



## Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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### **LAKE CLARKE DRAWDOWN**

Elm, PA – Safe Harbor Water Power Corporation announces plans to draw down the water level in Lake Clarke on the Susquehanna River. The purpose of this drawdown is to support an inspection of the dam as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Lake Clarke was formed in 1931 when the Safe Harbor Dam was built. The dam, in addition to storing water for the hydroelectric-generating plant, created an 11.5 square-mile lake that over the years has developed into one of Pennsylvania's prime recreation areas, especially for water-sports enthusiasts.

The drawdown of Lake Clarke will begin on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The lake will be lowered in stages until Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 when the lowest water levels will occur. This low level will be approximately six feet below the normal lake level. If the inspection can not be completed due to inclement weather, the Lake Clarke drawdown will be extended. A return to normal lake levels may begin as early as Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> but no later than Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Questions or concerns about the drawdown may be addressed to the Hydro Schedulers office via phone at: (717) 872-0230. Additional information about the drawdown will be available on the Lower Susquehanna Hotline 1-800-692-6328 as the date for the drawdown approaches.

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*To protect, conserve and enhance the Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide fishing and boating opportunities.*