

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The International St. Lawrence River Board of Control and the International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Study Board are jointly holding a public consultation meeting on September 19, 2002, in Ogdensburg, New York. The purposes of this meeting are, respectively, to discuss this year's water level conditions and the regulation of outflows on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, and, the status of the multi-year study to evaluate the rules for that regulation. You are invited to take the opportunity to participate in the presentation and discussions. Details of the meeting are as follows:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2002, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
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6765 STATE HIGHWAY 37
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

The International Joint Commission was created under the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 to help prevent and resolve disputes over the use of waters along the Canada-United States boundary. Its responsibilities include approving certain projects that would change water levels on the other side of the boundary, such as the international Hydroelectric Power project at Massena, New York and Cornwall, Ontario. When it approves a project, the Commission's Orders of Approval may require that flows through the project meet certain conditions to protect interests in both countries. For more information, visit the Commission's website at www.ijc.org.

The International St. Lawrence River Board of Control was established by the International Joint Commission, mainly to ensure that outflows from Lake Ontario meet the requirements of the Commission's Orders of Approval. For more information, visit the Board's website at www.islrbc.org.

The International Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River Study was set in motion in 2000 by the International Joint Commission to assess and evaluate the Order of Approval used to regulate outflows from Lake Ontario through the St. Lawrence River. The current Order of Approval requires that the water levels and flows resulting from the St. Lawrence Seaway Power Project meet certain conditions and criteria to protect the interests in both countries, including shoreline communities, commercial navigation and Hydroelectric Power production. The Study is also evaluating the impacts of changing water levels on environmental factors, shore erosion, flood damages, recreational boating, and tourism.

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