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Mohawk Yacht Club, INC.

Rochester, N. Y.

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**To: The Secretary, United States Section
International Joint Commission
1250 23rd Street NW, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20440**

Mohawk Yacht Club has been a 60 year staple of Irondequoit Bay on Lake Ontario. We support and feel that Plan B+ serves the best overall interest of the Lake, its adjoining Bays and the St Lawrence River. We have seen the impact of the low water conditions just this past season in 2007. Many boaters at our location and on our bay had to abandon their season prematurely because their slips were mud pits. The returns of spawning fish were clearly affected as there was, in some cases, no water in a few of the smaller tributaries where fish return to spawn. The shipping industry was affected by the low waters of the Genesee River. The conditions of nearby Braddocks Bay were destitute as their boating season was seized by the end of July due to extensive low water conditions. This is just observations made in our small span of 15 miles including all referenced points.

Plan B+...

- Is a creative compromise solution that best balances economic and environmental benefits and costs for all interests.
- Partially restores the natural cycles of the lake and will provide vital benefits to the health and diversity of coastal habitats and species.
- Improves fishing, hunting, and recreational boating, with added benefits to our economy.
- Has a strong scientific basis – worldwide studies on the effects of altering the natural water patterns of lakes and rivers support the predicted benefits of Plan B+, and the continued harm that will result from Plan 2007.
- Tames extreme high and low levels that can cause economic damage. The IJC Study shows that during the 20th century, water levels under Plan B+ would have remained within the operating range of the current plan, Plan 1958DD.
- Creates higher economic benefits for hydropower and shipping interests.

The Bottom Line ...

Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River – and the recreational and commercial economies that they support – have been seriously and consistently degraded for fifty years. Now is the time to end this loss by implementing Plan B+.

Respectfully,

Mohwak Yacht Club

Mohawk YC executive committee in the interest of implementing the B+ plan.

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