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- 1. Water to be returned in as good a condition (or better) than when it was withdrawn.
- 2. Legitimate public health reasons for the diversion must be demonstrated.
- 3. The diversion must not be economically harmful, and/or compensation must be paid for injury to Great Lakes businesses hurt by the diversion.
- 4. The diversion approval process must be jointly administered by the U.S. and Canada.
- 5. The cumulative and long range impact of the project must be considered in the process.
- 6. There must be sufficient proof that an emergency exists to justify a diversion.
- 7. The project should enhance the ecosystem and not be justified on the basis of economic growth alone
- 8. Does not set a precedent that will undermine the ability to stop future diversions.

Table 5 provides the written governmental responses of Canada and Michigan to the question of what criteria should be used to evaluate our of basin water diversion projects,

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- 1. Retains or enhances the water quality of the lakes.
- 2. No adverse environmental impact, particularly on wetlands, fish spawning, exotic species.

⁴⁹These are the combined responses of Canadian and Michigan nongovernmental group responses. References to conditions already identified as of interest to all stakeholders are not repeated in this table.