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**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL  
December 19, 2008  
12:00 Noon EDT**

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on December 19, 2008 chaired by Herb Gray.

| <b>COMMISSIONERS</b>                     |   |
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| Herb Gray                                | Chair, Canadian Section                       |
| Irene Brooks                             | Chair, U.S. Section                           |
| Jack Blaney                              | Commissioner, Canadian Section                |
| Pierre Trépanier                         | Commissioner, Canadian Section                |
| Sam Speck                                | Commissioner, U.S. Section                    |
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| Willem Brakel                            | Senior Adviser, U.S. Section                  |
| Jim Chandler                             | Legal Adviser, U.S. Section                   |
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| Brian Maloney                            | Administrative Specialist, U.S. Section       |
| John Nevin                               | Policy Adviser, U.S. Section                  |
| Russ Trowbridge                          | International Adviser, U.S. Section           |
| Michael Vechsler                         | Legal Adviser, Canadian Section               |
| Joel Weiner                              | Senior Adviser, Canadian Section              |
| <b>GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF</b> |   |
| Bruce Kirschner                          | Physical Scientist                            |
| Doug Bondy                               | Executive Assistant                           |

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

1. Commissioners approved the agenda.

**MISSISQUOI BAY**

2. Commissioners received an oral report from lead Commissioners and advisers on the December 15-16, 2008 public hearings in Vermont (Swanton) and Quebec (Clarenceville), noting there was a friendly atmosphere; and also that there was a workshop organized by the Lake Champlain Basin Program and that the IJC's Study Board had a meeting to finalize their draft work plan.

**LAKE ONTARIO - ST. LAWRENCE RIVER STUDY**

3. Commissioners received an oral report on the December 18, 2008 meeting of DFAIT officials and IJC advisers with Quebec government officials and representatives of several NGOs to discuss,

amongst other matters, comments on the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Working Group, and agreed that advisers should revise the Terms of Reference for further consultation with governments.

Murray Clamen  
Secretary  
Canadian Section

Charles Lawson  
Secretary  
U.S. Section