

July 17, 2006

U. S. Section Secretary  
International Joint Commission  
1250 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Suite 100  
Washington, DC 20440

Re: International Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Study

To the Commissioners:

I understand you are considering three plans for regulating the water level in the St. Lawrence River.

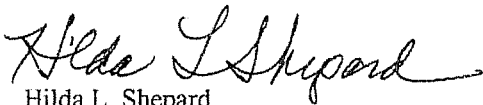
Please, I strongly urge you, please support **Plan B+**. I believe it will benefit the most people and interests and conditions in the area. As owner of one of the many islands in the river, I have seen many different water levels over the years, the lowest of which actually prevented my late husband and me from reaching our island in a motorboat. For a period of time, we had to row nearly a mile each way to the mainland and back. Multiply my plight by the number of islands, then multiply again by the number of families living on these islands in the summer, and you will begin to understand my concern. At age 70, I am physically unable to row to shore, so I would be unable to live on my island if the water level dropped that low again.

In addition to my personal safety concerns, I am very concerned about the ecological and environmental condition of this beautiful river, and the effect that low water levels have on the many non-human inhabitants of the area.

I believe that **Plan B+**, by allowing the natural ebb and flow of the river to be dominant, rather than imposing artificial controls on the water levels, will benefit all riparians.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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Alexandria Bay, NY

East Mary Island

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