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WABAMUN WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

How Healthy is Wabamun Lake?

Come to the Launch of the State of the Watershed Report

The Wabamun Watershed Management Council (WWMC) will launch its State of the Watershed Report for Wabamun Lake on **Sunday, August 25, 2013 at the Seba Beach Community Hall** starting at 1:30 pm. All who live, work or recreate at the lake are encouraged to attend.

The launch will feature an overview presentation of the report by Jay White from Aquality Environmental Consulting (the firm that authored the report). It will include a summary of the state of the watershed based on several key indicators of watershed health along with recommendations for future action.

Come to the launch and learn what can be done to maintain and improve the health of the lake and its watershed. Jay White and WWMC board members will be available for questions and discussion.

**Mark Your Calendars!
August 25, 2013**

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Lake Water Level Update

As reported in the spring issue of *Lakescape*, a high spring runoff together with a beaver dam built at the lake outlet has caused the water level of Wabamun Lake to rise above the crest of the weir at the outlet. This was causing some problems on property around the lakeshore.

In early May, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) negotiated with the Paul Band, on whose land the beaver dam was situated, to remove the dam in a controlled fashion such that the water level of the lake could be lowered without causing flooding downstream. In early June, work began with the removal of beaver dams further downstream that would have impeded water flow and possibly caused flooding on Paul Band land. The main beaver dam immediately downstream of the weir was breached on June 21, with full removal of the dam accomplished during the following week.

As lake residents have reported, the water level has dropped. However, ESRD hydrologists report that it will take most of the summer for the water level to be drawn down to that of the weir.

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Submissions

Lakescape welcomes contributions from WWMC members and others who wish to inform members about issues or events in the Wabamun area. Please keep submissions brief and to the point. All submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity. For more information, contact the editor: Don Meredith
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Deadline for the fall edition is October 15, 2013.

Help Your Lake

Become a member of the WWMC and make a donation to help us proceed to a watershed management plan and ensure the health of the lake. Go to www.wwmc.ca, click on the Get Involved tab (at the very top) and download a membership application. We can use the support and there will be a lot of opportunities to volunteer your time and expertise to help with projects keeping Wabamun healthy and the beautiful lake it is.

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