



INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, November 18, 2011

12:00 PM EST

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on November 18th, 2011,
chaired by Joe Comuzzi.

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GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

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Bruce Kirschner	Physical Scientist
John Nevin	Public Affairs Officer

AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the October 17-21, 2011 Semi-Annual Meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

3. A. Science Advisory Board –

Commissioners approved the following re-appointments to the Science Advisory Board: Gary Klecka as a U.S. member for a term effective July 1, 2011 to October 31, 2013; Jeff Ridal as a Canadian member for a term effective January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013; and William Taylor as a Canadian member for a term effective June 1, 2010 to October 31, 2013.

B. Water Quality Board

Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Dave Ulrich as a U.S. member of the Water Quality Board for a term effective May 1, 2011 to April 30, 2014.

The Canadian Chair provided an update on the outstanding Canadian membership issues and noted that he would report back as soon as he had more information. Commissioners agreed that for the upcoming Water Quality Board meeting on December 7-8, 2011, the current members would be invited to attend.

C. Council of Great Lakes Research Managers

Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Carl Richards as a U.S. member of the Council of Great Lakes Research Managers for a term effective September 19, 2011 to September 18, 2014.

D. Health Professionals Advisory Board

Commissioners approved the following re-appointments to the Health Professionals Advisory Board: John Dellinger as U.S. Co-Chair for a term effective October 18, 2011 to October 17, 2014; Margaret Sanborn as Canadian Co-Chair for a term effective October 18, 2011 to October 17, 2014; Carl Brodtkin and Peter Orris as U.S. members for terms effective October 18, 2011 to October 17, 2013; and Russell Lopez as U.S. member for a term effective October 18, 2011 to April 17, 2013. Commissioners also approved the appointments of Kate Basil to be a Canadian member and Matthew Kiefer to be a U.S. member of the Board for terms effective November 18, 2011 to November 17, 2013.

JANUARY 2012 RETREAT ON GREAT LAKES ISSUES

4. Commissioners received an update on planning for the Great Lakes Retreat, and agreed to meet in Montreal if Commissioner Trepanier can secure the meeting room. A preferred date of January 11, 12, 13 (half day), and a back up date of January 18, 19, 20 (half day) were identified. Co-chairs of the 5 Great Lakes working groups will be canvassed to finalize the meeting date. The planning committee is to provide a more detailed proposal at the December 12-13, 2011, Executive meeting.

REPORT ON ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GLRO BOARDS

5. Commissioners discussed the Canadian Co-Chair's report. U.S. Commissioners noted that they had some questions and comments on the report and that they would provide a paper with their thoughts in time for discussion at the December 12-13, 2011 Executive meeting.

16TH GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY BIENNIAL REPORT

6. Commissioners approved the proposed way forward and schedule for completion of the report in December 2012.

PRIORITY WORKGROUP REPORT

7. Commissioners agreed to plans for producing a 12-15 page report summarizing the findings of the 6 priority work group report that were developed in the 2009-2011 priority cycle, with a target date for release in early 2012.

GREAT LAKES WEEK 2012

8. Commissioners agreed for staff to continue exploring potential IJC involvement in a Great Lakes Week 2012. They requested that staff develop a most detailed outline of the nature of IJC involvement, including cost estimates, for Commissioner consideration.

REQUEST FOR MEETING ON GREAT LAKES NUCLEAR ISSUES

9. Commissioners reviewed a request submitted by a number of NGOs for a meeting to discuss Great Lakes nuclear issues. Commissioners requested that staff gather additional information, after which, they will consider the request.

ACTION ITEM LIST

10. Commissioners reviewed the updated action items list.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. Canadian Commissioners indicated that they were no longer receiving media clippings and asked staff to rectify the problem.

DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

2011-2013 Great Lakes Water Quality Priority Cycle

On October 7, 2011, Commissioners approved the release of a summary of proposals for topics being considered for the 2011-2013 Great Lakes Water Quality Priority Cycle. The summary will be used as a basis for discussing the next priority cycle at the October 12-14, 2011 Great Lakes Water Quality Biennial meeting.

Presentation to the Commission on the Great Lakes Issues

On October 6, 2011, Commissioners approved the request made by Ms. Maude Barlow and Mr. James Olson to give a presentation to Commissioners on the topic of *Renewal of Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement: The Integration of Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystems as Commons Held in Public Trust*. The presentation will be scheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Council of Great Lakes Research Managers

On October 18, 2011, Commissioners approved the appointment of Dr. Yves Michaud to be a Canadian member of the Council of Great Lakes Research Managers.

International St. Lawrence River Board of Control; International Niagara River Board of Control, and International Lake Superior Board of Control

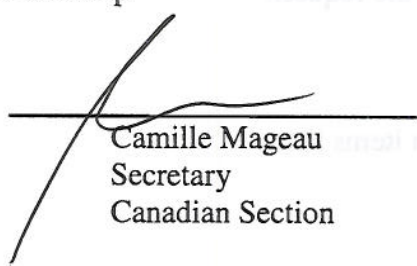
On October 3, 2011, Commissioners approved the appointment of Colonel Margaret Burcham to be U.S. Co-Chair of the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control, the International Niagara River Board of Control, and International Lake Superior Board of Control, effective immediately for the duration of her assignment as Commander of the Army Corps of Engineers' Great Lakes and Ohio River Division.

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

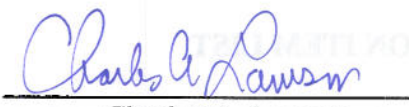
On September 28, 2011, Commissioners approved sending a letter to the negotiators of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement providing further comments and suggestions for a renewed agreement.

Asian Carp

On September 20, 2011, Commissioners approved having a GLRO staff member serve as an observer on the U.S. Government-led Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee's Technical and Policy Work Group.



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Secretary
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Charles A. Lawson
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