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Media Advisory

Water Levels Study to Hold Three Additional Public Meetings

The International Upper Great Lakes Study (IUGLS) has announced that, using web-conferencing technology, three additional public meetings will be held on July 7 and 8 in Fish Creek, WI, Collingwood, ON, and Mequon, WI, to solicit comments and answer questions on the draft report, Impacts on Upper Great Lakes Water Levels: St. Clair River. The Study has already held fourteen public meetings in communities around the Great Lakes basin.

July 7, 7-9pm EDT

Door County Auditorium
3926 Highway 42
FISH CREEK, WI 54212-0397

July 8, 7-9pm EDT

Town of The Blue Mountains
Blue Mountain Resort
Georgian Bay Room #1
796468 Grey County Rd. 19, RR#3
COLLINGWOOD, Ontario L9Y 3Z2

Concordia University Wisconsin
Albrecht #113
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive
MEQUON, WI 53097

Note: meeting will be held 6-8pm CDT

For the past two years, more than 100 Canadian and U.S. scientists and engineers have worked together to address important questions, posed by the International Joint Commission, regarding the St. Clair River system that connects Lake Michigan-Huron to Lake Erie:

- Has the conveyance or water-carrying capacity of the St. Clair River changed, and if so, why?
- What effect could an altered flow have on water levels in the upper Great Lakes?
- What other factors may be affecting the change in the water levels?
- What actions, if any, should be taken by governments to remedy concerns about low water levels?

The meetings will include a presentation detailing the research, analysis, findings and recommendations of the draft report. Following the presentation, the public will have ample opportunity to provide their views regarding the findings and proposed recommendations. Local members of the Study's Public Interest Advisory Group will host the meetings and Study experts will be on hand at each location to answer questions.

This report is the first output of the Study, which will continue to examine whether the regulation plan for outflows from Lake Superior through the compensating works and power dams on the St. Marys River at Sault Ste. Marie might be improved to take into consideration changing climate and evolving interests of property owners, ecosystems, local governments, the shipping sector, hydropower and the recreation/tourism industry.

The draft report, a summary of the findings and other important information is available at www.iugls.org.