

**International Joint Commission's binational team
submits its Upper Lakes Plan of Study**

The IJC's Upper Lakes Plan of Study Revision Team has updated the 2002 plan of study to investigate improvements to Lake Superior outflow regulation. This document is now available on the the IJC [website](#).

In May 2005, the IJC appointed the Upper Lakes Study Revision Team to expand the 2002 Plan of Study to include an investigation of past and on-going physical changes in the St. Clair River. The St. Clair River was incorporated into the plan of study because of the impacts physical changes might have on the water levels of lakes Michigan-Huron, on Lake Superior outflow regulation and the IJC's Orders of Approval governing Lake Superior outflow regulation.

In revising the 2002 document, the team has consulted with the participants of the IJC's International Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River Study on lessons learned from that study. The team has also taken into consideration public comments and input collected during the summer through public consultation meetings, letters to the Team, and comments submitted via the IJC's website.

The revised plan of study is at [www.ijc.org >Boards>Current Task Forces>Upper Great Lakes Plan of Study Revision Team>Publications](http://www.ijc.org/boards/current_task_forces/upper_great_lakes_plan_of_study_revision_team/publications),
[orhttp://www.ijc.org/conseil_board/upper_greatlakes/upper_pub.php?language=english](http://www.ijc.org/conseil_board/upper_greatlakes/upper_pub.php?language=english).

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