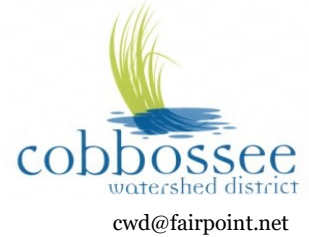


# WATER LEVELS STATUS REPORT

## **THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**



**SUMMER PRECIPITATION** *measured at CWD office in Winthrop:*

June total	2.86 inches	
July total	1.47 inches	(3rd lowest July ppt in 50 years)
August total	2.21 inches	
September 1-12:	1.26 inches	

Precipitation has continued to be well below normal late summer. August was exceedingly dry until the 29th, when varying amounts of rain fell in thunderstorms in the watershed. While 1.74 inches was measured in Winthrop, only 0.35 inches fell at Torsey Pond in Mt. Vernon. There has been almost no overland runoff and stream inflow is very low. Conditions have been favorable for high evaporation of surface water. As the summer progressed, conditions in our area moved from abnormally dry, to drought, to severe drought (currently), according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

### Lake Levels

As the summer water levels season comes to a close, lake levels are rather low. 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. Lake levels have dropped faster than normal this summer due to high evaporation and a lack of rain or runoff. Dam leakage that would be inconsequential in a normal summer has noticeably added to the water loss at some lakes. Dam operators took measures to slow the leakage at dams with problems.

Lake levels now range from 6 to 16 inches below full pond, as shown in the graph below. Annabessacook Lake, Berry/Dexter/Wilson Ponds, and the Narrows Ponds are all more than 1 foot below full. There is no dam structure at the outlet of the Narrows Ponds, which are measuring the lowest level. There is no water flowing from Upper Narrows Pond to Lower Narrows Pond today. Additional details are on page 2.

Due to the low lake levels, fall drawdowns have not yet been scheduled.

### **CWD Lake Levels September 7 (Torsey) others 11-12, 2025 as inches below full pond**

