

**Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council Meeting
Summary**

August 4, 2011

2:20 p.m. EDT

Notice:

Notice of the meeting was provided to the public through the Great Lakes Information Network's distribution list on July 25, 2011. Notice was also posted to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (Compact Council) website at www.glscompactcouncil.org. The notice included an announcement that the meeting agenda, draft resolutions and materials to be discussed during the meeting were available on the Compact Council's website. Less than 30 days notice was given for this special meeting of the Compact Council because the sole substantive focus was to vote on a budget resolution for the Compact Council for FY 2012 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012).

Call of Meeting:

2:00 p.m. EDT—The meeting was called to order by Dan Injerd, Alternate of Compact Council Chair, Governor Pat Quinn.

Roll Call:

The following Compact Council members, constituting a quorum, were present:

Illinois (designee of Governor Pat Quinn): Gary Clark, Director (Retired), Office of Water Resources, Illinois Department of Natural Resources; Daniel Injerd, Manager, Lake Michigan Management Section, Office of Water Resources, Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Indiana (designee of Governor Mitch Daniels): Ron McAhron, Deputy Director, Regulatory Team, Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Michigan (designee of Governor Rick Snyder): Grant Trigger, Cleanup Manager for the former GM properties in Michigan, RACER Trust.

Minnesota (designee of Governor Mark Dayton): Dale Homuth, Conservation Assistance and Regulatory Program Manager, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; Julie Eckman, Water Permits Program Supervisor, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

New York (designee of Governor Andrew Cuomo): Jim Tierney, Assistant Commissioner for Water Resources, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Ohio (designee of Governor John Kasich): Scott Zody¹ and Ted Lozier, on behalf of David Mustine, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Ontario (designee of Premier Dalton McGuinty): Eric Boysen¹, on behalf of Kevin Wilson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ontario Ministry of Labour.

Pennsylvania (designee of Governor Tom Corbett): Kelly Heffner, Deputy Secretary for Water Management, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

Québec (designee of Premier Jean Charest): Marcel Gaucher, Director,

¹ Signed proxy forms for individuals participating on behalf of official member designees are available upon request.

Direction des politiques de l'eau, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs.

Wisconsin (designee of Governor Scott Walker): Eric Ebersberger¹ on behalf of Cathy Stepp, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Opportunity for public comments.

Members of the public were given an opportunity to ask questions or provide comments.

Noting that the meeting of the Regional Body adjourned immediately prior to the Compact Council meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Injerd to incorporate comments and questions made by the public during the public comment portion of the Regional Body meeting into the Compact Council minutes.

The motion was approved without objection. Pursuant to the approved motion, the following public comments and questions are incorporated by reference into the Compact Council's record and re-printed in their entirety below:

- Sara Gosman, National Wildlife Federation: Ms. Gosman reiterated concerns previously made to the Regional Body and Compact Council regarding the level of funding for the support of both bodies. Specifically, compared to eastern Compact Commissions, she felt that there was not sufficient support for both entities to perform their jobs properly. In addition, Ms. Gosman noted that the resolution to be considered at today's meeting allows for the raising of additional funding for reviewing the diversions, but Ms. Gosman felt that such funding should be allocated in the budget to be considered today.

Old Business

Consideration of Regional Body Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012) budget resolution.

Mr. Injerd introduced Resolution #18 which would adopt the Compact Council Fiscal Year 2012 budget. Mr. Tierney moved that the resolution be adopted.

Mr. Trigger asked about the source of funding for the Compact Council budget under this resolution. In response, Mr. Naftzger, Executive Director of the Compact Council, noted that the source of income in support of this budget is in the form of a grant from the Great Lakes Protection Fund. Mr. Trigger also asked what would happen if the Compact Council went over budget in the future. In response, Mr. Naftzger stated that additional funding authorization would need to be approved by the Compact Council. Mr. Injerd also noted that there is an ongoing discussion regarding long-term funding plans for the Compact Council.

The motion was adopted unanimously pursuant to roll call vote.

Illinois—Yes
Indiana—Yes

Michigan—Yes
Minnesota—Yes
New York—Yes
Ohio—Yes
Pennsylvania—Yes
Wisconsin—Yes

Other Business

Mr. Trigger asked that contact information for the new Compact Council alternates be sent to the members of the Compact Council.

Mr. Injerd notified the participants on the call that there would be a staff level call on October 14, 2011 to discuss potential recommendations for the consideration of the Regional Body and Compact Council on a number of issues.

Mr. Injerd also reported that there were environmental DNA findings for Asian silver carp on the South and North Branches of the Chicago River, as well as Lake Calumet. However, despite the fact that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and commercial fisherman had been intensively searching for silver carp, none had thus far been found in any of those areas.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Trigger to adjourn. The motion carried without objection. The next meeting of the Compact Council has been tentatively set for December 8, 2011.

The full text of the materials discussed at the meeting is available online at www.gslcompactcouncil.org.

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Peter R. Johnson
Compact Council Secretary