

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON

IN THE MATTER OF THE WATER LEVEL OF
HOUGHTON LAKE, HIGGINS LAKE AND
LAKE ST. HELEN

File No. 81-3003-CF

STATE OF MICHIGAN }
County of Roscommon } ss
FILED THIS 19 DAY OF
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ROBERT W. SMITH
COUNTY CLERK
BY William E. Baer
DEPUTY

ORDER

At a session of said Court held
in the Courthouse in the Village
of Roscommon, Roscommon County,
State of Michigan, on the 24th
day of February, 1982.

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE CARL L. HORN
Circuit Judge

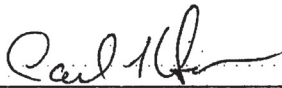
This cause having come on to be heard on the Petition to Establish Water Level of Houghton Lake, Higgins Lake and Lake St. Helen, heretofore filed in this cause on behalf of the Roscommon County Board of Commissioners; it appearing that proper notice was given to interested parties; this having heard testimony of behalf of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and interested persons appearing at the public hearing on said petition; it appearing that the following order will provide the most benefit to the public and best protect the natural resources of the state, and preserve and protect the values of property developed around said lakes; and the Court being fully advised in the premises:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the legal level of Higgins Lake, Roscommon County, Michigan, heretofore established at 1154.11 feet above mean sea level, be continued; provided, however, that said level be lowered to a level not less than 1153.61 feet, commencing on or about November 1 of each year, and restored to its legal level, commencing on or about April 15, or ice-out, which ever shall first occur, in each year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the legal level of Houghton Lake, Roscommon County, Michigan, heretofore established at 1138.1 feet above mean sea level, be continued; provided, however, that said level be lowered to a level not less than 1137.6 feet, commencing on or about November 1 of each year, and restored to its legal level, commencing on or about April 15, or ice-out, which ever shall first occur, in each year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the legal level of Lake St. Helen, Roscommon County, Michigan, heretofore established at 1154.15 feet above mean sea level, be continued; provided, however, that said level be lowered to a level not less than 1153.65 feet, commencing on or about November 1 of each year, and restored to its legal level, commencing on or about April 15, or ice-out, which ever shall first occur, in each year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that, in adjusting the lake levels as herein provided, the person or persons responsible for such operations shall make every reasonable effort to take into consideration stream flows into the lake and projected snow melt runoff within the water shed, as well as providing a minimum release during refill operations.



CARL L. HORN, Circuit Judge