WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

THROUGH JULY 28, 2026

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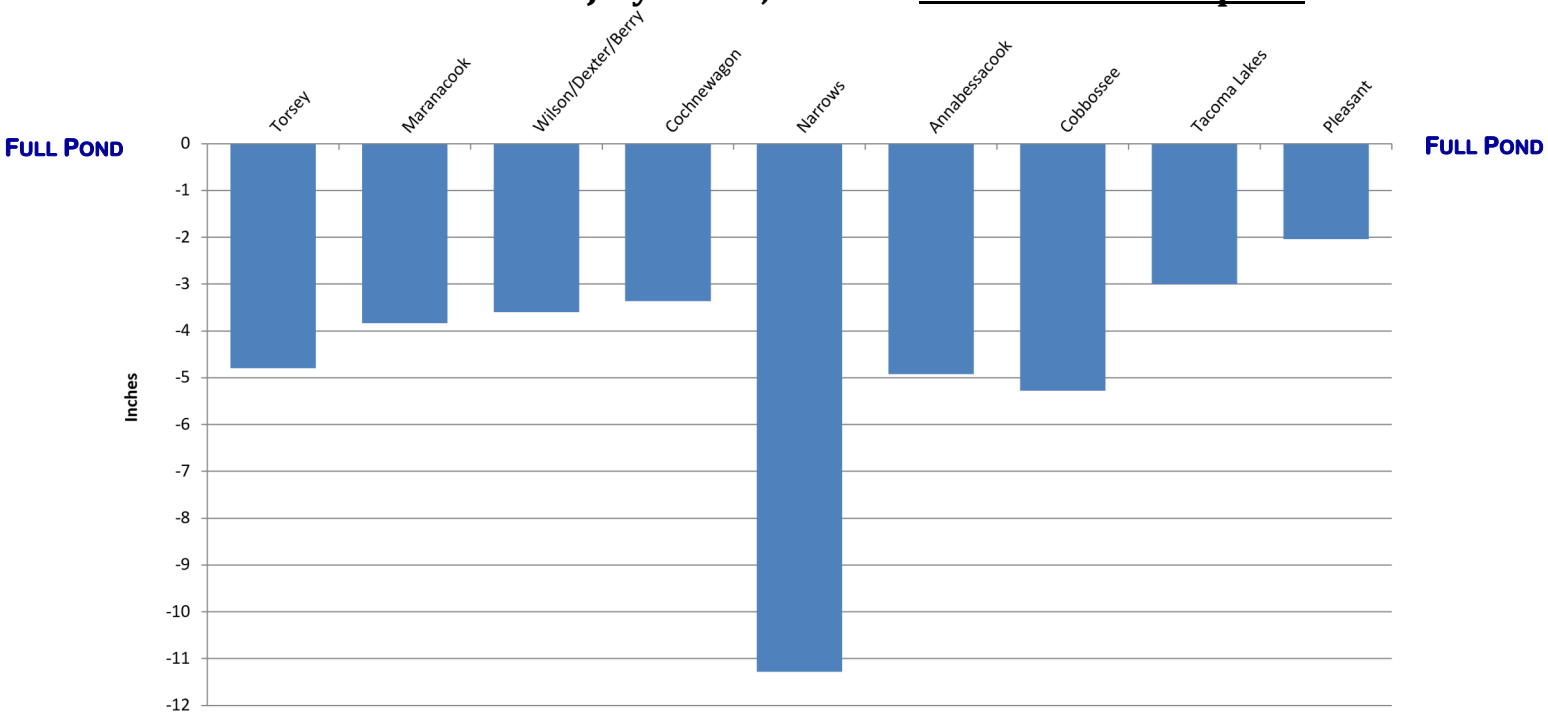
PRECIPITATION *measured at CWD office in Winthrop*:

June total:	3.05 inches
July *so far*:	1.82 inches

Rain would be welcome. June precipitation (as measured at CWD in Winthrop) was one inch below average. July precipitation through the 28th was 1.82 inches, which is also below average, being at 47% of a monthly July average. Note that less than half an inch of rain is predicted to fall in the last days of the month. The drought status in the Cobbossee Watershed is a designation of "abnormally dry".

Lake Levels

Summer water level management goals are to start with a full pond and minimize seasonal water loss from evaporation by minimizing water discharges and dam leakage, resulting in only a gradual lowering of water levels throughout the summer. Last year's drought made it difficult to maintain desired levels. It is beginning to be challenging now to keep the lake and pond levels from changing too quickly.

All lakes are below full pond levels. This is not unusual, but the rate of level decline is increasing. The variation ranges from 11 inches below full pond at Narrows Ponds, where there is no dam to control the level, to 2 inches below full pond at Pleasant Pond. The inches below full pond for each set of lakes are shown in the graph below. Dam operators have greatly minimized water release. Additional details are on page 2.

CWD Lake Levels July 21-28, 2026 as inches below full pond