

Approved September 10, 2010

**MINUTES
INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE MEETING
Windsor, Ontario
July 12-13, 2010**

The International Joint Commission met in Executive Session at the Hilton Hotel in Windsor, Ontario on July 12 - 13, 2010 chaired by Joe Comuzzi.

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Joe Comuzzi	Chair, Canadian Section
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Doug Alley	Physical Scientist
Mark Burrows	Physical Scientist
John Gannon	Limnologist
Jennifer Gordon	Student Assistant
Bruce Kirschner	Physical Scientist

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda.

INTERNATIONAL WATERSHED INITIATIVE (IWI)

2. Commissioners received an update on the June 28-30 Modelling Initiative Workshop in Winnipeg, the status of several IWI projects and outreach, and the Transboundary Hydrographic Data Harmonization Task Force; provided comments on a draft Hydrological Data Framework and International Gauging Station Protocol; and approved
 - a. creating links on the IJC website to the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission (SEEC) as well as inviting the SEEC to give a presentation at the fall semi-annual meeting and attend the meeting as observers,
 - b. \$3000 Cdn in IWI support to the February 2011 Canadian Water Resources Association Workshop in Regina with the condition that IJC receives recognition as being a sponsor, and that IJC advisers attend the workshop, and
 - c. the general scope and direction laid out in the Hydrological Data Framework and International Gauging Station Protocol but asked that advisers provide more details about the level of IJC resources that would be required to implement the protocol.

GREAT LAKES - ST. LAWRENCE RIVER LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

3. Commissioners received an update on next steps associated with the organization and holding of a Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Leaders Roundtable and approved
 - a. continued IJC participation in planning and ultimately participating in such an event in the spring of 2011, and
 - b. developing a work plan and budget proposal (for eventual Commission approval) for a contractor to assist with the project.

15TH BIENNIAL REPORT ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY

4. Commissioners received an oral update on drafting of the IJC's 15th Biennial Report and noted that Commissioners should receive a draft for their review in approximately two months.

2011 GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT (GLWQA) BIENNIAL MEETING

5. Commissioners received an oral update on planning for the October 2011 Biennial Meeting and noted that a contract had been signed with the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan, where the event will be held, and that advisers will be working with the IJC's GLWQA advisory boards to shape the programme.

UPDATE ON GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS

6. Commissioners received an update on the governments' review of the GLWQA noting the series of webinars held June 7-9, 2010 on eight specific issues, and agreed that advisers should accept the governments' invitation for a staff briefing on July 30 on progress of the negotiations following the governments' July 23 -24 meeting.

ASIAN CARP

7. Commissioners received an update on various activities associated with Asian carp issues including the Aquatic Nuisance Species Dispersal Barrier Panel meeting on June 15, 2010; the capture of a live bighead carp in Lake Calumet; and planning for IJC participation at the 17th

International Conference on Aquatic Invasive Species (ICAIS) August 29 - September 2, 2010 and approved

- a. staff continuing to monitor and report on implementation of the Asian Carp Control Strategy,
- b. asking governments for a detailed briefing on this topic at the fall semi-annual meeting,
- c. staff drafting a letter of support for ecological separation and for expediting completion of a study on the feasibility of ecological separation, and
- d. Commissioner and staff attendance at the ICAIS conference.

GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION (GLFC) MEETING

8. Commissioners received an oral update on plans for this meeting including an agenda and noted that a specific date, time and location had not been identified as yet.

NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL BALLAST WATER STUDY

9. Commissioners discussed the U.S. National Research Council (NRC) study on numeric standards for ballast water discharges, as well as the work of the Ballast Water Collaborative and the IJC's ongoing participation in that process, and approved a draft IJC statement for submission to the NRC study subject to the edits agreed to by Commissioners.

INTERNATIONAL AIR QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD (IAQAB)

10. Commissioners received an oral update on the August 17-19 IAQAB workshop taking place in Whitehorse, Yukon and noted Chair Pollack's interest in attending the workshop.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE OPERATIONS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11. Commissioners received an oral update on the Committee's activities.

LAKE ONTARIO - ST. LAWRENCE RIVER (LOSLR) WORKING GROUP

12. Commissioners received an oral update on activities of the Working Group (WG) and noted the next WG conference call is scheduled for July 20, 2010; the next meeting is scheduled for August 24 in Toronto, hosted by the province of Ontario; and that progress continues to be achieved.

INTERNATIONAL UPPER GREAT LAKES STUDY (IUGLS)

13. Commissioners received an update on IUGLS issues and approved
 - a. draft letters to the IUGLS Board and governments pertaining to the decisions of the Commission regarding the Study Board's Report on the St. Clair River, subject to the edits agreed to by Commissioners, and the posting of these letters to the IJC website;
 - b. a draft question-and-answer document, subject to the edits agreed to by Commissioners, that is intended for public viewing and provides the Commission responses to many of the issues and questions raised during the public consultation sessions; and
 - c. a draft press release informing the public of the Commission's decisions and guidance to the IUGLS Board.

LAKE OF THE WOODS

14. Commissioners reviewed the suggested overall approach for the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Reference in the governments' letters of June 17, 2010 and approved

- a. the establishment of and a draft Directive to the International Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Watershed Task Force (Task Force);
- b. the following membership of the Canadian and U.S. Sections of the Task Force:

<u>Canadian Section</u>		<u>U.S. Section</u>	
Melanie Neilson	(Co-chair)	James (Jim) Chandler	(Co-chair)
Gail Faveri	(Member)	Leland Grim	(Member)
Kelli Saunders	(Secretary)	Elizabeth (Lisa) Bourget	(Secretary)

- c. the proposed longer-term activity plan to carry out the Reference; and
- d. the week of August 30, 2010 for IJC consultation meetings in the area, subject to availability of Task Force personnel to accompany the Commission.

INTERNATIONAL RED RIVER BOARD (IRRB)

- 15. Commissioners received an update on IRRB issues including the September 14-16, 2010 Board meeting and tour of Devils Lake; the on-going monitoring of Devils Lake fish pathogens and parasites, including the final report and peer review of this effort, as well as the formation of a Working Group on Devils Lake by the U.S. Administration; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Project; and the lower Pembina hydraulic modeling for flood mitigation under the International Watersheds Initiative.

INTERNATIONAL ST. CROIX RIVER WATERSHED BOARD (ISCRWB)

- 16. Commissioners received an update on the ISCRWB and public meetings in Calais, Maine and site tour, all scheduled for August 3 - 5, 2010, as well as the Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) for alewives restoration in the St. Croix, including an Executive Summary of the AMP with draft questions and answers.

2010 INTERNATIONAL WATER ASSOCIATION (IWA) CONFERENCE

- 17. Commissioners received an update on the IWA Conference to be held in Montreal September 19-24, 2010, including plans for an IJC workshop, and approved specific Commissioner and staff attendance as well as the recommended program for the workshop.

PROCEDURES FOR ADVERTISING IJC MEETINGS

- 18. Commissioners received an oral update on possible changes to procedures for advertising IJC meetings and agreed that staff should continue working on this issue and submit recommendations at the next Executive meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 19. Commissioners noted a letter from Canada's Marina Shipper & Manufacturing Stakeholders to Canadian Minister of Transport John Baird, on which the IJC Co-chairs were copied, concerning the State of New York's proposed ballast water treatment regulations and agreed that Chair Comuzzi would send an acknowledgement reply.

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