDEQ places a requirement that the lake level restoration begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>. This date is concerning to both of our organizations as we fear bringing the lake level back to its normal level of 895 feet while a significant body of ice is still present will result in extensive damage to our shoreline. This is especially true if we have a thick ice layer which has been present on our lake into mid-April in years past. Such damage will only increase the rate of eutrophication occurring on our lake and further mitigate ongoing efforts to care and manage our lake in years to come.

In addition to the negative environmental impact that an early refill date would have on the lake; we are also concerned that an effort to manipulate the mechanical sluice gate while ice is present in the sluice box, or could enter the sluice box via the intake tube, could cause serious physical damage to the mechanical workings of the Lake Isabella Dam.

Sincerely,

David K. Torgerson  
Village President

Larry Russell  
LIPOA President