2018 IJC Spring Semi-Annual

Bilateral Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 26, 1:00 – 5:00 pm
2201 C. Street NW, Room 3912
Conference Line:
1-877-336-1828, Code: 2801660

Welcome and Opening Remarks – 1:00 PM

Cynthia Kierscht
Sylvain Fabi

IJC-Government Relations – 1:15 PM

1. IJC Management Issues (US Leads)

IJC Issues – 1:30 PM

2. Interest in Water Quality Mandate (Canada Leads)
3. Water Quality in Lakes Champlain and Memphremagog (US Leads)
4. Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Flooding Study (Canada Leads)
5. Souris River Plan of Study (US Leads)
6. Great Lakes Adaptive Management (US Leads)
7. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Update (TAP Report) (Canada Leads)
8. International Watersheds Initiative (Canada Leads)
9. Rainy-Namakan Rule Curve Implementation (US Leads)
10. Rainy - Lake of the Woods Basin (Canada Leads)
    - Water Quality in Lake of the Woods
    - Water Levels in Lake of the Woods
    - Shoal Lake

Break – 2:45 PM

Other Bilateral Issues – 3:00 PM

11. Plan 2014 (US Leads)
12. Deep Geologic Repository (US Leads)
13. Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Canada Leads)
14. St. Croix River: Forest City Dam, Milltown Refurbishment (Canada Leads)
15. Manitoba-North Dakota Water Issues (Canada Leads)
    - Pembina
    - Northwest Area Water Supply Project
    - Red River Valley Supply Project
16. St. Mary/Milk River (US Leads)
17. Transboundary Mining Issues (US Lead)
    - B.C.-Alaska/Montana Gap Report
    - Polymet

Agenda
IJC Meeting with Governments
Friday, April 27, 2018
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Conference call numbers:
Phone: 1-866-352-2219
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8:30 - 9:30 AM - Informal Meeting

- Transboundary water quality
- Reference studies

9:30-9:45 AM - Health Break

9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

1. Lake Champlain and Lake Memphremagog Water Quality Study
2. Lake Champlain-Richelieu River Study
3. Souris River Study
4. Flood and Drought Outlook
5. Great Lakes Adaptive Management
6. Great Lakes Triennial Assessment of Progress Report
7. International Watersheds Initiative
8. Rainy-Namakan Lakes Rule Curves Implementation
9. Update on IJC Reports

IJC Semi-Annual Meetings
Washington, D.C., Spring 2018

U.S. Delegation

U.S. Department of State

In-person

Cynthia Kierscht	Director, Office of Canadian Affairs
Miriam Murray	ESTH Lead, Office of Canadian Affairs
Julien Katchinoff	Transboundary Water Specialist, Office of Canadian Affairs
David Birdsey	ESTH Counselor, U.S. Embassy Ottawa

By phone

Ellen Dunlap	Deputy Director, ESTH Section, U.S. Embassy Ottawa
Bakhtiyor R Mukhammadiev	Water and Fisheries Specialist, U.S. Embassy Ottawa
Geoff Reid	Pol/Econ Specialist, U.S Consulate Vancouver

Environmental Protection Agency

Jane Nishida	Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, OITA
Tinka Hyde	Director, Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO)
Mark Kasman	Director, Office of Regional and Bilateral Affairs (ORBA), OITA
Pam Teel	Canada Program Manager, OITA/ORBA

By phone

Jamie Schardt	GLNPO

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Kyle McCune	Chief, Water Management Division Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, USACE
Arun Heer	Great Lakes Team Leader Water Management Division, USACE

Department of Transportation

Craig Middlebrook	SLSDC Deputy Administrator
Thomas Lavigne	SLSDC Associate Administrator

U.S. Department of Interior

Participants as of April 20, 2018

In-person

Ryan Close	Senior International Policy Advisor, Department of the Interior
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Sandra Eberts	Water Mission Area Program Science Coordinator, USGS
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By phone

Diane Lazinsky	Regional Environmental Officer, Department of the Interior

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Courtney Hoover	Regional Environmental Officer, Department of the Interior
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Harold Peterson	Natural Resource Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Mary Manydeeds	Midwest Region Hydrologist, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Nathan Watson	Great Plains Regional Liaison, US Bureau of Reclamation
Hillary Smith	Abandoned Min Lands Program Lead, National Park Service
Jon Hortness	Great Lakes Program Coordinator, US Geological Survey
Lea Tyhach	Office of the Solicitor

IJC Only (in-person)

John Kilpatrick	Wyoming-Montana Water Science Center Director, USGS

Canadian Government Delegation

Global Affairs Canada

Sylvain Fabi	Executive Director, U.S. Transboundary Affairs Division
Felicia Minotti	Senior Policy Officer, U.S. Transboundary Affairs Division
Nicole Gibeau	Senior Policy Officer, U.S. Transboundary Affairs Division
Marcus Davies	Legal Officer, Oceans and Environmental Law Division
Rachel McCormick	Counsellor/Program Manager, Embassy of Canada
Duncan Stewart	Environment and Energy Officer, Embassy of Canada
Joel Wessman,	Political and Economic Relations Officer, Canadian Consulate General Minneapolis

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Daniel Hallman	Director, Americas Division, Bilateral Affairs and Trade Directorate
Michael Goffin	Regional Director-General, Ontario Region
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Carla Torchia	Manager, Great Lakes Environment Office, Environment and Climate Change Canada
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Participating by Teleconference:

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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