



International Rainy and Namakan Lakes Rule Curves Study Board



Rainy and Namakan Lakes Rule Curves Study Board to hold public meetings July 26-28, 2016

July 8, 2016 – Since August of 2015, the 2000 Rule Curves that are used to regulate water levels on Rainy and Namakan Lakes have been under review. The IJC Study Board conducting the review will be holding a series of public meetings in the watershed to give updates on their progress to date and to gather feedback from the public. These meetings follow up on consultations held in September with stakeholders and ongoing input with the Rule Curve Public Advisory Group.

There will be six public meetings, two in each country, at 7pm on the evenings of Tuesday, July 26 through Thursday, July 28, 2016. The meeting will include a short presentation on the Study and provide ample time for questions and comments. A full schedule of the meetings is attached.

Canadian Study Co-Chair Matt DeWolfe noted “the rule curves impact everyone who uses the water, those who live on the shorelines, those who use the water for recreation, for enjoying the abundance of wildlife, for hydro-production, for their businesses and livelihoods. The Study Board has been examining a wide range of studies on these subjects and others with the goal of understanding the effectiveness of 2000 Rule Curves, and is looking forward to sharing some preliminary results of this work.”

US Study Co-Chair Col. Samuel Calkins added “To date, the Study Board has benefited greatly from the input received from members of the Public Advisory Group, resource agencies and the dam operators. During the week of the public meetings, the Study Board will be meeting all of these groups as well as representatives from First Nations, to get their input on the results to date. In addition to those meetings, the Public Meetings offer the general public the chance to hear directly from the Study Board on the latest information, ask questions, and share their input”.

The Study Board will make scientifically supported recommendations to the IJC for modifying or retaining the 2000 Rainy and Namakan Lakes rule curves after reviewing the wide range of hydrologic, hydraulic, economic, cultural and environmental factors.

Visit the Study Board website for further information on the Rule Curve review:

<http://ijc.org/en /RNLRCSB>

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Schedule of Public Meetings

Tuesday July 26, 7:00pm	Wednesday July 27, 7:00pm	Thursday, July 28, 7:00pm
<p>Rainy River, ON Recreation Centre 302 Broadway Ave, Rainy River, ON</p> <p>Kabetogama Lake, MN Community Centre 9707 Gamma Rd.</p>	<p>Rainy River Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung First Nations Interpretation Center, Shaw Road, Stratton, ON</p> <p>International Falls, MN Rainy River Community College Theatre 1051 Hwy. 71, International Falls, MN</p>	<p>Rainy Lake Nigigoonsiminikaaning (Red Gut) First Nation Round House Meeting Hall Trans-Canada Hwy, Fort Frances ON 48.710249, -92.944593</p> <p>Crane Lake, MN Crane Lake Chapel 7399 Handberg Rd. Crane Lake, MN</p>