
December 20, 2022

Julia S. Moore, PE
Secretary, Agency of Natural Resources (ANR)
State of Vermont

Benoit Charette
Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks (MELCCFP)
Gouvernement du Québec

Subject: Evaluation and Reporting on the Cooperation Agreement between the Gouvernement du Québec and the State of Vermont Concerning Phosphorus Reduction in Missisquoi Bay.

Dear Secretary Moore and Minister Charette,

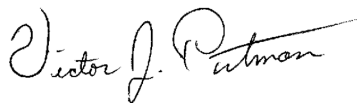
The New York Citizens Advisory Committee on Lake Champlain Management supports the Vermont and Québec Citizens Advisory Committees (CAC) recent request for the governments of Vermont and Québec to present to the public pursuant to Article 3.3 of the Agreement, the evaluation and reporting methods, and share progress on the monitoring, source load reduction, and best management practices implemented in the watershed, in addition to planned actions and progress made towards reaching the goals of the agreement between Québec and Vermont concerning phosphorus reduction in Missisquoi Bay.

Given the tri-jurisdictional nature of Lake Champlain, there is much interest from the public on actions undertaken by the Parties pursuant to the Agreement in the Missisquoi Bay watershed and impacts from efforts to reduce phosphorus loads and restore the integrity of the ecosystem.

Therefore, the New York CAC echoes the Vermont and Québec CACs' request that both the ANR and MELCCFP should make public presentations on both sides of the border before July 1st, 2023, and every year thereafter; in addition to their LCBP reporting requirements pursuant to Article 4(d).

Thank you for your commitment to a healthy Lake Champlain.

Regards,



Vic Putman
Chair – New York CAC

Attachments:

- Resolution from the New York Citizens Advisory Committee

New York Citizens Advisory Committee on Lake Champlain Management

Whereas, the New York Citizens Advisory Committee on Lake Champlain Management (NYCAC) meets regularly to gather information and scientific data concerning activities and factors that affect the water quality and ecosystem of Lake Champlain; and

Whereas, the NYCAC has been presented with information that demonstrates significant public interest related to the actions undertaken by the Parties pursuant to the Agreement in the Missisquoi Bay watershed and impacts from efforts to reduce phosphorus loads and restore the integrity of the ecosystem; and

Whereas, the Gouvernement du Quebec and the State of Vermont have signed a Cooperation Agreement concerning Phosphorus Reduction in Missisquoi Bay;

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the NYCAC hereby requests that the Gouvernement du Québec and the State of Vermont commit to making annual public presentations regarding the activities and progress of the respective agencies and parties in implementing and pursuant to the renewed Cooperation Agreement between the Gouvernement du Québec and the State of Vermont Concerning Phosphorus Reduction in Missisquoi Bay; in addition to their LCBP reporting requirements pursuant to Article 4(d).

This resolution was adopted by unanimous vote on December 5, 2022.

Submitted by Vic Putman, Chair