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## **Petenwell and Castle Rock Reservoirs Begin Annual Drawdowns in Advance of Spring Runoff**

**Necedah, WI** – Wisconsin River Power Company will begin drawing down the Petenwell and Castle Rock flowages on the Wisconsin River in January and February of 2009 to prepare for the spring runoff of melting snow, as well as to perform maintenance dredging at Barnum Bay.

Petenwell will be drawn down about four feet, while Castle Rock will be lowered by two to three feet. The Petenwell drawdown will begin January 12, 2009 and will be complete by February 9, 2009. Following the Petenwell drawdown, Castle Rock will be lowered. WRPCO expects both reservoirs to be at the lower levels by March 20, 2009.

WRPCO officials urge recreational enthusiasts to beware of the dangers of shifting and unstable ice due to the drawdowns.