INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL
September 9, 2011
12:00 Noon EDT

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on September 9, 2011, chaired by Lana Pollack.

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

MINUTES
2. Commissioners approved the draft Minutes of the Commissioners’ conference call of July 15, 2011, as modified, and the draft Minutes of the Commissioners’ conference call of August 12, 2011.

APPOINTMENTS
3. A. International Niagara Board of Control
Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Keyes to be a Canadian member of the International Niagara Board of Control for a three year term effective September 9, 2011, to September 8, 2014.

B. International Kootenay Lake Board of Control and International Osoyoos Lake Board of Control
Commissioners approved the appointment of Colonel Bruce Estok to be U.S. Co-Chair of the International Kootenay Lake Board of Control and a U.S. member of the International Osoyoos Lake Board of Control for a three year term to each Board effective July 29, 2011, to July 28, 2014.

2011 GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY BIENNIAL MEETING
4. A. Meeting Arrangements
Commissioners received an update on the arrangements being made for the October 12-14, 2011 Biennial meeting in Detroit. They noted that former U.S. Vice President Al Gore has agreed to be a keynote speaker at the meeting. Commissioners approved having a conference call on Friday, October 7 to review briefing materials in advance of the meeting.

B. Detroit Public TV Proposal
Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Detroit Public TV to provide coverage of the October 12-14 Great Lakes Week in Detroit. Commissioners supported the use of $35,000 of U.S. Section funds to help support the project.

C. Report on Assessment of Progress Since 1987
Commissioners received an update on the status of the report that advisers are drafting on assessment of progress since 1987. A preliminary draft of the report will be discussed at the Biennial meeting. Commissioners thanked advisers for the excellent progress made to date and noted that the intent is to release a preliminary draft of the report on or about September 28, so that meeting participants will have time to review the draft report prior to the start of the meeting. Commissioners asked advisers to include a glossary, and chapters on fish consumption and beaches.
INTERNATIONAL WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE
5. Commissioners reviewed recent letters from the two governments in which they commented on the Commission’s Third International Watersheds Initiative Report. Commissioners approved draft responses to the governments, as modified.

INTERNATIONAL AIR QUALITY AGREEMENT 2010 PROGRESS REPORT
6. Commissioners agreed to extend the public comment period on the governments’ 2010 progress report from September 9, 2011, to October 7, 2011, to allow time for additional outreach efforts to solicit comments.

ACTION ITEM LIST
7. Commissioners reviewed the updated Action Item List. They asked about the status of the pipelines report and were informed that it was being worked upon only intermittently due to the need for staff to focus on other, higher priority issues. Commissioners agreed to take up the issue after the October Biennial and Semi-Annual meetings to determine a way forward.

OTHER BUSINESS
8. A. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Negotiations
Commissioners discussed the August 30 teleconference they had with the governments’ negotiators and the follow-up information they agreed to provide to the governments. Commissioners directed advisers to draft a letter addressing the issue raised by negotiators about the difficulties the Commission has had getting data from the governments and several other issues.

B. 2011-2013 Great Lakes Water Quality Priorities
Commissioners noted the useful preliminary discussion on the 2011-2013 priorities that they had during the August 30 Executive meeting. Commissioners asked advisers to draft a document summarizing the key points of that discussion. That document will help inform the subsequent discussion on the priorities, which will take place after the Commission receives comments for the Water Quality Board and the Science Advisory Board.

C. Canadian Chair’s Activities
The Canadian Section Legal Adviser (in the Canadian Chair’s absence) noted that the Canadian Chair is ready to report on the research he has done on the roles and mandates of the WQB, SAB, and CGLRM. The Chair also has put together a list of questions regarding the two studies on alien invasive species that advisers reported on during the July 15, 2011, Commissioners’ conference call.

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Paul J. Pilon                   Charles A. Lawson
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Canadian Section               U.S. Section
INTERNATIONAL WATERMARKS INITIATIVE

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