



Flood Damages Survey 2014

(November 6, 2014) As part of ongoing efforts to review and evaluate the performance of water level management strategies for Rainy and Namakan Lakes under the Commission's 2000 Order, the International Joint Commission has been funding a project on behalf of the International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board to assess the risk of flood damages in the study area including the shoreline of Rainy, Namakan, Kabetogama, Sand Point, Little Vermillion, and Crane Lakes (collectively the Rainy and Namakan chain of lakes). The flood risk assessment considers a variety of components including the completion of over 130 face-to-face interviews with shoreline property owners in the fall of 2013 to discuss their perspectives on potential risk of flooding damages.

Given the flood conditions observed in June and July of 2014 within the study area, additional input from shoreline property owners is required to ensure the flood risk assessment adequately captures the types of flooding damages experienced during that event as well as the magnitude of those damages.

The International Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board invites shoreline property owners on the Rainy and Namakan chain of lakes report on their damages during the past summer by completing a brief [survey](#) that is available on the board's [website](#) until Friday, December 5, 2014. The survey also allows for damage reports from property owners on the Rainy River and Lake of the Woods shoreline as the information will support future water level management activities in those areas. **Your participation in the process is completely voluntary** and you can choose to skip any questions on the survey. However, **your participation is critical to the success of the project**. Detailed information on the types and extent of observed flooding will help verify whether the flood risk assessment is properly representing property owner concerns. Any information gathered through the surveys will be held in strict confidence and will only be used for consolidated reporting. Please note this is not an application for assistance. This is a request for information on private property damage to support future review of water management strategies in the system.

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