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Hello Elaine

I am 72 years old and have been a Wisconsin fisherman since about the age of five. About 10-12 years ago I got into canoe fishing on the Illinois Fox River and have thoroughly enjoyed it. My usual spots are from Center Drive downstream to Big Bend with occasional trips to the Burlington area. Late last year I started fishing the Rochester area. The little park on the west bank in Rochester allows me to launch at the gravelly (un-riprapped) fire lane. This section of river has (or had) great fishing with more game fish than I find elsewhere on the river where channel catfish predominate (not that catfish are bad - I target them).

I learned of the drawdown situation through the Lake Link website. I am not expert on the needs of parties involved in the Wind Lake Canal and Fox River drawdown issue. I just want you to know that fishing interests should be respected. Public access for fishing the lakes and rivers of SE Wisconsin is woefully poor, so let's not mess up this stretch of the Fox that has good access for canoes and kayaks. I am hoping that I can continue to enjoy the great fishing on this stretch of the river this summer and beyond.

Thank you!

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