

## APPENDIX A

### 1997-1999 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS AND REPORTS ISSUED WITH RESPECT TO GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY

#### 1999 GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY FORUM, MILWAUKEE WISCONSIN

The program for the 1999 Great Lakes Water Quality Forum in Milwaukee emphasized dialogue among the participants. In plenary sessions, the public commented on a variety of issues, notably RAPs and LaMPs, funding issues, development of indicators under SOLEC, and sediment cleanup. Several technical workshops provided substantial opportunities for exchange of ideas, dialogue, public outreach and obtaining public input. These workshops assembled scientific specialists, government and environmental group officials, and concerned citizens to address such topics as air quality modeling for toxic substances, alien invasive species, and ways in which technical specialists can communicate complex scientific information for public use. These workshops allowed for informed discussion among all participants including Commissioners. The Commission intends to continue the emphasis on topical sessions in planning its next biennial meeting in Montreal in September 2001.

While the workshop focus reduced the number of individual presentations made during the public hearing component, compared to other biennial meetings, the quality of the presentations was excellent and there was greater opportunity for interaction between the speakers and Commissioners. The Commission heard statements presented by the leadership of most of the public groups and organizations involved in Great Lakes activities. Their comments were binational in focus, and addressed a range of concerns including RAP progress, funding issues, matters of accountability and reporting under the Agreement, and emerging issues.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION

1. **September 1997. Area of Concern site visit. SAB public meeting. Co-hosted with Mohawk Council of Akwesasne, Cornwall, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/pr9799/rapvisit.html>**
2. **November 1997. Area of Concern site visit. SAB public meeting regarding the St. Marys River Status Assessment. Sault Sainte Marie, MI. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/pr9799/rapvisit.html>**
3. **September 1998. Area of Concern site visit. SAB public meeting. Porter/Gary/ Hammond, IN. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/pr9799/rapvisit.html>**
4. **October 1998. WQB public meeting and symposium, Lorain, OH. *Protecting What Has Been Gained in the Black River*. Co-hosted with the Black River RAP Coordinating Committee. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/black/toc.html>**
5. **November 1998. Council of Great Lakes Research Managers public meeting, Ann Arbor, MI.**
6. **May 1999. WQB public meeting and symposium, Toronto, ON. *Toward a Watershed Monitoring Framework for the Toronto Region*. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/toronto/index.html>**
7. **September 1999. Public workshop on *Air Pollutant Deposition to the Great Lakes*, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/iaqab/index.html>**
8. **September 1999. 1999 Great Lakes Water Quality Forum, Milwaukee, WI. <http://www.ijc.org/milwaukee/index.html>**

## REMEDIAL ACTION PLANS AND LAKEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLANS

9. February 1998. *SAB Meeting to Assess Scientific Issues in Relation to Lakewide Management Plans*. Windsor, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/pr9799/specmeet.html>
10. March 1998. *Beacons of Light Successful Strategies Toward Restoration in Areas of Concern*. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/annex2/beacon/beacon.html>
11. September 1998. *RAP Workshop on Transferring Successful Strategies and Techniques*, Hammond IN.
12. October 1998. *Nipigon Bay Area of Concern Stage 1 Review*. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/annex2/nipigon/stage2rev.html>
13. October 1998. WQB Sediment Priority Action Committee members participated in a Muskegon and White Lake RAP conference titled "Cleaning Up Our Lakes, Rivers, and Streams." Muskegon, MI.
14. February 1999. *St. Marys River Area of Concern Status Assessment*. <http://www.ijc.org/comm/stmarys/status.html>
15. May 1999. Roundtable discussion, based on the question, "Does the Recent Trend of Fewer Government Resources have a Bearing on Delivery of RAPs and LaMPs?" Toronto, ON
16. October 1999. Lake Ontario Lakewide Management Plan Stage 1 Review. <http://www.ijc.org/comm/lostage1.html>
17. December 1999. *Hamilton Harbour Area of Concern Status Assessment*. <http://www.ijc.org/comm/hamhar/hamharsa.html>
18. December 1999. *Hamilton Harbour Area of Concern Stage 2 Review*. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/annex2/hhrap2.html>

## INDICATORS

19. May 1998. *Great Lakes Habitat Restoration and Conservation*. A poster session and presentation at IAGLR '98, Hamilton, Ontario. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/iitf/pr9799/activities.html>
20. June 1998. *Indicators of the Condition of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem - A Binational Workshop*, Windsor, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/iitf/pr9799/activities.html>
21. July 1998. *IITF Progress Report*. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/iitf/prog0798.html>
22. July 1998. Commissioner Alice Chamberlin spoke on behalf of the Task Force and a poster session was held at the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Mayors Conference. Windsor, ON.
23. October 1998. *Workshop on Indicators* at SOLEC '98, Buffalo, NY. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/iitf/pr9799/activities.html>

24. May 1999. Presentation at IAGLR '99, Cleveland, OH.  
<http://www.ijc.org/boards/iitf/pr9799/activities.html>
25. August 1999. *Implementing Indicators for Human Health. Workshop for Drinking Water*, sponsored by SOLEC and IITF.
26. March 2000, *Indicators Implementation Task Force, Final Report*

## SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

27. 1998 and 1999 Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Research Inventory, on-going each year.  
1998 - <http://www.ijc.org/cglrm/ri98home.html>  
1999 - <http://www.ijc.org/cglrm/ri99home.html>
28. March 1998. *Second Annual Great Lakes Research Vessel Coordination Workshop*, Ann Arbor, MI.
29. 1998. *Great Lakes Research Vessel Inventory*. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/cglr/rv/vessels.html>
30. 1998 survey, *Identifying Emerging Issues in the Great Lakes*, SAB Workgroup on Emerging Issues.
31. February 1999. *Third Annual Great Lakes Research Vessel Workshop*, Windsor, ON.
32. May 1999. CGLRM and WQB co-assisted in the symposium *The Decline of Great Lakes Monitoring: Causes and Solutions*. IAGLR '99, Cleveland, OH.

