

TO: IJC COMMISSIONERS
SUBJECT: REGULATION PLANS
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Plan D+ is the most logical and equitable plan to replace the current 1958D regulation plan per the reasons listed below.

- a) Man, plant and animal have made adaptive changes during the past fifty years that the current plan has been in effect. Plan D+ provides the least water level impact change while A+ and B+ significantly change the current upper and lower level limits.
- b) Plan D+ improves economic and environmental benefits to all interests. Plans A+ and B+ have significant negative impacts on the coastal group and B+ also has significant negative impact on recreational boating.
- c) The voice of the public that continued to request for a change in the regulation plan was the recreational boaters wanting higher water levels in the summer and the coastal group wanting lower water levels preceding winter and spring lake storms. Plan D+ is the closest plan to meeting this request.
- d) The major environmental issues (not degradation if any exists) for Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River are: introduction of exotic species (zebra mussels, gobies, Asian carp), winter navigation, oil spills, and cormorant control. Water level regulation plans have little or no effect on these issues.
- e) The commissioners need to heed the findings of the U.S. and Canadian National Academies when thinking of B+ as a replacement plan. "Several issues need to be addressed in order to elevate the environmental work to the level of being appropriate and sufficient to inform the water regulation plan decision making process". (pg.# 113 of their report)
- f) Regulation plan change should not be made by popular vote. Well organized and funded special interest groups should not overwhelm the decision making process with their vocal members. The final decision should also be fair to the thousands of the silent majority who work, reside, and enjoy the system.

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ACTION: BM

INFORMATION: LB, JC, FB, RT, CMRS
