

EXCERPTS FROM THE JULY TO SEPTEMBER 1947 ASSOCIATION REPORT

Because of the busy summer in attending to the various objectives assigned to them for accomplishment, your new Executive Committee and Officers have delayed issuing a bulletin until this time, and, particularly, it was felt that an emergency existed with respect to the abnormally low water level on Black Lake and that your Executive Committee, Officers and available members should concentrate their efforts to get this situation corrected.

The Annual Meeting was held on July 12, 1947. It lasted all day and finally adjourned at 5:00 PM. Because of the concerns of the association it was felt that immediate attention should be given to establish a definite low and high water mark for Black Lake.

Arrangements were made for a meeting with the Department of Conservation and Officials of the Michigan Public Service Co. in Cheboygan at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Co. on Tuesday, September 9, 1947 at 1:00 PM in the afternoon. After meeting there, the meeting adjourned to the Cheboygan County Courthouse. The following persons attended the meeting:

Mr. G. H. Brigham, Chief Engineer of the Michigan Service Co. of Traverse City.

Mr. R. H. Fredberg, manager of the local office of the Michigan Public Service Co.

Mr. Ash, of the U. S. Geological Survey

Mr. Otto H. Hall, Department of Conservation

Mr. H. J. Haynes, Department of Conservation

The following members of the Black Lake Association also attended the meeting:

Mr. Frank D. McAllister

Mr. Burton Baisinger

Mr. Louis M. Pearsol

Mr. Ralph Winn

Mr. Sherman W. Putnam

Mr. F. F. Stutesman

Mr. John J. Temple

The meeting was very interesting and after going over many of the factors during the afternoon it was finally agreed by Michigan Public Service Co. that during the period from April 15 to September 15, the minimum low would be 612.1 and the maximum high would be 613.3. These figures have reference to sea level and to better understand that, may we say that 612.1 is approximately 14 inches above the lowest point this past September. While the high, which was agreed upon, is approximately one foot lower than the high of 1943.

The Michigan Public Service Co. have sent us a letter and a chart showing this arrangement with the exception that they would draw the water lower than the low point mentioned in the early part of January to April to prepare for the run off so that they could hold the water to the high point agreed upon.

The Conservation Department has done excellent work on this matter and should you like to write them and commend them for their help, I am sure they would appreciate it. The committee feels very encouraged on the results of our efforts and we hope this will result in improvement of our water problem.

We now have a matter of developing better fishing in Black Lake and we shall give this matter prim attention along with other things.

Yours very truly,
Louis M. Pearsol - Secretary
Black Lake Association