

The lake level is regulated by a complex series of criteria and protocols that have established withdrawal or use allocations by the various stakeholders. The State of Maryland owns the lake and the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) controls the use of the water. Rule Bands were established to maintain the lake at certain elevations during the year. The Rule Bands set a minimum and maximum elevation by month. To see the Rule Bands and read a more detailed explanation refer to the Deep Creek Lake Hydroelectric website, under "Operational Issues".

<http://www.deepcreekhydro.com/OperationIssues.html>