INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL
Friday, March 22, 2013
2:00 PM EDT

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on March 22, 2013, chaired by Lana Pollack.

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AGENDA

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

MINUTES

2. Commissioners approved the draft minutes of the February 11-12, 2013, Executive Meeting and deferred consideration of the draft minutes of the March 15, 2013 Commissioners` conference call until the Semi-Annual meeting.

ACTION ITEMS LIST

3. Commissioners reviewed the updated action items list, inquired about two items, and agreed on a modification to another item.

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

4. Commissioners reviewed and commented on draft documents on 1) the detailed functions and 2) rules, procedures, and polices for the new Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board under the new Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement protocol. Commissioners directed staff to revise the documents and provide updated drafts to Commissioners for approval. Commissioners agreed to provide the approved draft documents to governments for discussion at the April 2013 Semi-Annual meeting and also to inform the current Boards at the meeting of the process underway to establish the new Boards.

INTERNATIONAL RAINY-LAKE OF THE WOODS WATERSHED BOARD

5. Commissioners received an update on preparations for establishing the new International Rainy-Lake of the Wood Watershed Board and approved:

   a) increasing the size of the Board from 18 to 20 members to accommodate the Province of Manitoba's interest in having one of its officials on the Board;
   b) the appointments of the following people to be members of the Board, with all terms effective as of April 1, 2013:
      - Michael Goffin as Canadian Co-Chair for a three year term;
      - Gail Faveri as a Canadian member for a three year term;
      - Trina Rawn as a Canadian member for a three year term;
      - Greg Chapman as a Canadian member for a three year term;
      - Kiley Hanson as a Canadian member for a two year term;
      - Denis Brown as a Canadian member for a one year term;
      - Todd Sellers as a Canadian member for a three year term;
      - Chief Earl Klyne as a Canadian member for a three year term;
      - Colonel Michael Price as U.S. Co-Chair until August 30, 3013;
      - Lee Grim as a U.S. member for a three year term;
      - Mike Hirst as a U.S. member for a three year term;
      - Jeff Stoner as a U.S. member for a one year term;

- Suzanne Hanson as a U.S. member for a three year term;
- Jenny Moorman as a U.S. member for a one year term;
- Charlene Mason as a U.S. member for a two year term; and
- Craig Engwall as a U.S. member for a two year term.

c) announcing the new Board prior to the April 2013 Semi-Annual meeting ;
d) sending letters of appreciations to members of the current Rainy Boards; and
e) providing $2,000 of U.S. Section funds to the Lake of the Woods Sustainability Foundation for preparation of a proceedings report on the 2013 Water Quality Forum.

ST. CROIX ALEWIVES

6. Commissioners discussed proposed changes to text on the IJC website concerning the restoration of alewives in the St. Croix River. U.S. Commissioners suggested that the website text be revised to clarify the Commission's long standing position on alewives restoration. Canadian Commissioners noted that any change to the website text at this time might be interpreted as taking a position on one of the bills before the Maine legislature. Commissioners agreed that the Commission does not take a position on domestic legislation. There was no agreement to change the text.

GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY PRIORITIES

7. Commissioners received an update on one potential new project under the Assessment of Progress priority concerning the development of performance indicators. A proposal by staff is under development.

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

8. Commissioners received an explanation of Canadian government procedures regarding the consolidation of pay services and noted that the Canadian section and the GLRO are required to make the transition the Canadian centralized services.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. ELK RIVER VALLEY

Commissioners were informed of recent media reports in BC papers calling for a moratorium on new coal mines until a valley-wide plan to manage the cumulative effects of selenium is developed.

B. GREAT LAKES CHALLENGES FORUM AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Commissioners noted that the Great Lakes Challenges Forum sponsored by the Commission and held at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan on March 14, 2013, was very successful. Commissioners thanked staff at the GLRO who helped organize the meeting, particularly lead organizer GLRO Public Information Officer John Nevin, for putting on an excellent meeting.

C. APRIL 2013 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Commissioners received an update on preparations for the April 15-19, 2013, Semi-Annual meeting and noted that Canadian Ambassador Doer will host a breakfast for

Commissioners on Tuesday, April 16, and Canadian Deputy Head of Mission will host a lunch on Friday, April 19. Commissioners also noted that video conferencing would be used since a number of Board members are restricted from traveling. Canadian Commissioners indicated they might be participating by video; U.S. Commissioners expressed the view that it is important for all Commissioners to participate in the meeting in person, if possible.

D. INTERNATIONAL UPPER GREAT LAKES STUDY

Canadian Commissioners inquired when the U.S. Commissioners would be prepared to transmit the IUGLS report to governments. U.S. Commissioners said they hoped that the Commission will be able to transmit the Commission's report on the IUGLS and its 16th Great Lakes Water Quality Biennial Report by the time of the April 2013 Semi-Annual meeting. Canadian Commissioners urged that the IUGLS report be transmitted as soon as possible, as continued delay was having an impact on the Commission's reputation.

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