

# IJC

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THESE ARE MY COMMENTS FOR THE IJC ON THE HIGHER WATER LEVELS. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT THE COMMISSION FOR A THOROUGH JOB ON THE STUDY DONE. BEYOND ANYTHING I COULD IMAGINE AND EXTREMELY WELL DONE IN JUST THE FEW SHORT MONTHS OF HIGHER WATER I HAVE NOTICED THE DIFFERENCE IN THE ECO-SYSTEM WHERE I LIVE. I HAVE SEEN FINGERLING NORTHERN PIKE SWIMMING BY MY BREAKWALL PHENOMENON THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE HERE. MORE SMALLMOUTH BASS ~~THAN BEFORE~~ <sup>SINCE</sup> THE HIGHER WATER. I EVEN FOUND A BABY TURTLE IN MY YARD. THE BIGGER SILVER BASS HAVE COME BACK IN HIGHER NUMBER. THE PERCH RUN LASTED LONGER THAN EVER. ALL THIS I ATTRIBUTE TO THE HIGHER WATER. I THINK ITS GREAT! FISH ARE NOW ABLE TO REACH THE SPAWNING GROUNDS WHERE THEIR YOUNG HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SURVIVAL. THAT IS WHY THEY TRAVEL-MIGRATE SO FAR TO REACH THEM. THANKS THIS YEAR TO THE HIGHER WATER SOME WERE ABLE TO. MANY SEE THIS AS JUST A SPORT BUT I SEE IT AS A HUGE FOOD SUPPLY POORLY MANAGED BUT NEVER THELESS A FOOD SUPPLY. THERE IS NO STOCKING OF GAME FISH I KNOW OF EXCEPT SALMON & TROUT WHICH DO NOT REPRODUCE HERE.

LIKE SAUGER, WALLEYE, CRAPPIE, BASS AND OTHER EDIBLE GAME FISH. I SAW SHAD SPAWNING BY MY BREAKWALL THEY USED BE HERE BY THE THOUSANDS. A FOOD FOR MANY SPECIES OF FISH. I THINK THE HIGHER WATER HAS INEXPLICABLY MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE ECO-SYSTEM FOR THE BETTER. ADD THIS ONE AREA TO THE HUNDREDS OR EVEN THOUSANDS OF AREAS. AND IT MAKES A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE IN THE ECO-SYSTEM FOR THE BETTER. I AM EXPERIENCING SOME EROSION BUT THE LATER SEEMS WORTH IT AS THE SCOPE OF THIS IS LARGE. SURELY WE CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO COMBAT THE EROSION FROM THE HIGHER WATERS VERSUS MAKING THE ENVIRONMENT SUFFER. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US ADD OUR INPUT TO YOU.

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