



## Fox River Locks Web Archive

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### ***Important Update - Menasha Lock Temporarily Closed - 9/3/15***

*Please note that the recent discovery of the invasive species fish round goby below the Neenah Dam has caused a temporary closure of the Menasha Lock.*

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9/9/2015 - The Fox River Navigational System Authority is working with the DNR to possibly be able to accommodate boats that may need to use the Menasha lock to be moved to winter storage. However, the Authority needs your help to determine the number and size of boats that may need to use the Menasha Lock to be moved to winter storage. The Authority will compile this information based on your response and work with the DNR to establish a day and time for the needed lockage and contact you via email.

Please share this email with your membership or anyone you may know who would benefit from this special lockage. We know there are vessels in the system that rely on this service. But we need your help to contact those owners as we have no way of contacting them.

We need the information on size of boat and your contact information as soon as possible so that we can predict the number of boats we can accommodate per lockage and therefore how many lockages and to communicate with you.

*Please respond to [rstark@foxlocks.org](mailto:rstark@foxlocks.org) or call 920-759-9833 and leave a message with the size of boat and your contact information.*

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Boats are moving into position In the Menasha lock for transport to Lake Winnebago

## Stranded boats being allowed through Menasha Lock

By FOX 11 News Thursday, October 1st 2015

After boats are allowed into the Menasha Lock Oct. 1, 2015, crews mix chemicals to release into the water to kill any round gobies that may have entered the lock. (WLUK/Eric Peterson) Menasha Lock Oct. 1, 2015, crews mix chemicals to release into the water to kill any round gobies that may have entered the lock.

The lock has been closed since Sept. 3, when round gobies were found near the Neenah dam. The round goby is an invasive fish already found in the bay of Green Bay and nearby waters of the Fox River. Officials fear if round gobies get into Lake Winnebago, they could damage the sport fishery there by eating eggs and young of fish such as walleye and sturgeon.

Meanwhile, the sudden closure of the lock, which connects Lake Winnebago and the Fox River, left some boats stranded and unable to reach their winter ports. Many of the boats are yachts which are too big to be hauled with trailers.

A total of seven boats - six yachts and one pontoon boat - are moving into Lake Winnebago from the Appleton

Yacht Club.

The Fox River Navigational System Authority, which manages the Fox River lock system, and the state Department of Natural Resources have opened the lock temporarily for boats to move through. The DNR has chemically treated the water in the lock, using a pesticide called rotenone to kill any gobies.

The water was treated around 9 a.m., and around 1:30 p.m., DNR officials confirmed that the pesticide worked and any gobies that may have been in the lock should have been killed.

After boaters drive out of the lock, it will be sealed for five days so the pesticide can completely dissipate, officials say.

