

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL**

**September 13, 2013
11:00 am - 13:00 EDT**

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on September 13, 2013, chaired by Joe Comuzzi.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda as submitted with the addition of three information items.

MINUTES

2.
 - a) Commissioners agreed that future minutes should reflect the duration of meetings.
 - b) Text needed to finalize approval of the June 10-12 minutes was discussed and Canadian Section legal counsel is to share draft text with the US and Canadian Co-chairs for approval.
 - c) The August 9, 2013, Commissioners conference call minutes were approved pending review at the next Commissioner call of amended text for item 9 (GLRO working group).
 - d) The August 26, 2013, Commissioners conference call minutes were approved as submitted.

ACTION ITEM LIST

3. Commissioners reviewed the action list. During discussion of item 5 on GLWQA Implementation, the US Co-chair self-identified as the U.S. Commissioner participant to the WQB nomination screening committee. The Canadian Section will communicate their selection at a later date.

DRAFT SCHEDULE OF 2014 MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

4. Commissioners approved the schedule of meetings and conference calls for 2014 with a request that an additional Executive meeting be scheduled in September and that Secretaries report back on potential alternate meeting sites in areas of relevance to the Commission. It was further agreed that if it proved difficult to secure a venue or to conduct the scheduled meetings and calls, that alternate dates and locations should be adopted.

LAKE ONTARIO - ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

5. Commissioners agreed to meet for a two day workshop on Lake Ontario St. Lawrence River Regulation Proposed Plan (2014). Commissioners also agreed that at least two additional work sessions would be needed for the Commission to meet its early 2014 deadline to communicate to governments.

GREAT LAKES ECOSYSTEM INDICATOR SUMMARY AND TECHNICAL

REPORTS

6. Commissioners requested modifications to the Press Release and to the title pages of the reports - "Great Lakes Ecosystem Indicators – Summary Report: the Few That Tell Us the Most" and "Work Group Technical Report On Ecosystem Indicators: Assessment Of Progress Towards Restoring The Great Lakes Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement 2012-2015 Priority Cycle" to better reflect their authorship. Modified documents are to be re-submitted for approval by polling prior to their publication on the website.

GREAT LAKES RESPONSE INDICATORS

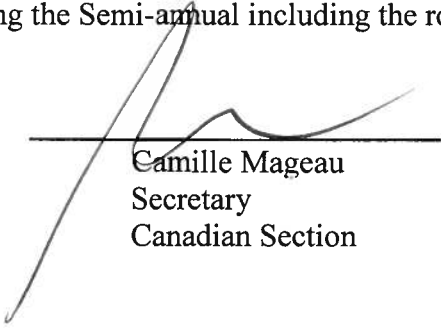
7. Commissioners reviewed the plans for the upcoming workshop and follow-up work needed to identify response indicators. A draft agenda, list of invitees, and timeline for the work ahead were presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

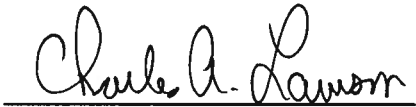
8. A) Commissioners were briefed on preparations for the Fall Semi-annual including the scheduling of the meeting with governments and the meeting with US embassy officials.

B) Commissioners received an oral summary of the Great Lakes Public Forum and the Parties' Summit, with particular focus on follow-up cooperation agreed to by the IJC, the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, and the Great Lakes Commission.

C) Staff provided details on the International Watershed Initiatives workshop to be held during the Semi-annual including the role to be played by Commissioners.



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