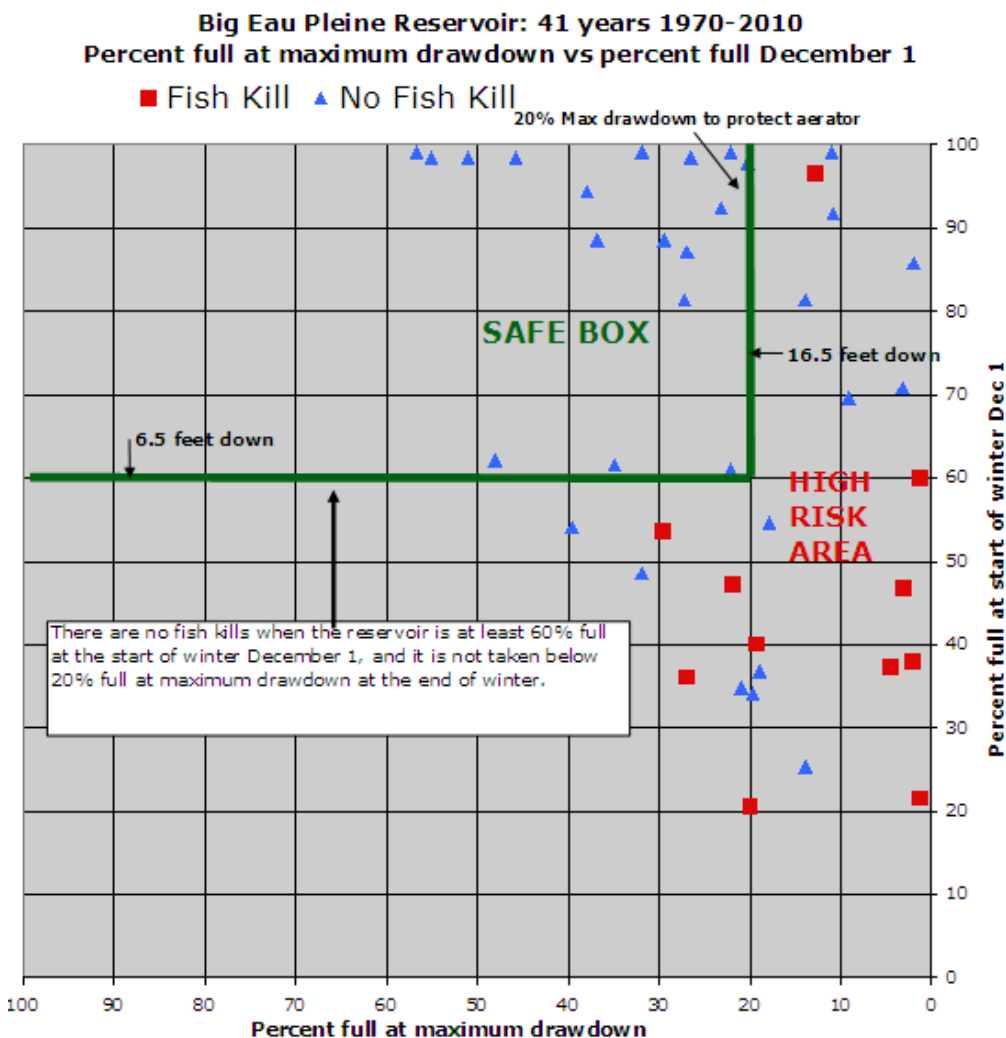


FISH KILL DATA GRAPH -- BIG EAU PLEINE RESERVOIR

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. Over the last 41 years, when the reservoir is kept at least 60% full at the start of winter **and** at least 20% full at the end of winter, then fish kills do not occur. This is shown below by all the “No Fish Kill-blue triangle” years inside the green SAFE BOX.

Once the operating levels at the start of winter or the end of winter go outside the green SAFE BOX then fish kills begin to occur as shown by the “Fish Kill-red square” years. This is because less oxygen is available overall for the fish during the winter because there is less water. By reason, the further you are from the green SAFE BOX the greater the risk of a fish kill. Note in the lower-right there are 5 years when the reservoir was less than 60% full at the start of winter and taken down below 10% full by the end of winter. Fish kills occurred every single year!



You can help by asking 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.

More information at www.bigeaupleine.org including legislative contacts.