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The Department should consider removal of the dam instead of repair because the Milwaukee Estuary is an Area of Concern (AOC) and one of the AOC goals is to enhance fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Removing the dam would provide numerous benefits to fish and wildlife habitat as well as their populations. This would also help with the Department efforts to restore the lake sturgeon population as they would have more access to spawning habitat. Northern Pike along with many other fish species would also benefit from increased access to spawning habitat upriver from the Estabrook Dam site.

This watershed and the Milwaukee Estuary AOC is much more significant than increasing water levels on one section of the river. The public expects the department act in the best interest of the resource and this was clearly the case with establishing the AOC. Removing the North Avenue Dam has greatly improved the river and removing the Estabrook Dam would also be a great benefit for the river. Again this would also further the goal of the AOC to enhance fish and wildlife habitat and their populations.

http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/greatlakes/milwaukee.html

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