

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL
Friday, May 18, 2012**

12:00 PM EDT

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on May 18, 2012, chaired by Lyall Knott.

COMMISSIONERS

Lana Pollack	Chair, U.S. Section
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Lyall Knott	Commissioner, Canadian Section
Richard Moy	Commissioner, U.S. Section

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GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF

Saad Jasim	Director
John Nevin	Public Affairs Officer
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John Wilson	Physical Scientist

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the draft wording for item 11b of the Minutes of the March 16, 2012, Commissioners' conference call and approved the draft Minutes of the April 20, 2012 Commissioners conference call and the April 23-26, 2012 Semi-Annual Minutes as amended.

SCHEDULE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS FOR 2013

3. Commissioners approved the proposed dates for both the Commissioner Conference calls and meetings, but deferred decision on location of Commissioner meetings until the June Executive Meeting.

IJC ACTION ITEM LIST

4. Commissioners reviewed the latest Action Item list. Commissioners requested that the revised Draft Conflict of Interest Guidance document be circulated in near future and ready for Commissioner approval at the June Executive meeting.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN-RICHELIEU RIVER

5. Commissioners approved the Directive as submitted, and approved the nominations for the Members and Secretaries to the Working Group and release of this information to the IJC website.

NUCLEAR

6. Commissioners approved: i) an amended version of the response to citizens concerning their request for the establishment of an IJC nuclear Task Force; and ii) amended thank you letters to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Union of Concerned Scientists, and to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT RETREAT

7. Commissioners were provided with an update of work undertaken by staff in the Ottawa, Windsor, and Washington offices to prepare for a day and a half retreat on June 11-12 in Windsor. Commissioners requested an information note summarizing the progress achieved and copies of a draft Agenda when it is available.

LAKE ONTARIO-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER WORKING GROUP

8. Commissioners received an update on activities of the LOSLR Working Group. Draft documents were provided to the Working Group members on May 11, 2012, for the Working Group's review. Public information sessions began in Canada on May 15 and

will continue in Canada and the United States through June 7. Commissioners were informed of a U.S. Interagency meeting to be hosted by the Council on Environmental Quality tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2012.

INTERNATIONAL GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT TASK TEAM

9. Commissioners requested that the Directive be modified to reflect the need for both water quality and water quantity considerations to be included in an overall Adaptive Management Strategy. The Directive is to indicate that initial efforts will focus on developing a Strategy based on the IUGLS recommendations and the work achieved in LOSLR. The Commission will then undertake, in 2013, a more detailed analysis addressing both water quantity and quality as part of an overarching Great-Lakes St. Lawrence Adaptive Management Strategy. Commissioners also requested that the IJC team working on this issue include a representative from the GLRO. Fax polling approval of the revised Directive is expected shortly. Nominations to the Task Team were approved, including a conditional approval of the unconfirmed member from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Commissioners approved posting Task Team information on the IJC website but decided not to issue a press release on the formation of the task team to avoid any potential public confusion with LOSLR public information sessions and upcoming IUGLS public hearings.

GREAT LAKES DAYS 2012

10. Commissioners approved IJC participation during the week of September 10th, and in particular a joint meeting with the Great Lakes Commission the afternoon of September 10th, a Great Lakes Town Hall meeting the evening of September 10th, and the Great Lakes Week Joint Meeting, to be held the morning of September 12th.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. **A. Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry**
Commissioners were provided with an update of a planned meeting between US Chair Pollack, members of the Health Professionals Advisory Board, EPA, Canadian and U.S. section staff, and senior officials from the ATSDR s during the week of May 21st. The focus of the meeting is to re-establish relations and discuss how best to advance the mandate of the IJC and the ATSDR.
- B. Chairing of Executive Meetings at the GLRO**
Commissioners noted that under a policy adopted in 1989, the duty of chairing the Executive meeting that is held in Windsor each year should rotate between the Canadian and U.S. Section Chairs. Discussion on the issue was postponed until both Canadian and U.S. Co-chairs were available for the discussion.

Camille Mageau
Secretary
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Charles A. Lawson
Secretary
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