



Sanford Lake Annual Draw Down

21 December, 2011

To The Sanford Lake Association Board

The Boyce Hydro Power, LLC annual winter draw down of the Sanford Lake reservoir will commence on or about 15 December, 2011. The total drawdown will be 3 feet below normal pond. The rate of the draw down will be a function of the amount of precipitation that is experienced in the Tittabawassee River system above the Sanford Dam. Typically the draw down is completed within 20 or 30 days, by January 15th. The draw down typically remains in effect until around mid-April based upon water temperatures.

Sincerely yours,
Lee W. Mueller, Architect & Co-Member Manager

\$2 and 15 minutes Can Save Lives



Is your life worth \$2 and 15 minutes? Ice fishing can be incredibly dangerous. Falling through the ice into brutally cold water, the goal is to get out NOW or die. The frigid water can sap your strength in a matter of minutes. Can another winter tragedy be avoided? Yes!!! The answer costs \$2 and takes 15 minutes to make. It is called an ICE GRABBER and its purpose is to aid you grip and climb out onto the ice. The item pictured left is easily made for a couple dollars.

Directions: Start with two 6" long wooden dowels, 1" in diameter. Into the ends of each of these dowels screw in a small cup hook. In the dowel's other end, drive a 1 1/2" or a good sized nail into the wood, leaving 1" sticking out. Cut 6' of cord and tie each end to the cup hooks.

When going out on the ice, string this through your coat sleeves, leaving the dowels hanging. Should you fall through the ice, grab the dowels and use the pointed nail/screw ends to grab the ice and climb out to safety.

Source: Joe Manelis, former marine patrol sheriff department deputy/DNR water safety instructor.