

A Summary of Concerns about the Management of Lake Hopatcong

The Outflow of the Lake Hopatcong Dam must be maintained at the 12 cfs outflow required by law. The Musconetcong River Management Council, Musconetcong Watershed Association, New Jersey Trout Unlimited, Lake Musconetcong Regional Planning Board, Musconetcong Sewerage Authority, downstream municipalities, anglers, kayakers and other downstream users are concerned by recent actions of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection because -

- **Historic and current information supports maintaining the 12 cfs minimum outflow and shows that low flow destroys habitat, harms aquatic life and prevents dilution of discharges into the Musconetcong River**
- **The Draft Lake Hopatcong Water Level Management Plan is considered unacceptable by downstream users**
- **Any changes to the outflow at Lake Hopatcong dam must be supported by scientific data**
- **Effect of low flow on the Musconetcong sewerage authority discharge can harm the river and force costly upgrades**
- **NJDEP's most recent violation of the Lake Hopatcong water level management plan must not be repeated**

