

To All: This comes as no surprise, but, the board invites you to contact your local state legislators to express your "shock" that our suspicions have proven to be true.  
Brian Christianson

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### OPEN RECORDS REQUEST EXPOSES DNR BIAS

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EDGERTON—An open records request filed by the Rock-Koshkonong Lake District has exposed the DNR to charges of collusion and prejudice.

RKLD Chairman Brian Christianson said DNR staff has engaged in "on-going strategy discussions" via email with an attorney representing a group of wetlands property owners opposed to altering DNR operating orders that the Lake District is requesting.

"It is a conniving and dishonest situation," said Christianson. "DNR emails have revealed that the agency reached their conclusion to oppose changes to lake levels prior to collecting any data from Koshkonong. Since then, they have been doodling to define a strategy to defend their position."

The content of one message cautions the parties against continued dialogue, presumably because the discussion sought means to defeat the Lake District's water level request regardless of what facts were presented.

The email was sent from Michael Cain, DNR legal counsel.

The Lake Koshkonong Wetlands Association (LKWA) meets monthly at the DNR Service Center in Janesville, and is opposed to efforts to alter DNR operating orders that mandates lake water levels.

"This cozy deal between LKWA and the DNR stinks like beached carp," said Christianson.