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Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Water Levels

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IJC Extends Public Comment Period

The International Joint Commission (IJC) has extended the period for public comment on the report of its International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study Board until September 15, 2006 following the release of the Annexes to the report.

The Study Board reviewed the regulation of water levels and flows in the Lake Ontario - St. Lawrence River system, taking into account the impact of regulation on affected interests. The Annexes provide the Technical Work Group summaries, descriptions of the new candidate regulation plans,

discussion of mitigation and adaptive management action plans, and the pertinent background documents.

The Commission will consider the options in the Study Board report as potential replacements for the current regulation plan, Plan 1958-D, and will also consider revising its Orders of Approval for regulation of Lake Ontario outflows. The public is welcome to provide comments on the Study Board report, the Annexes to the report, or any other relevant matters, to assist the Commission in its deliberations. Copies of the

Study Board report and Annexes are available from either address below, or online at:

<http://www.losl.org/reports/finalreport-e.html>.

Comments by letter, fax or email must be received by September 15, 2006 at either address below.

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Great Lakes Water Level Information

Lake	July 2006 Monthly Mean Level		Beginning of August 2006 Level	
	Compared to Monthly Average (1918-2005)	Compared to One Year Ago	Compared to Beginning-of-Month Average (1918-2005)	Compared to One Year Ago
Superior	21 cm below	11 cm below	21 cm below	7 cm below
Michigan-Huron	46 cm below	5 cm below	42 cm below	2 cm below
St. Clair	18 cm below	2 cm below	12 cm below	4 cm above
Erie	3 cm below	6 cm above	3 cm above	10 cm above
Ontario	1 cm below	4 cm above	8 cm above	15 cm above



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Niagara Open House Scheduled

The International Niagara Board of Control will hold an open house on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. This open house is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Red Coach Inn, 2 Buffalo Ave, Niagara Falls, New York.

The evening's format has been chosen to encourage an open dialogue with, and amongst, those in attendance. Posters, maps and other informative material will be displayed and it is anticipated that discussions will focus on the responsibility of the Board in matters that affect the flows and levels of the Niagara River.

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July Precipitation over the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term July average:

Great Lakes Basin	137%	Lake Erie	168%
Lake Superior	126%	(including Lake St. Clair)	
Lakes Michigan-Huron	118%	Lake Ontario	196%

NOTE: These figures are preliminary

Water Level Outlook

Water levels on lakes Superior and Michigan-Huron are expected to remain about the same during August. Water levels on lakes Erie and Ontario are expected to start to decline. The changes that will actually occur will depend on the water supplies received by each lake.

July Outflows from the Great Lakes

As a percentage of the long-term July average:

Lake Superior	93%	Lake Erie	97%
Lake Huron	87%	Lake Ontario	91%

NOTE: These figures are preliminary