

NAVIGATION RESOLUTIONS

**GREAT LAKES UNITED
1983-1986**

GREAT LAKES WATER
LEVELS, FLOWS AND DIVERSIONS I

At the Annual Meeting of Great Lakes United in Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 3, 1987, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, high water levels have continued to result in shoreline erosion and property loss in the Great Lakes Basin; and

WHEREAS, proposals have been made before state, provincial and federal governments to alleviate lake level problems through major restructuring of the Great Lakes system and increasing diversions of Great Lakes waters out of the basin; and

WHEREAS, these proposals have long-term implications to regional compacts such as the Great Lakes Charter, but will do little to solve our lake level problems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United support legislative and administrative proposals which recognize the natural fluctuation of lake levels and, address long-term solutions to lake level problems including improved coastal zone management practices, establishment of flood sensitive zones, restrictions on building on barrier island and flood sensitive zones, utilization of environmentally sound shoreline protection devices and a better understanding of the flow-thru rates from one lake to another.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United support one-time federal emergency assistance to Great Lakes shoreline property owners for the necessary financial resources to relocate families, set-back structures and/or buy out existing properties for public use.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United continues to oppose any increased diversions into or out of the Great Lakes Basin and promotes a regional water management and data collection system that implements the intent of the Great Lakes Charter.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON MAY 3, 1987.


John Hickey, Secretary

GREAT LAKES WATER
LEVELS, FLOWS AND DIVERSIONS II

At the Annual Meeting of Great Lakes United in Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 3, 1987, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Friends of Magpie River on Lake Superior in Ontario are opposing a Great Lakes Power Limited proposal which would build dams/power houses at three locations on the Magpie River; and


WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Power Limited proposal's long-term intent may be to divert water from outside the Great Lakes Basin into Lake Superior because of low water in Ksnagi Lake, size of double-turbines planned for Magpie River and the projected economic return from the current proposal; and

WHEREAS, environmental concerns have been raised on the proposed project including disruption of waterfalls, impact on fisheries habitat, flooding of the "Flume Kill Area" which has contaminated soils and permanent modification to river and stream flows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United petition the government of Ontario to reverse its decision not to designate this project and to formally designate this project under the Environmental Assessment Act or to establish a commission under Public Inquiries Act to suspend approvals process and to report within 60 days.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United work with the Friends of the Magpie River to ensure these environmental concerns are addressed and no increased diversion are permitted into the Great Lakes Basin.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON MAY 3, 1987.



John Hickey, Secretary

RESOLUTION ON WINTER NAVIGATION

WHEREAS, Great Lakes United has historically been opposed to Winter Navigation on the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River Ecosystem.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Great Lakes United reaffirms its long-standing opposition to Winter Navigation; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our opposition be one of Great Lakes United's highest priorities.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF GREAT LAKES UNITED ON MAY 8, 1988.

Sister Margeen Hoffmann, O.S.F.

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