

## **DIRECTIVE TO THE WATER USES THREE-YEAR REVIEW TASK FORCE**

1. In February 2000 the International Joint Commission submitted its report on Protection of the Waters of the Great Lakes to the governments of the United States and Canada in response to a February 1999 reference on water uses along the boundary. In that report the Commission recommended that the Commission be given a standing reference to review its recommendations for the protection of the Great Lakes in three years and thereafter at 10-year intervals unless conditions dictate more frequent review. By letters dated, September 28, 2000 and November 2, 2000, the governments of the United States and Canada approved this further assignment under the water uses reference.
2. The purpose of this directive is to establish and direct International Great Lakes Water Uses Review Task Force to assist the Commission in carrying out the three year review of its recommendations under the extended reference.
3. The Task Force shall review and provide a status report on legislative and policy efforts of the governments of Canada and the United States, and the Great Lakes States and Ontario and Quebec concerning removals or major new or increased consumptive uses.
4. The Task Force shall also provide a status report of major accomplishments and remaining gaps with respect to data and information gathering and other management programs that affect Great Lakes water uses in the following such areas.
  - water uses (including diversions and consumptive uses by sector)
  - cumulative effects
  - climate change
  - groundwater
  - conservation
  - legal and policy considerations, including international trade law
5. The Commission will appoint members to the Task Force and Co-Chairs to lead the Task Force's efforts. The Co-Chairs will be responsible for organizing and executing the work of the Task Force, and for coordinating with and reporting to the Commission. The Task Force will be binational and multi-disciplinary and comprise an equal number of members from each country. The Task Force, with the approval of the Commission, may establish sub-groups as necessary to assist with its work. Members of the Task Force and any sub-groups will act in their personal and professional capacities and not as representatives of their countries, agencies, organizations, or other organizations. Members of the Task Force and any sub-groups will be responsible for their own

expenses unless otherwise arranged by the Commission.

6. In carrying out its work, the Task Force will take note of work of other agencies and organizations in both countries. It will review, evaluate and analyze available information and acquire new information as required. The Task Force will strive to reach decisions by consensus. Differences that may arise will be addressed by the Commission on a case by case basis.
7. The Task Force shall assist the Commission in its public consultation activities pursuant to this reference. It is expected that these activities will include, at a minimum, public hearings and one or more roundtables.
8. The Task Force will keep the Commission fully informed of its progress and direction. In addition to regular contact with designated Commission personnel, the Task Force Co-Chairs and the Commission Secretaries shall conduct bi-weekly conference calls and the Task Force shall brief the Commission at its fall 2002 Semi-Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Canada.
9. The Task Force will submit a work plan with associated schedule of activities and budget for the Commission's approval. Because of the time-sensitive nature of the governments' request, the Commission authorizes the Task Force to begin work immediately - prior to approval of the work plan, schedule and budget - provided the Task Force obtains approval for this work from the Commission Secretaries. The Task Force will provide a status report of its activities at its briefing of the Commission at the fall 2002 Semi-Annual Meeting and its final report no later than November 8, 2002. The final report or reports should include findings and conclusions regarding the matters identified above.
10. Documents, letters, memoranda, and communications of every kind in the official records of the Commission are privileged and become available for public information only after release by the Commission. The Commission considers all documents in the official records of the Task Force or any of its sub-groups to be similarly privileged. Accordingly, all such documents shall be so identified and maintained as separate files. The Commission has issued the attached on the availability of the minutes of its boards and task forces which also applies to the International Great Lakes Water Uses Review Task Force.

Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2002.

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