MDC ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF LAKE MCDONOUGH BOAT LAUNCH RECREATION AREA

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(HARTFORD, CT) – MDC announced the temporary closure of all recreational boating activities at Lake McDonough, effective immediately, due to elevated water levels resulting from an ongoing dam safety project. Lake McDonough is a recreation area located off Route 219 in Barkhamsted that permits boating and fishing.

The Lake McDonough boat launch opened for Saturdays and Sundays in April and was scheduled to open daily for the season on Thursday, May 1. Typically, the boat launch is open daily seven days a week from 10AM to 8PM beginning in May through Labor Day. The current estimate for re-opening the boat launch is May 15.

While the MDC regrets any inconvenience, this action is necessary to ensure the safety and security of staff and recreation area guests.

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