

Approved July 10, 2009

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL
December 4, 2009
Noon EDT**

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on December 4, 2009 chaired by Irene Brooks.

COMMISSIONERS	
Herb Gray	Chair, Canadian Section
Irene Brooks	Chair, U.S. Section
Allen Olson	Commissioner, U.S. Section
Pierre Trépanier	Commissioner, Canadian Section
Sam Speck	Commissioner, U.S. Section
Lyll Knott	Commissioner, Canadian Section
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Murray Clamen	Secretary, Canadian Section
Bernard Beckhoff	Public Affairs Adviser, Canadian Section
Frank Bevacqua	Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Section
Mark Colosimo	Engineering Adviser, U.S. Section
Susan Daniel	Legal Adviser, U.S. Section
Nick Heisler	Senior Adviser to the Chair, Canadian Section
Brian Maloney	Administrative Specialist, U.S. Section
Gavin Murphy	Legal Adviser, Canadian Section
John Nevin	Policy Adviser, U.S. Section
Paul Pilon	Engineering Adviser, Canadian Section
Robert Reynolds	Senior Adviser, U.S. Section
Karen Vigmostad	Great Lakes Adviser, U.S. Section
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF	
Bruce Kirschner	Acting Co-Director/Environmental Scientist
John Gannon	Acting Co-Director/Limnologist
Mark Burrows	Physical Scientist

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of three items under Other Business.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the Commissioners' Executive Meeting of October 27-29, 2009, and the Conference Calls of October 23, 2009, and November 13, 2009.

BRING-FORWARD SYSTEM

3. Commissioners noted no outstanding letters requiring a response to the Commission or outstanding letters requiring a reply from the Commission.

INTERNATIONAL UPPER GREAT LAKES STUDY

4. Commissioners received an oral report on the IUGLS Peer Review material and agreed that authority be delegated to the Engineering Advisers. As liaisons to the IUGLS, to Engineering Advisers may approve posting of material associated with the IUGLS pertaining to the independent peer review process, such as peer review reports, responses by the authors of the reports and the reports. Commissioners agreed that a more formal delegation protocol may be developed but that release of the IUGLS reports should not wait on a formal protocol of guidance. Staff and Legal Advisers were directed to draft appropriate language if needed for posting a note on the website indicating certain IUGLS reports were pending.

INTERNATIONAL WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE

Commissioners received an oral update on International Watershed Initiative projects including progress on the transmittal and media release for the report "How Are We Living with the Red?", progress on the St. Croix International Watershed Board's Spednik Lake research project to determine the impact of historical lake level changes on smallmouth bass habitat, the recent meeting of the Transboundary Hydrographic Data Harmonization Task Force, and the Lower Pembina Task Force Switzer Ridge Survey for post-2009 flood erosion topographical data in support of the 2-D Telemac hydraulic modeling project.

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UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION IN CANADA REQUEST

6. Commissioners considered a request by the United Nations Association in Canada (UNA-Canada) for Commission participation in and financial support for the second Model IJC, which will be held March 10-13, 2010, in Vancouver, British Columbia. Commissioners agreed that the IJC should continue to provide informational and technical assistance to UNA-Canada and agreed that a Commissioner from each section participate in the second Model IJC Conference. Commissioners agreed to provide \$5,000 in funding from the Canadian Section to the UNA-Canada in support of the 2010 Model IJC Conference in Vancouver for specific services and products such as promotional activities or space rental.

OTHER BUSINESS

7. **Asian Carp Update**
Commissioners received an oral update on the November 19 visit to the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal barrier site and on the activities of the Asian Carp Rapid Response Workgroup's December 2-5 fish eradication project operations. Commissioners directed staff to review current federal, state/provincial and local government participation in Asian Carp Rapid Response planning to determine whether a letter from the Commission would be of assistance to the effort.
8. **Informal Meeting with Canadian Ambassador to the United States**
Commissioners received information regarding an opportunity for an informal meeting with the new Canadian Ambassador to the United States during the December 8-9, 2009 Executive Meeting in Washington, D.C.
9. **Plan of Study for Review of the IJC Order for Rainy and Namakan Lakes**
Commissioners agreed to post on the IJC website the Plan of Study for the Evaluation of the IJC Order for Rainy and Namakan Lakes, which was provided to the Commission by the International Rainy Lake Board of Control during its October 28, 2009 appearance before the Commission at the Fall Semi-Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Ontario.

DECISION TAKING VIA POLLING

International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species

On December 1, 2009, Commissioners approved via polling Commission participation in and support for the 17th International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species, which will be held in San Diego, California, August 29 - September 2, 2010.

Murray Clamen
Secretary
Canadian Section

Charles Lawson
Secretary
U.S. Section