

*Hello,*

*As we head into summer, boaters and residents along the Inland Waterway may experience larger water level fluctuations, especially in the Cheboygan River and Mullet Lake.*

*In September 2023, a fire at the Great Lakes Tissue plant led to the shutdown of the plant's hydroelectric generator. The hydroelectric generation facility can account for up to approximately 30% of the capacity of water passed out of the mouth of the Cheboygan River into Lake Huron. It's undetermined if or when it will be back in operation.*

*The facility played a key role in water level management because it made "fine-tuned" incremental adjustments. Moving forward, the DNR will continue to monitor daily water levels and must exclusively use the six gates at the Cheboygan Dam to manage water levels.*

*We encourage you to share this information with your communities, including lake association members and those interested in receiving updates. A dedicated webpage at <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/prd/waterways/mullett-lake-and-the-inland-waterway> provides the latest information on water levels, the non-operating facility, and other relevant topics.*

*Thank you,*

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