

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL  
Friday, April 20, 2012  
12:00 PM EDT**

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on April 20, 2012,  
chaired by Lana Pollack.

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(Note: Paragraph numbering in the minutes corresponds with the agenda items as listed in the agenda for the April 23-27 Semi-Annual Executive Meeting.)

## **AGENDA**

1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of two items.

## **MINUTES**

2. Commissioners reviewed the draft Minutes of the March 16, 2012, Commissioners' conference call and deferred discussion of item 11b on Canadian Section administrative issues for consideration under "Other Business" at the April 23-24 Semi-Annual Executive meeting.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

3. **A. International St. Croix River Watershed Board**  
Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Ralph Abele to be a U.S. member of the International St. Croix River Watershed River Board for a three-year term, from April 30, 2012, to April 29, 2015.

### **B. International Niagara River Board of Control**

Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. William Allerton to be a U.S. member of the International Niagara River Board of Control for a three-year term, from April 30, 2012, to April 29, 2015.

## **BRING FORWARD**

4. Commissioners noted that the Canadian government had provided comments of the Commission's 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes Biennial report and noted their appreciation for the thoughtful responses. Commissioners also noted their interest in receiving comments on the reports from the U.S. Government. Commissioners asked staff to check with Canadian government about posting the government's response on Commission's website.

## **ACTION ITEM LIST**

5. Commissioners reviewed the latest Action Item list. Commissioners requested that the following two items be added to the list for planning purposes: a) a tour for Commissioners of Canadian institutions that are engaged in Great Lakes issues, possibly focusing on sites in Burlington, Ontario; and b) a Commission retreat to address priorities in areas along the boundary outside of the Great Lakes basin.

## **IJC POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

6. Commissioners reviewed an updated compilation of the Commission's policies and practices. They agreed that it would be useful for staff in the three offices get together to discuss whether there are additional policies and practices that should be put down in

writing. They also ask staff to consider whether the item on public affairs policy and procedures (item #17 on the compiled list) might be better listed as two policies.

## **GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE**

13. Commissioners received an update on activities of the Great Lakes Regional Office. They asked GLRO staff to consider how best to use the results of GLRO-sponsored meetings and conferences in terms of potential follow-up opportunities for public outreach or informing governments of important findings.

## **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES**

### **17. A. Asian Carp**

Commissioners received an update on activities of the governments in their continuing efforts to prevent the introduction of Asian carp into the Great Lakes.

### **C. Ballast Water**

Commissioners received an update on the governments' continued efforts to control the discharge of ballast water in the Great Lakes and eliminate ballast water as a vector for the introduction of aquatic invasive species into the Lakes. They noted that there have been no new AIS found into the Great Lakes since 2006.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Canadian Section Administrative Issues**

Commissioners discussed proposed revisions to item 11b of the March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, conference call minutes and asked Secretaries to develop alternate wording which could be included on web posted minutes.

## **DECISION TAKEN VIA POLLING**

### **Aquatic Invasive Species**

On April 19, 2012, Commissioners approved a letter to the Michigan Wildlife Conservancy responding to the Conservancy's letter of March 7, 2012, concerning aquatic invasive species.

### **International Souris River Board**

On April 4, 2012, Commissioners approved the posting of a link to the Army Corp of Engineer's 2011 Post Flood Report on the Souris Board's IJC website.

### **Great Lakes Water Quality Board and Great Lakes Science Advisory Board**

Following a number of telephone discussions, Commissioners completed the polling process and approved: 1) the appointment of Michael Goffin as interim Canadian Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board effective April 24, 2012, for a term expiring upon formal execution of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement; 2) the re-appointment of Eric Boysen as a Canadian member of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board effective retroactively from March 1, 2011, for a term expiring upon formal execution of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement;

and 3) the appointment of Clarence Haverson to be a Canadian member of the Great Lakes Water Quality Board effective retroactively from February 8, 2011, for a term expiring upon formal execution of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Commissioners considered but did not appoint John Lawrence to be interim Canadian Co-Chair of the Great Lakes Science Advisory Board.

**Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Working Group**

On April 3, 2012, Commissioners approved a letter to New York Governor Cuomo providing an update on the LOSLR Working group's progress.

**Lake Champlain-Richelieu River**


On March 27, 2012, Commissioners approved a media release announcing that at the request of the governments the Commission would develop a Plan of Study on Lake Champlain-Richelieu River flooding.

**International Red River Board**

On March 22, 2012, Commissioners approved the appointment of Patricia Ramlal to be a Canadian member of the International Red River Board for a term effective April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2015.

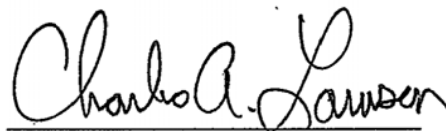
**Guide to Applications**

On March 26, 2012, Commissioners approved the posting of the IJC Guide to Applications on the Commission's website.



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Secretary  
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