

**DIRECTIVE  
TO THE  
INTERNATIONAL LAKE OF THE WOODS AND RAINY RIVER WATERSHED TASK FORCE**

The purpose of this directive is to establish and direct the International Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Watershed Task Force to examine and report to the International Joint Commission on matters expressed by the governments of Canada and the United States in letters to the International Joint Commission dated June 17, 2010 (copies attached). As stated in these letters, the Governments requested that the IJC review and make recommendations regarding the bi-national management of the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Basin and the IJC's potential role in this management. This is the mandate of the International Lake of the Woods and Rainy River Watershed Task Force.

The Commission will appoint Members of the Task Force, Co-Chairs to lead the Task Force's efforts, and Co-Secretaries. The Co-Chairs will be responsible for organizing and executing the work of the Task Force, and for coordinating with, and reporting to, the Commission. The Task Force will be binational, comprising an equal number of members from each country. Under the general supervision of the Co-Chair(s), the Secretaries shall carry out such duties as are assigned by the Co-Chairs or the Task Team as a whole. Members and Secretaries of the Task Force will act in their personal and professional capacities and not as representatives of their countries, agencies, organizations, or other affiliations. The Commission will provide guidance to the Task Force and will pursue technical assistance from the two Governments, as identified by the Task Force. Members of the Task Force and any committees or work groups created by it will be responsible for their own expenses unless otherwise arranged with the Commission.

In addressing the matters raised by the Governments in their June 17 letters, the Task Force will coordinate its investigations and engage federal governments and relevant provinces, First Nations, tribes and states, as well as the wider body of stakeholders and the public. The Commission stresses the importance of public outreach and consultation. The Task Force shall coordinate all such activities with the Commission. The Task Force shall consult with the International Rainy Lake Board of Control and International Rainy River Pollution Board to seek their views so that each Board and Task Force may be aware of any activities of the other that might be useful to it in carrying out its responsibilities.

The Task Force shall keep the Commission fully informed of its progress and direction through regular communications with, and by reporting to, the Commission Secretaries or their designees.

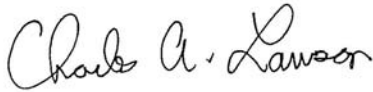
The Task Force will evaluate and analyze available information, and it will inform the Commission of any additional informational requirements necessary to address the matters raised by the Governments. The Task Force will strive to reach decisions by consensus and will immediately notify the Commission of any irreconcilable differences. Any lack of clarity or precision in instructions or directions received from the Commission shall be promptly referred to the Commission for clarification.

The Commission authorizes the Task Force to begin its work immediately. The Task Force will submit a work plan with an associated schedule of activities and budget for the Commission's approval as soon as practicable. The work plan shall include a proposal that will describe how public consultation will be undertaken. The consultation plan shall discuss how the Task Force will collaborate with federal governments, provinces, First Nations, tribes and states, as well as the wider body of stakeholders and the public. The Task Force will submit its final report no later than July 15, 2011. The final report should

contain the Task Force's findings, conclusions and recommendations regarding the matters raised by the governments.

Documents, letters, memoranda, and communications of every kind in the official records of the Commission are privileged and become available for public information only after their release by the Commission. The Commission considers all documents in the official records of Task Force or any of its committees or work groups to be similarly privileged. Accordingly, all such documents shall be so identified and maintained as separate files.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010.



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