INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS’ CONFERENCE CALL
July 15, 2011
12:00 Noon EST

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on July 15, 2011, chaired by Lana Pollack.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
1. Commissioners approved the agenda with the addition of eight items under Other Business.
NEW UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS
2. **A. Declaration of U.S. Commissioner Richard Moy**
   Commissioner Richard Moy, having previously been confirmed by the United States Senate and appointed to be a Commissioner by President Obama, as prescribed by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909, formally declared that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties imposed on him under the treaty.

   **B. Scheduling of conference call to receive the Declaration of U.S. Commissioner Dereth Glance**
   Commissioners agreed to convene a conference call on Wednesday, July 20 at 12:00 Noon EDT to received the declaration of new U.S. Commissioner Dereth Glance.

MINUTES

APPOINTMENTS
4. **A. International St. Lawrence River Board of Control**
   Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Philippe Morel to be Canadian Co-Chair of the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control for a three year term effective July 18, 2011, to July 17, 2014.

   **B. Council of Great Lakes Research Managers**
   Commissioners approved: 1) the appointment of Mr. Norman Grannemann to be U.S. Co-Chair of the Council of Great Lakes Research Managers for a three year term effective July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2014; 2) the appointment of Dr. Ian Campbell to be a Canadian member of the Council for a three year term effective July 15, 2011 to July 14, 2014; 3) the re-appointments of Drs. Christopher DeRosa and Joseph DePinto to be U.S. members and Dr. John Dettmers to be a binational member of the Council, all for three year terms effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014; and 4) the extension of Dr. Jeffrey Reutter’s appointment as a U.S. member of the Council through October 31, 2011.

   **B. International St. Croix River Watershed Board**
   Commissioners approved the appointment of Colonel Charles Samaris to be U.S. Co-Chair of the International St. Croix River Watershed Board for a three year term effective July 29, 2011, to July 28, 2014.

FACEBOOK
5. Commissioners discussed how the Commission and its Boards could move forward with incorporating Facebook and other social media into its work and, as first steps, approved: 1) the International St. Lawrence River Board of Control’s request to establish a Board Facebook page; 2) sending a letter to the Commission’s Boards on the use of Facebook and other social media; and 3) providing the Boards in the letter with draft guidelines for their comments.
INTERNATIONAL ST. CROIX RIVER WATERSHED BOARD

6. Commissioners received an update on recent activities on the alewives issue, including:
   1) the International St. Croix River Watershed Board’s June 29 Board and public
      meetings; 2) the Lead Commissioners’ and Board Co-Chairs’ June 28 meeting with the
      State of Maine Commissioner for Marine Resources and Commissioner for Inland
      Fisheries and Wildlife; and 3) the U.S. Section staff’s July 6 meeting with U.S.
      government agencies. Commissioners noted that some progress has been made but that
      there is more work to do to bring the issue to closure.

ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES - BASIN SEPARATION FEASIBILITY STUDIES

7. Commissioners received an update on the progress being made in two studies currently
   underway to investigate basin separation. The U.S Army Corps of Engineers is leading a
   six year, $19.7 million study called the Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study.
   The Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Cities Initiative are
   leading a study called the Chicago Area Waterways Study, which is scheduled to be
   completed in January 2012 at a cost of approximately $2 million. Chair Comuzzi
   indicated he would provide written questions to advisers seeking clarification on the
   studies.

ACTION ITEM LIST

8. Commissioners reviewed the updated Action Item List.

LETTER TO DAVID ULRICH

9. Commissioners approved sending a condolence letter to long time friend and colleague of
   the Commission David Ulrich on the death of his wife.

OTHER BUSINESS

    Commissioners noted that the Task Force is scheduled to submit its final report to the
    Commission on July 15 and approved: 1) posting of the report on the IJC website after
    advisers’ review the report; and 2) a public comments period for the report from July 21
    when the report is posted until August 31, 2011.

    B. Meeting with Congressman William Owens
    Commissioners received a report on a July 6 meeting that U.S. Section staff had with
    New York Congressman William Owens concerning flooding on Lake Champlain and
    the Richelieu River. Commissioners noted that the Congressman expressed interest in
    exploring the possibility of providing the Commission with a reference to study the issue.

    C. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Negotiations
    Commissioners received an update on the governments’ negotiations for an updated
    Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and noted that the governments’ held a third
    negotiating session in June 2011 and that they plan to hold public information meetings
    in September 2011. Commissioners agreed that it would be useful to meet with the
    negotiators prior to the September public meetings.
D. 2011-2013 Great Lakes Water Quality Priority Cycle
Commissioners approved letters to the Water Quality Board, Science Advisory Board, Council of Great Lakes Research Managers, Health Professionals Task Force, and International Air Quality Advisory Board providing a timeline for the process of developing topics to be addressed in the Commission’s 2011-2013 priority cycle and requesting that the Boards, Council, and Task Force develop recommendations for Commissioners’ consideration. Chair Comuzzi noted research he is undertaking into the roles and mandates of the WQB, SAB and GLCRM and indicated he would share the results of his efforts in the near future.

E. Indigenous Leadership Water Forum
Commissioners noted that the Commission’s Canadian Co-Chair and staff would attend the Indigenous Leadership Water Forum, which is being held July 18-21, 2011 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

F. Souris River Flooding
Commissioners received an update on the flooding situation on the Souris River.

G. Ballast Water
Commissioners received information on legislation currently being considered in the U.S. House of Representatives that would prohibit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from providing federal funds to States that enact have ballast water regulations that exceed U.S. Coast Guard and International Maritime Organization guidelines.

H. Departing U.S. Commissioner Brooks
Commissioners noted that U.S. Commissioner Irene Brooks ends her term as an IJC Commissioner today. They thanked her for her eight and half years of dedicated service to the Commission, to Boundary Waters Treaty, and to the peoples of both Canada and the United States, and they wished her well in all her future endeavors.

DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

International Lake of the Woods-Rainy River Watershed Task Force
On July 14, 2011, Commissioners approved the schedule for the Commission’s public hearings on the final report of the Lake of the Woods-Rainy River Watershed Task Force. The hearings will be held the week of August 15-20, 2011, in the basin.

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Assessment of Progress 1987-2010
On July 14, 2011, Commissioners approved making the drafting of the 1987-2010 assessment report in time for the October 12-14, 2011 Great Lakes Water Quality Biennial Meeting a top priority, recognizing that the completion of other activities would take longer than originally planned.
Paul J. Pilon  
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