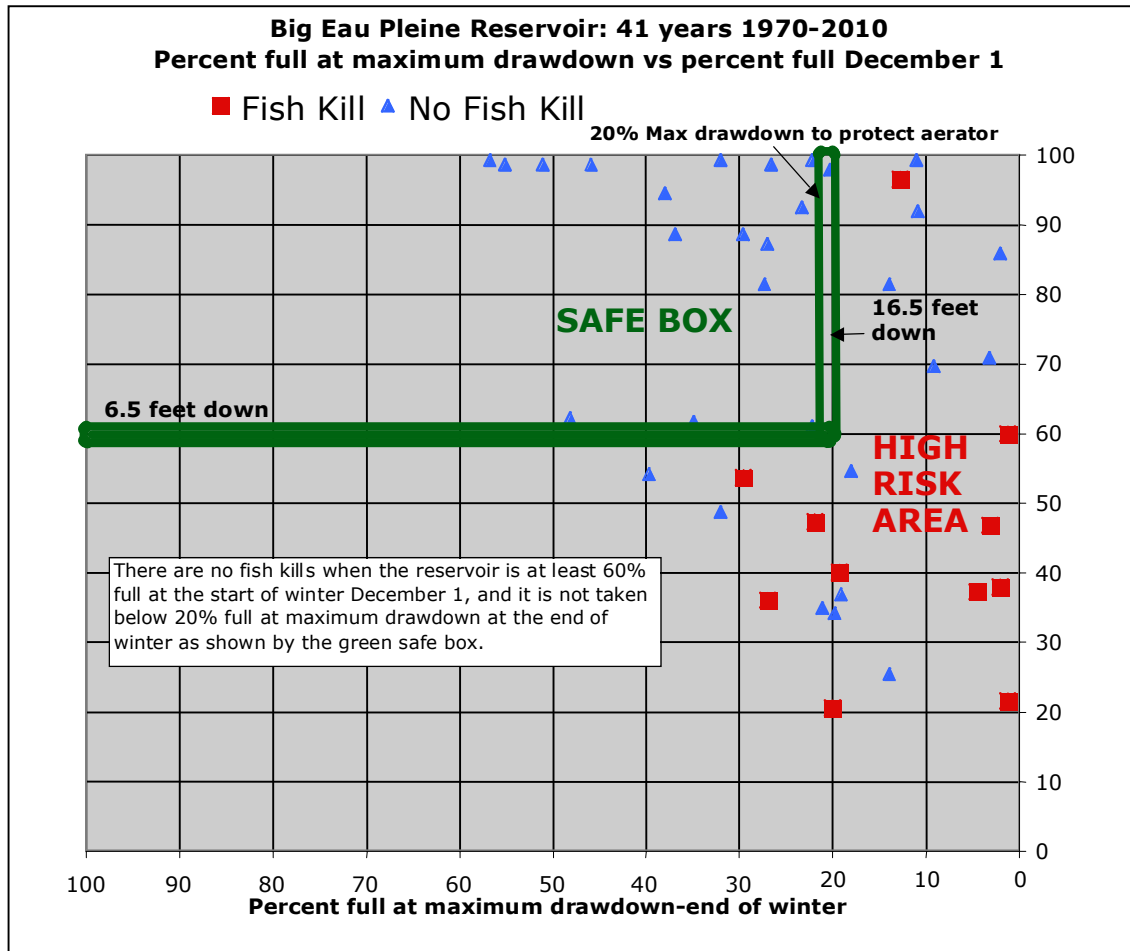


FISH KILL DATA GRAPH -- BIG EAU PLEINE RESERVOIR

The graph below illustrates why BEPCO feels so strongly that fish kills can be nearly prevented with relatively simple changes in water management by Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC). The data for this graph is from WVIC. Over the last 41 years, when the reservoir starts out at least 60% full at the beginning of winter **and** is kept at least 20% full at the end of winter, then NO fish kills occurred. This is shown by all the “No Fish Kill” (blue triangle) years inside the green SAFE BOX.

Once you start to go outside the green SAFE BOX and into the HIGH RISK AREA, then fish kills begin to occur as shown by the “Fish Kill” (red square) years. In the HIGH RISK AREA you are either starting out with the water below 60% full at the start of winter, or ending up with the water below 20% full at the end of winter, or both. Thus the further you are from the green SAFE BOX, the less water there is over the winter. The less water, the less oxygen is available over the winter and the greater the risk of a fish kill. Note in the far lower-right there are 5 years when the reservoir was less than 60% full at the start of winter and was below 10% full by the end of winter. Fish kills occurred every single year!



You can help! Ask WVIC to step up as a good environmentally concerned neighbor and improve their operating model to “Provide Enough Water for the Fish to Live!” Send a message to your legislators also.

The BEPCO Board of Directors.

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