



**New York Citizens Advisory Committee
on
Lake Champlain Management**

Purpose

- The New York Citizens Advisory Committee (NYCAC) on Lake Champlain Management brings together citizens, interest groups, and local governments to advance understanding and explore opportunities to improve water quality and enhance the natural, cultural, recreational, and economic resources of the Lake Champlain Basin.

Committee Structure

- 14 members appointed by the NYSDEC Commissioner on behalf of the Governor
- Members represent diverse interests including agriculture, environment, business and industry, recreation, and local government
- Members must meet 3 criteria:
 - Knowledge or experience related to water quality, land use, natural resource management, environmental justice, fish and wildlife, agriculture, education, recreation, cultural heritage, economics and business or other disciplines related to the Lake Champlain basin
 - Live or work in, or is otherwise affected by, the Lake Champlain basin of New York State and has a strong personal interest in the future of the Lake Champlain watershed
 - Willing and able to attend regular meetings

How We Work

- Promote public involvement in the issues affecting the Basin's human and natural communities
- Host regular meetings that serve as a forum for the public to learn about and discuss lake issues
- Perform in-depth analysis of Basin issues

How We Work

- Work in cooperation with Citizens Advisory Committees in Vermont and Quebec
 - Joint resolutions: Emerging Contaminants Monitoring, Canal Closure to Prevent the introduction of Round Goby, Bi-national Public Reporting of Progress on Phosphorus Reduction in Missisquoi Bay
- Have a voting representative on the Steering & Executive Committees of the Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Advise elected representatives about significant Lake Champlain issues
- Evaluate grant applications for local implementation and action

High Priority Issues

- **Water Quality**
 - Reducing phosphorus, pathogens, and toxic substances to support drinkable, fishable, swimmable waters
- **Quality of Life**
 - Improving economic, recreational, scenic, cultural, and historic resources in the face of a changing climate
- **Aquatic Invasive Species**
 - Preventing the spread of invasive species to promote healthy ecosystems, water quality, and recreation
- **Clean Water Infrastructure**
 - Upgrading wastewater and natural infrastructure to achieve clean water goals