



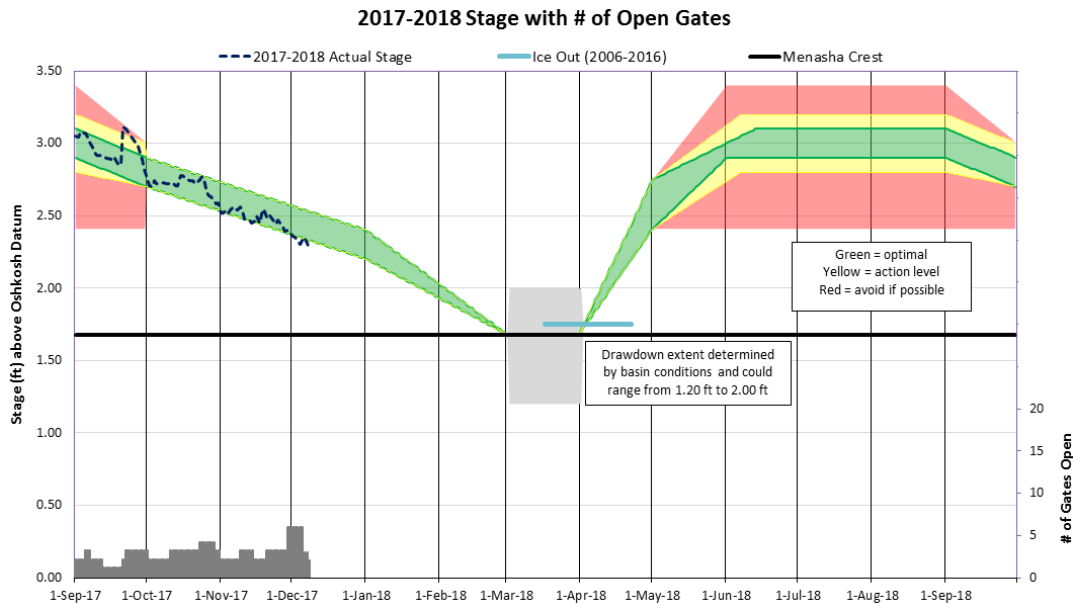
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Lake Winnebago is at 2.27 ft this morning after a windy week saw a sharp drop in temperatures following some rainfall. Cold and wintry weather is expected to continue in the basin with a few inches of snow expected before the weekend is over. Next week will likely see a few nights with overnight temperatures in the single digits while daytime highs generally stay in the 20s. The lake has been below the green operating band for the past week despite the rain on December 4<sup>th</sup> and blustery winds pushing water into Lake Winnebago from the upper pools.

With the onset of cold weather the 5 gates at the Neenah dam were closed this on Wednesday and an additional gate was closed at the Menasha Dam in the early morning hours today. Outflows are expected to drop to near 3,100 cfs while inflows at Oshkosh have averaged 4,300 cfs for the past 5 days. Evaporation is still occurring from the lake but is significantly lower than the summertime with estimated values near 150 cfs.

Winter operations mean the flow leaving Lake Winnebago has been reduced to mitigate ice issues on the lower Fox River. As the cold weather continues and an ice cover builds on both Lake Winnebago and the lower Fox River, the lake should slowly return to the green operating band. Cold weather also means that future gate movements will also include operational and safety considerations as the lake transitions to the winter drawdown.



Please check this page for weekly updates regarding basin conditions and gate movements.