

*Approved February 4, 2011*

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL  
January 14, 2011  
12:00 Noon EST**

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on January 14, 2011, chaired by Lana Pollack.

<b>COMMISSIONERS</b>	
Lana Pollack	Chair, U.S. Section
Joe Comuzzi	Chair, Canadian Section
Irene Brooks	Commissioner, U.S. Section
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Sam Speck	Commissioner, U.S. Section
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<b>GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF</b>	
Saad Jasim	Director
Bruce Kirschner	Physical Scientist
John Nevin	Public Affairs Officer

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

2. Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the December 6-7, 2010 Executive meeting, as modified.

## RED RIVER - DEVILS LAKE

3. Commissioners received an update on the Devils Lake fish pathogens and parasites study, noting that the International Red River Board plans to complete its initial risk assessment by March 31, 2011. Commissioners also reviewed December 20, 2010, and December 29, 2010 letters from the U.S. and Canadian governments, respectively, concerning the study and approved a draft response, subject to advisers confirming that, based on discussions at the IRRB's January 20-21 meeting, the draft as written is suitable. Commissioners took note of the U.S. Government's December 2010 Report of the Federal Interagency Devils Lake Working Group and asked advisers to consider how the Commission might respond.

## ACTION ITEM LIST

4. Commissioners noted the items in the latest version of the Action Item list (dated January 7, 2011) and received updates on several items.

## OTHER BUSINESS

5. **International St. Croix River Watershed Board Appointments**  
Commissioners approved the reappointments of Canadian ISCRWB members Jessie Davies and Robert Stephenson for terms of December 2, 2010- January 1, 2014, and January 1, 2011- January 1, 2014, respectively.
6. **Invitation to U.S. Secretary of the Department of Interior to meet in Michigan**  
Commissioners approved having the Commission sign on to a letter, to be co-signed with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and the Great Lakes Commission, inviting U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar for meetings in Michigan in mid-March.
7. **Wayne State University request for GLRO Director to Teach**  
Commissioners approved the request that the GLRO Director be authorized to teach a water and wastewater engineering course at Wayne State University, noting that classes would be held after business hours and that the Director provided assurances that the teaching would not interfere with his Commission responsibilities.
8. **Health Professionals Task Force**  
Commissioners approved the reappointments of all members of the Health Professionals Task Force - Canadian members Ray Copes, Michael Routledge, Margaret Sanborn, and Judy Sheeshka, and U.S. members John Dellinger, Ray Lopez, Peter Orris, and Carl Brodtkin - to coincide with the one year extension of the HPTF's mandate that Commissioners approved at the October 2010 Semi-Annual meeting. The new terms of all members expire on October 15, 2011.
9. **Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Negotiations**  
Commissioners received an update on planning for a possible meeting with the governments' Chief Negotiators to discuss the GLWQA negotiations, and they approved meeting with the governments on February 15, 2011, in Ottawa, if that date is amenable to the governments.
10. **Georgian Bay Forever Invitations**  
Commissioners reviewed the Georgian Bay Forever's invitations to the Commission Chairs, noted that the Canadian Chair planned to meet with the GBF Director in the near future, and asked advisers to obtain further information on the GBF's invitation for the U.S. Chair to speak at a GBF-sponsored public meeting on March 26, 2011.
11. **Lake of the Woods Rainy River Watershed Task Force**  
Commissioners reviewed the Task Force's request for additional funds to organize and host a conference with Grand Council Treaty #3 First Nations and approved the expenditure of up to \$15,000 for that purpose.

Ted Yuzyk  
Acting Secretary  
Canadian Section

Charles A. Lawson  
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