## AIR

33. November 1998. *Special Report on Transboundary Air Quality Issues*.  
<http://www.ijc.org/boards/iaqab/spectrans/cover.html>
34. May 1999. *24th Progress Report to the International Joint Commission*.  
<http://www.ijc.org/boards/iaqab/progress24/>
35. October 1999. WQB and IAQAB co-sponsored a workshop on regulating point sources of air contaminants based on Great Lakes water quality standards and violations.

## HABITAT

36. March 1998. CGLRM and WQB co-sponsored *Rehabilitating and Conserving Detroit River Habitats*.  
<http://www.netcore.ca/~rspring/cea-drhc/cover.html>

## LAKE ERIE

37. April 1999. CGLRM and WQB co-sponsored the *Lake Erie at the Millennium* conference, Windsor, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/cglr/erie2000.html>

## SEDIMENT

38. April 1998. *Sediment Remediation Case Studies*. Three case studies of environmental benefits of sediment remediation are examined. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/cases/studies.html>
39. *Identifying and Assessing the Economic Benefits of Contaminated Aquatic Sediment Cleanup*. <http://www.ijc.org/publications/ecben.pdf>
40. July 1998. CGLRM and GLWQB co-reported on the *Management of Contaminated Sediments in the Great Lakes Basin and Benefits of Action*, to the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Mayors Conference. Windsor, ON.
41. December 1998. CGLRM and WQB co-sponsored and convened by the Sediment Priority Action Committee, *Workshop to Evaluate Data Interpretation Tools Used to Make Sediment Management Decisions*, Windsor, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/sedwkshp/index.html>
42. September 1999. *Ecological Benefits of Contaminated Sediment Remediation in the Great Lakes Basin*. Sediment Priority Action Committee. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/ecolsed/index.html>

## MODELING

43. October 1998. CGLRM session, *Connecting Ecosystem Objectives and Indicators through Modelling*, held at SOLEC, Buffalo, NY. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/cglr/pr9799/priorities.html>
44. May 1999. *Great Lakes Modeling Summit*, held at the 42nd Conference on Great Lakes Research, Cleveland, OH. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/cglr/index.html>

## BIODIVERSITY

45. 1998. Great Lakes Biodiversity Survey. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/cglr/pr9799/priorities.html>

## PERSISTENT TOXIC SUBSTANCES

46. September 1997. Workshop on *Policy Implications of Evidence Regarding Persistent Toxic Substances and Human Health*, Racine, WI. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/policy.html>
47. March 1998. SAB workshop on *Water Quality Criteria in Relation to Health Effects of Persistent Toxic Substances*. Chicago, IL. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/pr9799/wqwork.html>

An article titled "Water Quality Objectives: Yardsticks of the GLWQA" was published in *Environmental Health Perspectives* in March 1999. <http://ehpnet1.niehs.nih.gov/docs/1999/107-3/gilbertson-full.html>

48. March 1998. *Trends in the Levels and Effects of Persistent Toxic Substances in the Great Lakes*. Abstracts based on a 1996 SAB workshop on Environmental Results, Windsor, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/ehwptstrends.html>

49. June 1998. WQB members participated in the Great Lakes Workshop as part of review of progress in control and management of persistent toxic substances. Chicago, IL.

## **RADIOACTIVITY**

50. December 1997. Inventory of Radionuclides for the Great Lakes.  
<http://www.ijc.org/boards/nuclear/invrep/index.html>

51. Fall 1999. *Report of Bioaccumulation of Elements to Accompany the Inventory of Radionuclides in the Great Lakes Basin.* <http://www.ijc.org/boards/nuclear/bio/index.html>

## **NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION**

52. September 1998. SAB session on nonpoint sources of pollution held in association with the Great Lakes Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Conference, Toledo, OH.  
<http://www.ijc.org/boards/sab/pr9799/nonpoint.html>

## **AQUACULTURE**

53. January 1999. *Aquaculture Roundtable: Addressing Concerns for Water Quality Impacts from Large Scale Great Lakes Aquaculture.* Roundtable meeting with the Habitat Advisory Board of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Windsor, ON. <http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/aquaculture/index.html>

## **GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

54. October 1998. *Review of Government Resources and Changing Program Thrusts as they Relate to Delivery of Programs under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.*  
<http://www.ijc.org/boards/wqb/govres/review.html>

## **BOARD AND COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

55. September 1999. *1997-99 Priorities and Progress Under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.*  
<http://www.ijc.org/comm/pr9799.html>