

- (h) "Tribal Government" means the government of a tribe recognized by either the Government of Canada or the Government of the United States situated within the Great Lakes basin;
- (i) "Tributary Waters" means surface waters that flow directly or indirectly into the Waters of the Great Lakes;
- (j) "Waters of the Great Lakes" means the waters of Lakes Superior, Huron, Michigan, Erie and Ontario and the connecting river systems of St. Marys, St. Clair including Lake St. Clair, Detroit, Niagara and St. Lawrence at the international boundary or upstream from the point at which this river becomes the international boundary between Canada and the United States, including all open and nearshore waters.

## ARTICLE 2

### Purpose, Principles and Approaches

#### PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this Agreement is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Waters of the Great Lakes. To achieve this purpose, the Parties agree to maximize their efforts to:

- (a) cooperate and collaborate;
- (b) develop programs, practices and technology necessary for a better understanding of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem; and
- (c) eliminate or reduce, to the maximum extent practicable, environmental threats to the Waters of the Great Lakes.

2. The Parties, recognizing the inherent natural value of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem, are guided by a shared vision of a healthy and prosperous Great Lakes region in which the Waters of the Great Lakes, through sound management, use and enjoyment, will benefit present and future generations of Canadians and Americans.