

NAVIGATION ADVISORY NOTICE



**RIVERS: NENE, ANCHOLME, WELLAND, GLEN,
BLACK SLUICE/SOUTH FORTY FOOT**

DATE: Until further notice

DETAILS:

We are now entering a second year of prolonged dry weather, meaning that rainfall has been significantly lower than average. This is likely to result in lower than usual water levels and excessive weed and algae growth over the coming months.

River levels

Please help to conserve water by sharing locks wherever possible, always closing and locking (where padlocks are in use) the paddles in the v-doors, and leaving the guillotine gate in the raised position before leaving site. The v-doors hold the retention level in the upstream reach for navigation purposes.

Weed growth

We regularly monitor dissolved oxygen levels (essential for aquatic life) in the river when weed cutting. Please be aware that in certain conditions we have to stop and allow dissolved oxygen levels to recover before continuing.

Potential for environmental incidents

Low flow, hot weather and combined low water levels can reduce the oxygen in the watercourse and result in loss of aquatic life. Please report any sightings of fish in distress or fish kills via our incident hotline 0800 80 70 60.

**Irven Forbes
Waterways Manager
17 April 2019**

You can also contact us at the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday and ask for the Waterways Team in the Lincolnshire & Northamptonshire Area.