

Iroquois Marine Services

Iroquois, Ontario

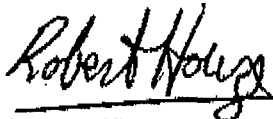
I am the owner of Iroquois Marine Services, situated above Iroquois Lock. I am writing to reaffirm my position in favour of Plan B+.

My business is the winter storage of 200+ boats with the owners cruising along both the American and Canadian sides of the Eastern end of Lake Ontario, of the St. Lawrence River, Lake St. Lawrence and downstream to Montreal. A great number of these customers have deep draft sail boats which require adequate water in late September and October both for cruising and for haul-out. It is imperative that the boating and tourist seasons do NOT end at Labour Day as they will under Plan 2007, but they should continue until at least Thanksgiving in Canada and Columbus Day in the United States.

If Plan 2007 is implemented, many of these boaters will either have to haul out in early September and turn to other sources of recreation outside this area, which would be devastating to my business.

I have been at this marina since its inception in 1987 and have seen the highs and lows of the river many times. We have had some very high springs and very low falls. I believe that Plan B+ brings back the natural rhythm of the river with a more gentle draw down in the fall instead of the earlier and more rapid manmade water level declines which 1958D causes now and 2007 will exacerbate.

Regardless of what plan is used, B+ or 2007, it is imperative that they be closely monitored and only deviated from when absolutely necessary to prevent high and low water extremes.



Robert Houze

Owner

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