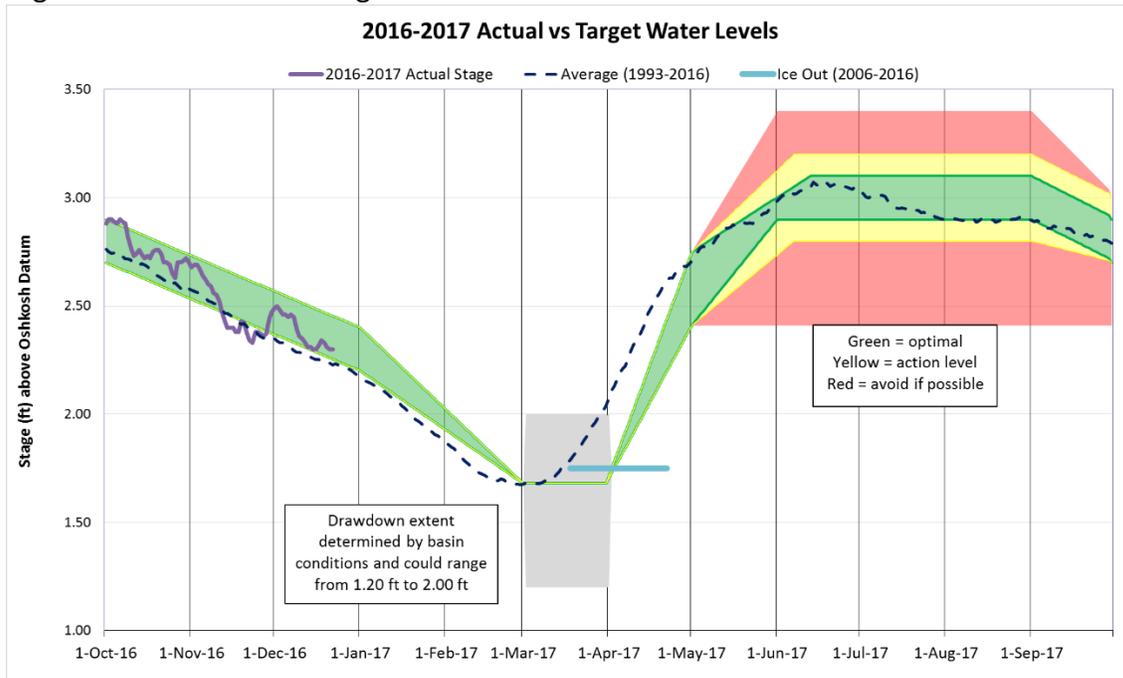




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## Lake Winnebago Outlook – December 22, 2016

The level of Lake Winnebago is 2.30 feet Oshkosh datum and is near the bottom of the regulation band for this stage of the annual drawdown.



The Fox and Wolf River basins have experienced enough cold weather to generate an ice cover on both Lake Winnebago and the Lower Fox River. However, this week temperatures have begun to moderate and feel somewhat balmy after the bitter cold of last week. Inflows to the lake have steadily declined since last week and are estimated to be near 3,200 cfs while outflows have hovered near 4,000 cfs. The upstream gages at Berlin, Waupaca, Royalton, and New London continue to be affected by ice.

Warmer weather is expected to continue through the weekend culminating in a chance of rain Sunday afternoon. The warmer temperatures are expected to result in some snowmelt and increased runoff to Lake Winnebago. To compensate for the expected increase in runoff, one gate will be opened at the Menasha Dam today to bring the gate configuration to 4 gates open at Menasha and 0 gates open at Neenah. This gate change is expected to increase outflows to near 4,700 cfs.

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