

**CROSS LAKE ROPE GROUP STUDY MEETING**  
**Thursday, August 7, 2003**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Cross Lake Recreation Area**

Present: Wallace Schueler; Jim Brandt; Arthur Gensmer; John Larsen; Bob Becker; Jack Wallschlager; Ron DelaHunt; Leigh Reiner; Vic Kreuziger and Ray Nelson, COE.

Ray Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Ray covered the primary purposes of today's meeting, explained the agenda, and began with ROPE Study update information. This covered the signed MOU agreement with the U.S. Forest Service and new information that is available on the ROPE Web site. Information available there includes the Summaries of Regulations, Operating Plans for Cross Lake and other Headwaters sites.

Next, the first 4 handouts were shown and the information contained on each was discussed. There was very good discussion concerning each of these handouts. The 5<sup>th</sup> handout, which required the group to develop a consensus of information to input into the computer models that represented the Cross Lake area, took the majority of the meeting to discuss completely. Everyone offered good examples that pointed out their reasoning and this made the meeting very beneficial in the discussions that ensued in developing the rationales to complete the handout.

The completed Handout 5 is being submitted as a separate attachment to this brief meeting summation.

Ray mentioned that the next meeting could occur possibly in November.

The meeting concluded at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Nelson, COE Park Manager

## Handout 5 - Format for Citizen Volunteer Group Inputs

<b>Check if applies</b>	<b>On-Water Uses and Operational Purpose Categories and Uses</b>	<b>Scaling of Use or Importance (1-5 rating with 1 being most important)</b>	<b>Range of Preferred Elevations for Activity or Use (compare to normal pool)</b>	<b>Remarks Variations on Connected Smaller Lakes (or river reaches)</b>
*	<b>Recreation Category:</b>	3	Normal	Insignificant. If, however, water elevation goes below 1229.07, problems may occur in the channels.
*	Water Skiing	1		
*	Boating for Pleasure	3		
*	Jet Skiing	3		
*	Boat Fishing	1		
*	Bank Fishing	3		
*	Houseboating	5		
*	Sailing	3		
*	Waterfowl Observation	3		
*	Swimming	2		
*	Ricing (wild rice harvesting)	5		
*	Ice Fishing	1		
*	Waterfowl Hunting	5		
*	Trapping	5		
*	On-Lake Snowmobiling	1		
*	Ice Boating	5		
*	Wind Surfing	5		
*	Other Water Quality	1		

Check if applies	On-Water Uses and Operational Purpose Categories and Uses	Scaling of Use or Importance (1-5 rating with 1 being most important)	Unacceptable Threshold Elevations for Activity or Use (compare to normal pool)	Remarks Variations on Connected Smaller Lakes (or river reaches)
	<b>Flooding Category:</b>			
*	Private and Commercial Lands and Structures	1	1229.57	<i>Identify key properties</i>
*	Public Lands and Structures	1	1229.57	<i>Identify specific structures</i>
	<b>Erosion Category:</b>			
*	Private and Commercial Lands and Structures	1	1229.57	<i>Identify key properties</i>
*	Public Lands and Structures	1	1229.57	<i>Identify specific structures</i> Islands, County Water Plan
	<b>Natural/ Environmental Category:</b>			
*	For Fisheries	1	Absolute minimum threshold 1229.07	<i>Identify species</i> Sunfish, Walleye, Whitefish
*	For Wildfowl	2	1229.57	<i>Identify species</i> Loons, Ducks
*	Wild Rice Production	5	1229.57	Bay Areas, Whitefish, Arrowhead
*	Other Ice on Shoreline	1	Anything above 1228.32	Down 1 foot by freeze-up 1228.32