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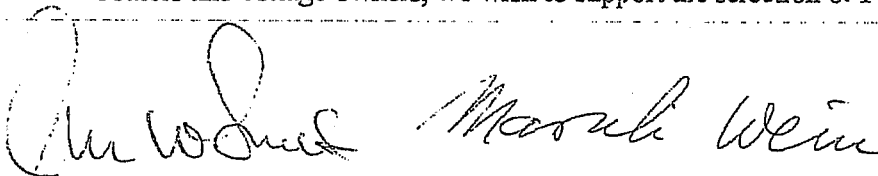
**Subject: Comment on the selection of a water management plan, St Lawrence River**

My wife and I own a cottage in the Admiralty Group in the Thousand Islands, located near Gananoque Ontario.

After reviewing the material collected by the Water Level Study Group we came to the conclusion that for cottage owners and boaters the best plan of water level control is A+. Although we have a floating dock our access to the island is vulnerable to low water levels. We have been fortunate in the last few years.

We have some doubts that Plan B+ would restore the natural environment to the state it was before control was instituted in mid-fifties. So many factors have arisen in the last few decades. Hostile species were introduced by ocean-going ships that have had a devastating effect on fish habitat, so much so that it is hard to see how one could recreate the conditions of the earlier times.

Given the marginal advantage offered by plan B+ combined with potential adverse effects on boaters and cottage owners, we wish to support the selection of Plan A+.



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