

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **International Joint Commission's Upper Lakes Plan of Study Revision Team releases draft plan for public comment**

The IJC's Upper Lakes Plan of Study Revision Team has completed the draft of its revised plan for a study of the Upper Lakes and has posted it at [www.ijc.org](http://www.ijc.org). The Team is holding a series of public consultation meetings on the draft and will accept comments until September 19, 2005.

An Upper Great Lakes Study would review the IJC orders of approval for regulating the flows out of Lake Superior and examine water level impacts on affected interests from Lake Superior downstream through Lake Erie.

In May 2005, the IJC appointed the Upper Lakes Study Revision Team to expand the original 2002 plan for the Upper Lakes Study to include a review of past and on-going physical changes in the St. Clair River and their impacts on water levels of the upper Great Lakes, as well as to take account of lessons learned from the IJC's Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study. The Team will be submitting its final report on a revised plan to the IJC in October 2005.

The dates and locations of the sessions are:

**September 1, 2005 Parry Sound, Ontario:** Starting Time: 5:00 p.m., West Parry Sound District Museum, Lion Room, 17 George Street, Parry Sound, Ontario

**September 13, 2005 Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario:** Starting Time: 7:00 p.m., Civic Centre, Russ Ramsay Room, Level 3, 99 Foster Drive, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

**September 14, 2005 Port Huron, Michigan:** Starting Time: 7:00 p.m., St. Clair County Administration Building Auditorium, 200 Grand River Avenue, Port Huron, Michigan

**September 15, 2005 St. Joseph, Michigan:** Starting Time: 7:00 p.m., St. Joseph City Hall Commission Chambers, 2nd floor, 700 Broad St. at corner of Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan

The draft revised plan is at [www.ijc.org](http://www.ijc.org) > Boards > Current Task Forces > Upper Great Lakes Plan of Study Revision Team > Publications, or [http://www.ijc.org/conseil\\_board/upper\\_greatlakes/upper\\_pub.php?language=english](http://www.ijc.org/conseil_board/upper_greatlakes/upper_pub.php?language=english). This page also contains a link to an online form through which the public can submit comments to the Team.

The International Joint Commission prevents and resolves disputes between the United States of America and Canada under the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty and pursues the common good of both countries as an independent and objective advisor to the two governments.

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