The International Joint Commission met by conference call on May 13, 2011, chaired by Pierre Trépanier.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of a few items under Other Business.

MINUTES
2. Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the Commissioners’ conference call of April 8, 2011, and the Semi-Annual Meeting of April 11-15, 2011, as modified.

APPOINTMENTS
3. A. International Rainy Lake Board of Control Commissioners were provided an update on potential nominations for Board membership and expressed appreciation for the contributions of Mr. Glenn Witherspoon to the work of the Commission during his
three year tenure on the Board.

**B. International Upper Great Lakes Study**
Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Mary Morgan to the U.S. Section of International Upper Great Lakes Study Public Interest Advisory Group effective May 13, 2011 through March 31, 2012.

**DEVILS LAKE**
4. Commissioners received an update on activities associated with the Devils Lake Fish Pathogens and Parasites Risk Assessment and approved an extension for the submission of the final report. Commissioners also received a report on the Devils Lake Collaborative Working Group (DLCWG) meeting that was held on April 27 in Devils Lake, ND. They were pleased to receive an invitation for the IJC to serve as an observer on the DLCWG and instructed staff to respond positively to the invitation.

**SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 13^{th}, 2011**
5. Commissioners reviewed the list of meetings that will take place June 13-17, 2011, and noted: Commissioners Pollack and Trépanier, as designated leads, would attend the Public Meetings on Air Quality; the Unveiling of the Boundary Water Treat plaque previously scheduled for Wednesday June 15 has been rescheduled to occur between 11:00 and noon on Friday June 17; Commissioners Pollack and Comuzzi would attend the Press Conference formally announcing the Biennial Meeting; and a staff member should attend the “Binational Executive Seminar” to be held on June 13 and 14 to participate in a session on the IJC and Boundary Waters Treaty.

**BOUNDARY WATERS TREATY CENTENNIAL (BWT100) COMMITTEE COMMEMORATIVE EVENT JUNE 15^{th} & 17^{th} 2011**
6. Commissioners discussed the planned ceremonies and wording on the plaque, and they agreed that one or two Commissioners, if available, attend the event.

**ACTION ITEM LIST**
7. Items were reviewed, and it was suggested that IJC Rules of Procedure be added to the agenda of the June Executive Meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**
8. **A. Status of Agreed upon Letters** – Letters of invitation to the Secretary of State and the Minister of Foreign Affairs to the October 2011 Biennial Meeting are being finalized and will be sent once the Minister has been appointed. The letter requesting the nomination of the Canadian Co-Chair of the Water Quality Board has been drafted and will be sent shortly.

**B. International Air Quality Advisory Board** – Commissioners inquired about the status of the independent peer review regarding the oil refinery emissions information. Staff indicated that the information was being updated prior to its being submitted to a peer review process.
C. Review of Mandates of Great Lakes Water Quality Board and Science Advisory Board – Commissioners agreed to hold a one hour meeting to discuss a proposal crafted by Chair Pollack, with the meeting to be held Tuesday May 17 08:30 to 09:30.

DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

International Lake Superior Board of Control
On April 25, 2011, Commissioners approved a request from the International Lake Superior Board of Control to allow the Board to deviate from the flows specified by Plan 1977-A as part of a sea lamprey flow-trapping experiment in the St. Marys River. Commissioners noted that: 1) the test period is projected to be May 15 to July 31, but may vary by a week or so, as the lamprey run timing depends largely on water temperature; 2) the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service support these experiments; and 3) flow changes requested by the Board would be up to, but not beyond Criterion (c) flow amounts specified in the Order of Approval, thus no supplemental Order will be needed.

Great Lakes Regional Office
On April 21, 2011, after reviewing several Great Lakes Regional Office (GLRO) finance issues, Commissioners directed the GLRO Director and Secretaries to submit quarterly activities and budget reports to Commissioners for their review.

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