INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL

August 12, 2011 Noon EDT

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on August 12, 2011 chaired by Joe Comuzzi.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MINUTES

 Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the Commissioners' Conference Calls of July 20, 2011 and those of July 15, 2011, once it is edited with two points brought up by Chairs Comuzzi and Pollack.

APPOINTMENTS

3. **International Souris River Board** – Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Dwight A. Williamson to be Canadian Member of the Board for a three-year term effective July 14, 2011 through July 13, 2014.

LAKE OF THE WOODS-RAINY RIVER WATERSHED PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. Commissioners received an update on arrangements for the August 15-20, 2011, public hearings in the basin.

CHEMICALS OF EMERGING CONCERN IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION

 Commissioners received and discussed information on CEC project from the Great Lakes Regional Office.

GREAT LAKES BALLAST WATER COLLABORATIVE (BWC)

 Commissioners received an oral update on the BWC and approved, with a reservation expressed by the Canadian Chair, financial support to be provided by the U.S. Section for the September 26-27, 2011 BWC meeting in Baltimore.

ACTION ITEM LIST

7. Commissioners reviewed the review the latest Action Item List.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. A. Great Lakes Regional Office Budget

Commissioners agreed to have a separate discussion on the Regional Office budget and the Director's request for an increase to the budget.

B. Interim Report on GLWQA Boards

Commissioner Comuzzi along with Gavin Murphy gave a brief status report on the research into the history of the GLWQA boards. Chair Comuzzi indicated he would present his final research findings on the subject to the Commission in the near future.

C. Departing and Arriving IJC Staff

Commissioners thanked U.S. Section Senior Advisor Bob Reynolds who has completed his term in the US Section. They also welcomed Paul Allen who started as an Advisor at the Canadian Section on August 8 and Anne Chick, U.S. Section Senior Advisor, who started on August 1.

D. Alien Invasive Species – Basin Separation Feasibility Studies

Chair Comuzzi reminded the Commission of his previous commitment to provide written questions at the earliest opportunity to advisors on matters related to Alien Invasive Species in the Great Lakes.

Tom McAuley

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