INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE CALL
Friday, November 16, 2012
12:00 PM EDT

The International Joint Commission met by conference call on November 16, 2012, chaired by Joe Comuzzi.

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AGENDA

1. Commissioners approved the agenda without amendment.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners deferred approval of the draft minutes of the October Executive Meeting until the December 2012 Executive Meeting. Commissioners requested that U.S. and Canadian sections identify staff that would be dedicated to taking minutes at meetings to ensure expediting of their drafting and distribution.

APPOINTMENTS

3. Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Todd Sando, as U.S. Chair of the International Souris River Board for a three year period starting December 3, 2012 and ending December 2, 2015.

IJJC ACTION ITEM LIST

4. Commissioners reviewed the Action Item list and: 1) requested an update on the Aquatic Invasive Species Brochure, to which staff indicated they would have a Briefing Note for the December Executive. Commissioners also requested inclusion of an action item to reflect the ongoing staff work with respect to the Implementation of the Great Lake Water Quality Agreement. As follow up to that discussion, a Commissioner call will be scheduled for November 30, 2012, to discuss GLWQA materials including the Commission’s remarks for the upcoming Great Lakes Executive (GLEC) meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDANCE

5. Commissioners and staff agreed to provide comments to Legal Advisors on the November 15th draft Conflicts of Interest Guidance before November 23rd, at which time, a final draft will be distributed to Commissioners for approval.

NUCLEAR

6. Commissioners reviewed the draft letter to nuclear ENGOs, requested additional text be added to invite the groups to provide the Commission with any written material to inform the Commission’s watching brief, and directed staff to provide Commissioners with a revised draft letter for approval.

INTERNATIONAL UPPER GREAT LAKES STUDY

7. Commissioners reviewed staff efforts to compile and analyze all the comments received during the International Upper Great Lakes Study public comment period and: 1) requested modification to the proposed acknowledgment letter to those who provided comments; 2) noted that staff intend to provide Commissioners with copies of all the
comments received in a week; and 3) noted that they would need to have an extended discussion on the issues related to the study at the December Executive meeting.

OSOYOOS LAKE ORDER OF APPROVAL

8. Commissioners received an oral update on staff discussions with the Osoyoos Board and the State of Washington on the proposed Order of Approval. Staff hopes to present to Commissioners a revised Order of Approval for review at the Executive in December.

DECISIONS TAKEN VIA POLLING

Great Lakes Climate Change Proposal
On November 16, 2012, Commissioners approved sending a letter concerning a proposal on Climate Change in the Great Lakes region being submitted for funding to the Freshwater Future organization.

16th Great Lakes Water Quality Biennial Report

Presque Isle Bay Area of Concern Delisting
On November 5, 2012, Commissioners approved a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency providing Commission support for the delisting the Presque Isle Bay Area of Concern, which is located on Lake Erie in Pennsylvania.

Lake Erie Proposal
On October 25, 2012, Commissioners approved sending a letter concerning a proposal on Lake Erie being submitted to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Peninsula Harbour Remedial Action Plan
On October 24, 2012, Commissioners approved having staff provide Environment Canada with comments on the final draft Peninsular Harbour Remedial Action Plan Stage 2 Report.

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