



July 11, 2008

Ms. Irene Brooks
Chair, United States Section
International Joint Commission

The Rt. Hon. Herb Grey
Chair, Canadian Section
International Joint Commission

RE: Comments on Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study

Dear Chairwoman Brooks and Chairman Grey:

We are disappointed that the IJC has put aside the recommendations of its own \$20 million, five-year Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River water levels study. In failing to provide the range of fluctuation of water levels sufficient for healthy, diverse wetlands, the IJC is also ignoring the recommendation of its own 1993 Water Levels Reference Study to regard wetlands as the key indicator of the health of aquatic ecosystems.

This action does not bode well for the International Upper Great Lakes Study.

The GBA Foundation endorses the positions submitted by Save the River and Great Lakes United.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roy Schatz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Roy Schatz
Founding President