

There are a number of reasons The Lake Murray Association is opposed to any proposed operational policy for Lake Murray that calls for a periodic draw down to the 350 msl level for the purpose of sediment scouring.

- Coves that have no stream inflows would not benefit from scouring, especially where the inflow terrain is fairly flat and the velocity of water movement would be insufficient for sediment scouring.
- Unless there is torrential, high volume rainfall, any scouring will be confined to narrow stream beds and will be of insignificant benefit.
- Scouring benefits occur at the interface of stream entry to the lake. This dynamic occurs whether the lake level is at 350 msl or at 354 msl. There is no available data that supports a greater benefit of scouring when lake levels are 350 msl versus when lake levels are at 354 msl.
- There has been no data presented that show that the recent multi-year draw down associated with dam remediation provided any benefit that reduced the chances for fish kills. In fact, despite the recent extended drawdown, there was a fish kill in 2007.