

Toledo Bend Reservoir - Dam Inspection

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The Toledo Bend Project Joint Operating Board met today and approved a temporary lake level drawdown as recommended by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for repair and inspection to the soil cement face of the dam. The recommended drawdown is expected to be to the elevation of 165' m.s.l., which is 2.58 feet below today's elevation of 167.58' m.s.l. Those areas along the soil cement face that have experienced deterioration due to wave and weather related conditions will be inspected and repaired to ensure the continued stability and reliability of the structure.

The drawdown is expected to begin Friday, September 10, 2010 by generating with both hydroelectric units 24 hours / day / 7 days / week. Without significant rainfall and inflow, the desired elevation of 165' m.s.l. should be reached in approximately two weeks. The amount of time required to accomplish the repairs will depend on how many areas may be identified after the lower lake level is attained.

Since it has been several years since a significant drawdown has occurred, this will be a good time for shoreline owners to inspect and make necessary repairs to boathouses, piers, retaining walls and related structures. Construction approval applications for this type of activity can be obtained from the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) Toledo Bend Division Office (409-565-2273) for Texas residents or from the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana (SRA-LA) Pendleton Office (318-256-4112) for Louisiana residents.

Toledo Bend Project wants to advise everyone that the Antiquities Code of both Texas and Louisiana prohibit digging for or removal of any artifacts such as arrowheads, bones or pottery on public property. For more information on each State's code, or to report violators contact either:

Texas Historical Commission (512-463-6096)

www.thc.state.tx.us/rulesregs/rrstate.shtml

Louisiana Div. of Archeology (225-342-8170)

www.crt.state.la.us/archaeology/legislation/chapter_13.aspx

Once all the necessary inspection and repairs are made to the dam, the lake will be allowed to return to the regular operating guide as conditions allow. Future advisories will

provide updates on the progress of the repairs.

For more information contact SRA-TX (409-565-2273) or SRA-LA (318-256-4112)

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