



Henry G. Williams
Commissioner

July 24, 1986

Mrs. Carl W. Harris
Box 110, Eagle Lake
Ticonderoga, NY 12883

Dear Mrs. Harris:

On July 21, 1986, I contacted Dr. Joseph Kane, President of the Eagle Lake Association, to ascertain the outcome of the Association's annual meeting held on July 5 in regard to the mean water level of Eagle Lake. The Department had not been previously informed of the minutes of that meeting.

As you may be aware, the Department has been waiting for the Association to come to an agreement as to an acceptable mean water level. Although the Association's landowner survey/petition is still incomplete (I believe August 6 was the cut-off reply date), Dr. Kane has informed us the consensus of opinion favors a mean water level of 4" below the steel reference pin.

To that effect and in consultation with Dr. Kane, I have requested our Division of Operations to remove the last remaining 4"x4" timber atop the spillway so as to lower the water level. However, (and Dr. Kane is aware of this) once this timber is removed, the Department can no longer guarantee the integrity of the earthen dam nor adequately adjust water levels until a new structure is in place. From the onset, the Department has recommended a new dam with a regulatory spillway so the Association could regulate its own water levels. Last year our budget request for the new dam was denied, so I have resubmitted the budget request to the Division of Budget and hope for the best.

The Operations crew is scheduled to work on the dam at the end of the week, and the water should be dropping by the weekend. We hope to drop the water level slowly so as not to disrupt fish and wildlife habitats. If I can be of any assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

James R. Papero
James R. Papero
Forester

JRP/jb

7/28/86

*Mrs Harris,
The spillway boards were removed on 7/24
and the water level should be dropping slowly
by now. JRP*