

Narramissic Watershed Coalition
(formerly the 4 Town Dam Committee)
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The Narramissic Watershed Coalition has accomplished a number of things in the last few weeks that are important to highlight.

- A new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document has been prepared and is on the Orland Town website. Hopefully, this will address most of your questions.
- The group engaged GEI Engineering to review all of the previous information related to Toddy and Alamoosook dams. Additionally, they performed their own inspection of the dams. This has helped clarify the status of the dams and informs what we will need to prepare for once ownership of the dams is transferred to the 2 new Watershed Management Districts. The full report is on the [Orland Website](#). We learned:
 - Both dams, while in need of repair from years of deferred maintenance, are not in danger of breaching. This echoes the findings of a recent inspection by the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)
 - Alamoosook Dam is considered in fair condition and Toddy Dam is considered in poor condition
 - Both dams need repair work to address deteriorating concrete, vegetation removal, and work to fix scouring beneath the structures.
 - Longer-term studies will be necessary to determine future upgrades and repairs
- A major outreach effort is underway to help lakefront property owners and residents of the four towns understand the issues connected to preserving the dams. We want to make sure that when people vote on November 4th, they know the facts. Representatives from NWC have been at town fairs, boat landings, and annual meetings of various local organizations.

- Each town will hold an informational meeting to help explain the current efforts and the costs associated with dam ownership. Each meeting will be held at 6PM
 - September 8th- Penobscot Public Meeting- Penobscot
 - September 9th- Orland Public Meeting- Orland Community Center
 - September 10th-Blue Hill Public Meeting- Blue Hill Town Hall Auditorium
 - September 11th- Surry Public Meeting- Surry School
- An informational mailer will be sent to every household to inform them of the meetings and the November vote.
- The group has developed an estimator tool, which will be available in the second week of September, that will enable any property owner to enter their specific property information and get an idea of what the increased costs might be in either scenario 1) if the dams are preserved, or 2) if the lakes are drained.
- Timeline for implementation of the Districts and dam ownership
 - DEP, along with the NWC, has become aware that the owner of the dams, Bucksport Mill, LLC, can not transfer the dams to any new owner unless Bucksport Generation (BuckGen) approves the transfer. BuckGen has indicated that they are not ready to do so at this time. We do, however, expect that at some point, approval will be given
 - Since it is unlikely that all issues will be resolved prior to the November vote, the initial phase that will be voted on by residents is simply the establishment of the Districts. If voters approve forming the districts and the initial funding, then the dam transfer can happen at any time in the future.