

MINUTES

**INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE CALL**

February 2, 2007
Noon EDT

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on February 2, 2007, chaired by Herb Gray.

COMMISSIONERS	
Herb Gray	Chair, Canadian Section
Dennis Schornack	Chair, U.S. Section
Robert Gourd	Commissioner, Canadian Section
Jack Blaney	Commissioner, Canadian Section
Irene Brooks	Commissioner, U.S. Section
Allen Olson	Commissioner, U.S. Section
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Murray Clamen	Secretary, Canadian Section
Lisa Bourget	Secretary, U.S. Section
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Jim Chandler	Legal Adviser, U.S. Section
Mark Colosimo	Engineering Adviser, U.S. Section
Juanita Gamer	Staff Assistant, U.S. Section
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Joel Weiner	Senior Adviser, Canadian Section
GREAT LAKES REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF	
Karen Vigmostad	Director
Doug Alley	Physical Scientist

1. MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of its December 6-7, 2006 Executive meeting and Conference Call of January 12, 2007.

2. APPOINTMENTS

The Commission approved:

- a. International Upper Great Lakes Study Board
The appointments of Jonathan Bulkley and Richard Bishop as U.S. members and Don Burn, John Gee and Allan Chow as Canadian members;

- b. International St. Lawrence River Board of Control
The reappointments for one year of Canadian members Robert Metcalfe and Peter Yeomans and U.S. members James Bernier and Frank Sciremammano;
- c. Great Lakes Science Advisory Board
The appointment of Dr. John Carey as Canadian Co-chair for a three year term effective February 1, 2007 through January 31, 2010, and a letter of appreciation to Dr. Allan Jones for his service as Interim Canadian Co-chair;
- d. Council of Great Lakes Research Managers
The appointment of Dr. John Lawrence as Canadian Co-chair for a three year term effective February 6, 2007 through January 31, 2010, and the reappointment of Dr. Harvey Shear as a Canadian member for a three year term retroactive from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009;
- e. International Red River Board
The appointment of Dr. Gordon Goldsborough as a Canadian member for a three-year term effective February 8, 2007 through April 30, 2010.

3. BRING-FORWARD SYSTEM

Commissioners noted plans to send follow-up letters to the Commission's transmittal letters to governments on "Advice to Governments on their Review of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement: A Special Report to Governments of Canada and the United States" and a "Report on Spills in the Great Lakes Basin with a Special Focus on the S1.Clair-Detroit River Corridor".

4. SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Commissioners approved the Board appearances agenda for the 2007 Spring Semi-Annual Meeting.

5. IJC CENTENNIAL

Commissioners received an update on activities associated with the centennial of the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty, approved a follow-up letter with minor edits to Professors Brooks and Rabe confirming funding for each conference contributor/chapter author of the History of the Boundary Waters Treaty, and asked staff to bring forward additional suggestions for a commemorative coin.

6. GROUNDWATER PRIORITY

Commissioners received a status report on the 2007 State of Groundwater in the Great Lakes Basin Report.

Elizabeth C. Bourget
Secretary
U.S. Section

Murray Clamen
Secretary
Canadian Section