The International Joint Commission met by conference call on May 16 and 22, 2014, chaired by Gordon Walker.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. The agenda was accepted with the addition of a number of items to be discussed under Other Business.

MINUTES

2. Commissioners reviewed the draft minutes of the April 28-May 1 Semi-Annual meeting and requested that more details of the discussion be included in sections on the Board meeting appearances. Commissioners also requested that the Board appearance agenda, including board membership be added as an Annex to the minutes and that Board presentations be posted on the internet. The revised minutes will be submitted for Commissioners' approval by polling.

IJC ACTION ITEM LIST

3. Commissioners reviewed the updated action item list and requested modifications to regarding the timing of the next Executive meeting (July 2014); next steps regarding the Supplementary Order for Lake Superior Regulation; and provision of a summary IWI projects to governments.

DRAFT SCHEDULES OF 2015 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCE CALLS

4. Commissioners approved in principle the proposed 2015 Schedule of Executive Meetings, and Secretaries committed to adjusting the Conference call schedules to better coordinate these calls with the Executive meeting schedule. Commissioners agreed to review the possible need for an additional Executive Meeting in September at a later date.

LAKE ONTARIO-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

5. Commissioners reviewed a draft strategy and requested that staff develop “desired headlines” and a few key messages for use by the Commission in delivering the main messages regarding Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River report. Commissioners reviewed a first draft of this material on May 22nd and requested a second draft within a week. Commissioners confirmed that the responsiveness summary should be posted on the website at the time of the release of the report, following a thorough review by staff and legal counsel. Commissioners confirmed June 17th as the date to release the report publicly and reiterated their desire to provide advance briefings to interested jurisdictions. Commissioners suggested modifications to a draft news release.
GREAT LAKES-ST. LAWRENCE RIVER ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6. Commissioners reviewed a draft directive for a new Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Adaptive Management Committee and requested modification to clarify the nature of the AM Committee’s reporting relationship with the three Great Lakes Control Boards and the Commission. Commissioners requested that staff consider how best to ensure communication and coordination between the work of the AM Committee and the Commission’s work under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Commissioners also reviewed a draft response to the Boards’ April 24th letters and requested that a revised draft be developed.

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY BOARD

7. Commissioners agreed to the Phase II Human Health Hazards Indicators workplan for a contractual review and development of a white paper to identify the associations between indicators of human health hazards with human health outcomes, noting that the work could be done within the current GLRO budget. Commissioners also agreed to the HPAB’s suggestion that it develop a proposal to review the human health impacts in the Rainy River and Lake of the Woods Watershed, noting the need to identify a possible funding source. Possible inclusion of such a study as part of the POS was considered. With respect to the proposed submission for IWI of a study of adverse economic and health impacts from HAB on social correlates of health in transboundary regions dependent on tourism, Commissioners asked whether conducting such work was appropriate. Commissioners requested that staff discuss with the HBAB to focus proposed work on Lake Erie within GLWQA authorities.

WHITE LAKE AREA OF CONCERN

8. Commissioners approved staff comments on the draft White Lake Area of Concern Delisting Report and authorized staff to transmit the comments to the Parties.

MAY 2, 2014 MEETING WITH GOVERNMENTS

9. Commissioners reviewed the issues that were discussed at the May 2, 2014, meeting with the governments. On the Lake Superior Order, Commissioners agreed to follow up with the governments in the first week of June if the governments have not provided their responses on the Order. On the Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Study, Commissioners supported staff developing a scope of work for utilizing the FY 2014 US Section funds and working with the State Department and DFATD to get their agreement on the work. On the Souris River Study, Commissioners agreed that further information from State and DFATD was needed before moving forward with an IJC commitment of funds to complement North Dakota’s offer of support for the study. On the IWI, Commissioners agreed that staff should put together a summary of IWI projects as requested by the governments. This summary will be in addition to the Fourth IWI Report to Governments, which is scheduled to be completed in late 2014 or early 2015.
OTHER BUSINESS

10. a) June 10, 2013 Executive Meeting Minutes
Commissioners approved the minutes as modified.

b) July 2014 Executive Meeting and Site Visits
Commissioners received an update on arrangements for the July Executive meeting and site visits.

c) Commissioner Read Outs on Presentations
Commissioner Bouchard provided a read out of his presentation and discussions at the international conference in Quebec City on *Transboundary Waters Management In a Context of Climate Change* and on a courtesy call to senior officials of the Ministere du développement durable, de l'Environnement, de la Faune et des Parcs. Commissioner Glance provided a summary of a briefing given to NY state officials on the Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River report.

d) GLRO Charter
Commissioners agreed to have a discussion of the final draft of the Charter the week of May 26th.

e) Social Media
Commissioners discussed the use of social media and asked Commissioner Glance to work with Jeff Kart to set up a hands-on briefing for Commissioners on the use of social media in the upcoming months.

f) Enbridge Pipeline #5
Commissioners noted the concerns that have been raised about the potential risks to Great Lakes water quality from Enbridge’s aging pipeline #5 underlying the Strait of Mackinac. They asked staff from the three offices, led by the GLRO, to develop a briefing note for Commissioners on the issue, including possible next steps such as organizing a meeting for outside experts to brief Commissioners.

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