

Exhibit "A"

The RCDD/ND is requesting the orders of the Rochester Dam to be changed to include a winter drawdown of the system. This drawdown would start Dec 1st annually by opening the radial gates gradually to maximum at that time. The gates would be gradually closed starting Mar 1st to return the system to the normal level. Reasons for this request include:

- The primary and most important reason for this ditch is drainage.
- A Dec 1st start would be beneficial for recreational use, both for fishing and hunting (duck, goose)
- More natural
- Prevent flooding
- Less ice on the Fox/icebergs that could potentially damage the dam
- Prevent erosion
- Improve water quality on the system
- Without the previous 2' winter drawdown of Wind Lake, we are experiencing major problems. The now, almost immediate release from Wind Lake when our ditches are full of ice and snow creates flooding and inhibits proper drainage.
- There is no minimum flow out of Wind Lake Dam. This also increases the likelihood of our main canal freezing and having more ice created during the winter months. This ice acts like a dam in our ditch.
- Prevents rapid release which benefits downstream residents
- Allows riparian owners to do clean-up and restoration to stream bank
- Allows drainage district to do maintenance and permitted work with low water levels which minimizes erosion and sediment movement.
- Reduces need for dam operation which saves both the county and Racine County Drainage District. It also reduces the maintenance and repair of the dangerous job of thawing gates and replacing cables during the winter.
- The main canal is basically "flat" with no fall, maybe 9" in 9 miles. It was dredged for drainage and it is the main lifeline for drainage in this watershed. With the increased development and impervious surfaces to the north in the urbanized areas, it is even more critical for this lifeline to be free-flowing.

Our ditches, when full of ice and snow, are slower to warm than the run-off to the north. These waters include Wind Lake, Big Muskego, Little Muskego, Lake Denoon, Waubasee and Long Lake. This problem, compounded by all the storm water from the municipalities to the north that are in our watershed, causes flooding when the warmer waters from the north enter our ditches full of ice and snow. These northern waters warm more quickly and, when they flow into our main ditch from Wind Lake to Rochester which is dammed up with ice, flooding and erosion occur. This problem can be prevented by having the winter draw-down. As we mentioned above, **the primary and most important reason for this ditch is drainage.**