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Dennis L. Schornack, Chairman
International Joint Commission
U.S. Section
1250 23rd Street N.W., Suite 100
Washington, DC 20440
July 19, 2006

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ACTION: BM
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FILE:

Dear Commissioner Schornack:

On behalf of the 700 members of SOS who donate time and money to improving the natural environment of the Sodus Bay, NY watershed, I would like to express our objection to the three proposed plans to change the water levels and flows in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

SOS members are committed environmentalists who seek to improve the natural environment while supporting the economic vitality of our region.

After studying the report, "Options for Managing Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River Water Levels and Flows", it is our confirmed opinion that the three proposed plans have the potential for severe negative impact on our region of New York State.

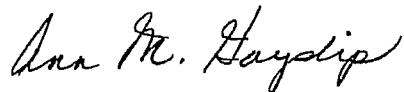
Among our concerns:

- High water flooding and erosion could damage or destroy private and commercial property with assessed value of more than \$200 million in the Sodus Bay area with related impact on our region's tax base.
- More than \$3 million in recent tax payer supported investment in public recreational facilities and shoreline infrastructure could be lost.
- Low water conditions could pose severe economic damage to marina businesses, recreational boating and charter fishing operations with loss of approximately \$12 to \$15 million in annual revenues.

For our section of the south shore of Lake Ontario a viable recreational, residential and water-dependent commercial economy go hand-in-hand with our ability to protect and preserve the natural environment. The economic and natural environments are interdependent.

We urge you to reject the proposed Plans A+, B+ and D+ and seek a more balanced solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann M. Hayslip".

Ann M. Hayslip, President

Cc: US Congressman James Walsh
New York State Senator Michael Nozzolio
New York State Assemblyman Robert Oaks