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FILE:

Dear Ms. Bourget:

Thank you for your letter of June 28. I would like to add one item to my June 16 letter.

Specifically, I have learned since then that ice fishermen in the Alexandria Bay area noticed in February of this year that there was considerably more current than usual. In previous years, their fishing lines went straight down from the holes in the ice. This past February, the fishing lines were pulled at an acute angle by the current. It is their opinion this was due to water being let out at the hydro-dam near Massena, New York.

Since the water level is usually low in February, letting water out then is especially undesirable.

Again, I hope the International Joint Commission will focus on what is best for the health of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River in order to preserve these priceless resources, and not focus on the conflicting interests of various groups.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,



Gary H. Rushmer