

Summary Notes - Meeting
International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board
Toronto, Ontario – April 7-8, 2005

Attendance:

April 7, 2005:

André Carpentier, Doug Cuthbert, Gene Stakhiv, Frank Sciremammano, Frank Quinn, Ian Crawford, Lynn Cleary, Henry Lickers, Pete Loucks, Sandra LeBarron, Ed Eryuzlu, Tony Eberhardt, Arleen Kreuzsch, Greg McGillis, Bill Werick, Wendy Leger, Tom McAuley, Russ Trowbridge

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Note: This summary does not cover the PFEG workshop held on April 6 and 7; PFEG will provide separate summary of the workshop.

Board Tasks and actions looking ahead:

1. Criteria for chosen options (Captain Frank S.) – to be complete by August 2005
2. Written justification for options (Captain Steven R.) – before April 28th meeting, final by August.
3. How will the plan be operationalized/ deviations? (Captain Frank S.): agreed on target date of June 8th for discussion on deviations. Operational aspects determined once plan is selected. There was no target time specified.
4. Mitigation requirements and institutional arrangements needed (Captain Gene S.)
5. Adaptive management to be implemented (Captain Lynn Cleary) – A section will be written for the Final Report.

Other:

1. What does the study have to do in the next 6 months to make all of the above possible?

- a. Continue tweaking the three plans (A, B, D): It was agreed that PFEG, with Bill as lead, will complete all that the tweaking before the August 24-25 Board meeting.
 - b. Preparing the public presentations (Note: 3 presentations will be available – the two listed below and the one presented to the Commission in Washington, DC);
 - i. Elected officials – (First on May 18th)
 - ii. Summer Meetings
 - c. Drafting the Final Report – draft for June 8th Meeting in Kingston: (Doug and Tony)
 - d. Preparations for meeting with Commission and Control Board June 8th and 9th respectively.
 - e. Fill in gaps for material regarding independent review (Tom / Russ)
 - f. Information management
 - i. Paper and electronic versions of all documents and reports
 - ii. Update web site (IM Leads)
 - g. Determination of future TWG involvement – Gene and Doug to follow-up
2. Status of Final TWG and Study Reports – TWG reports will be available in hard copy or electronically – most notably Rec. Boating, M&I, Coastal and Environmental. Hydro and Commercial Navigation information will be in the form of PI and Conceptual Narratives. First draft of the Final Report will be provided to the Board by the end of May.
 3. Update on Peer Review – final report by end of October. Interim report meetings – late May (Niagara-On-The-Lake) and end of July (Washington, DC). Will include wetlands, SAR, IERM, FEPS and SVM. May also include review of studies on muskrats. Request was made by Russ to identify interest experts to include on independent review panel.
 4. New Canadian TWG Lead, Andre Talbot, confirmed by the Board.

Budget:

1. Canadian:
 - Year 4 funds may be used to cover most or all of the Canadian Study share of the Peer review. This will depend on the arrangements made with between the two Sections of the IJC.
 - If necessary, Year-5 Canadian budget includes \$50,000 to cover the Study share of the cost of the Peer Review.
 - Board agreed to fund additional coastal work to be carried by Baird and Associates; suggestion was made to cover the cost (estimated \$50,000) from unused year-4 money.

2. U.S. year 5 budget is expected to be fully committed by Sept. 30, 2005. U.S. Board travel commitment will be made prior to the end of the fiscal year for travel made in the fall 2005. \$60,000 will be reserved for independent review.

By:
Ed Eryuzlu and Tony Eberhardt
21 April 2005

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Agenda

(Note: some of these items may be possible to cover on the afternoon of 7 April after the workshop of that day)

1. Agenda review and approval
2. Board and PIAG discussion on decisions from workshop of April 6 and 7
 - Board briefing PIAG on decision and assessment
 - Feedback from PIAG; issues, concerns
 - Follow-up actions
3. Review of plans for summer public consultations (Arleen/Greg)
4. Review of Plans for briefing elected officials (Arleen/Greg)
5. Status of Peer Review (Tom/ Russ)
6. Study Budget Reports (Ed/Tony)
7. Spring Semi-Annual Appearance (Gene/Tony)
 - Report to the Commission
 - Presentation
 - Other activities
8. Other issues

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