

**Public Invited to Comment on draft report:  
*Impacts on Upper Great Lakes Water Levels:  
the St. Clair River***

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?

**Sarnia, Ontario  
Public Meeting  
May 19, 2009  
7:00 – 9:00 pm  
Sarnia City Hall  
Council Chambers  
255 North Christina Street  
Sarnia, ON N7T 7N2**

Using web-conferencing technology, a series of 14 public meetings (see schedule, sidebar) will be held to provide information about the results and to receive comments regarding Study recommendations. Each series of meetings will connect sites throughout the basin to allow upstream and downstream interests to participate and benefit from each other's knowledge and experience.

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 interests and changing climate. The final report of the Study is expected early in 2012.

**For More Information or to Comment on the Draft Report**

To review the draft of the Study's full scientific report on the St. Clair River, please visit the International Upper Great Lakes Study website: [www.iugls.org](http://www.iugls.org).

Comments on the draft report can be submitted using the form on the website, via email to the Study Board at [comments@iugls.org](mailto:comments@iugls.org), or by writing to either of the following addresses:

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Ann Arbor, MI 48105-1563

**May 19, 2009 [7-9pm EDT]**

Sarnia City Hall, Council Chambers  
255 North Christina Street  
Sarnia, ON N7T 7N2

Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Library  
32 Lake Shore Drive  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Bayshore Community Centre  
Bay Room B  
1900 3rd Ave E.  
Owen Sound, ON N4K 3M6

**May 20, 2009 [7-9pm EDT; 6-8pm CDT]**

Great Lakes Science Center, Auditorium  
601 Erieside Ave.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

NE Manitoulin & the Islands  
Recreation Centre  
9001 Hwy-6 S  
Little Current, ON P0P1K0

Hotel Orrington, Heritage Room  
1710 Orrington Avenue  
Evanston, Illinois, 60201

Lakehead University, Theatre AT 1001  
955 Oliver Road  
Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1

**June 9, 2009 [7-9pm EDT]**

Annis Water Resource Institute  
740 W. Shoreline Drive  
Muskegon, MI 49441

Charles W. Stockey Center, Theatre  
Two Bay St.  
Parry Sound, ON P2A 1S3

Algoma University  
Great West Life Amphitheatre  
1520 Queen St East  
Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 2G4

**June 11, 2009 [7-9pm EDT; 6-8pm CDT]**

North Simcoe Sports & Recreation Centre  
Community Hall A  
527 Len Self Boulevard  
Midland, ON L4R 5N6

Northwestern Michigan College  
Oleson Center 112  
1701 East Front St.  
Traverse City, MI 49686

Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College  
Superior Conference Center  
600 North 21st Street  
Superior, WI 54880

Delta College Planetarium  
Space Explorer Hall  
100 Center Ave.  
Bay City, MI 48708