



Osoyoos Lake pact dusted off

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Officials on both sides of the border are dusting off the details of a long-standing agreement that regulates water levels on Osoyoos Lake, in south-central B.C.

Public meetings will be held this week in Osoyoos and in Washington state as an inter-national joint commission considers the pact. It hasn't been discussed for a quarter century, but - with the agreement set to expire next Feb. 22 - Canadian and U.S. officials are mulling updates. The treaty regulates lake levels to benefit agriculture, tourism, municipal interests and fisheries, and to protect against drought or flooding in the lake and in rivers flowing south through Washington state.

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