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## Recreational lockages suspended indefinitely at Little Goose Dam due to leakage found over holiday weekend

**Walla Walla, Wash.** – Recreational lockages for fishermen and other recreational vessels are being suspended immediately and indefinitely at Little Goose Lock and Dam, near Starbuck, Wash., according to a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official.

“This means recreational users will not be able to pass up and down the Snake River through the navigation lock at Little Goose,” said Ann Glassley, an Operations Division specialist at the Walla Walla District headquarters here. “We need to minimize the use of the lock until we know exactly what it will take to repair a leak found at a seal between sections of the navigation lock wall over the weekend.”

Commercial lockages will continue to be provided for tugs and barges until further notice.

The passage of water through sections of dams is a normal thing, according to engineers at the Corps’ Walla Walla office. The amount passing at the lock is more than usually seen and will be checked out to determine what may need to be done and when.

“We don’t want to alarm anyone,” said Lt. Col. Ed Kertis, district commander. “We want to get in there and fix whatever needs to be done as quickly as necessary so that we can keep a safe dam safe. This facility is a key part of an infrastructure system that aids the region’s economy.”

The Corps will keep the recreating and commercial community informed when engineers and dam operators get more information.

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