



In supporting Plan B+, the Ontario government recognizes there is a need to consider mitigation measures and the development of a coastal restoration strategy. We look forward to continuing to work with the governments of Québec, Canada, New York and the United States, and the IJC, to identify measures and to define and establish strategies that would enable a B+-style plan to be implemented.

We also support the IJC's proposal to institute an adaptive management program, and we look forward to partnering with the other governments' agencies and non-governmental organizations on monitoring programs. The proposed changes to the structure of the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control provide a sound foundation for implementing a new regulation plan, including for guiding adaptive management efforts.

The Ontario government looks forward to continuing to work together with all the governments to arrive at an order and regulation plan that both continues to provide many economic benefits, and creates the best opportunity to restore and ensure the sustainability of the lake and river's ecosystems – a legacy for millions of people to enjoy – now and into the future.

Sincerely,



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