

interest groups which had been identified in the 1989 IJC report.⁴² The views on Great Lakes water diversion of each of these 10 interest groups were extrapolated from the work group papers of this 1989 IJC report as well as other supplementary surveys and public hearing reports recorded by the IJC since the Great Lakes high water levels crisis of 1986. While some of these groups obviously reflect a variety of viewpoints because of the many interests clumped into specific categories (i.e. industry or transportation), Table 1 reflects a general summary of the basic concerns of the group and therefore their general position on issues related to Great Lakes water diversion.

TABLE 1

Interest Group Concerns and Positions on Great Lakes Water Diversion

Interest Group	Position
Agriculture	Concerned over high water and flooding with some members in favor of regulating water levels to control flooding, which could include water diversion.
Commercial Fishing	Generally opposed to diversion as it is seen as unnecessary and this group has learned to live with fluctuations in water levels.
Commerce/Industry	Most members feel diversion out of the basin would hurt industry. They generally favor high water levels. Members in the middle of the region some form of regulation which could include some form of regulation while those in the St. Lawrence River and connecting channels oppose water level regulation.
Electric Power	Generally favors high water levels and a stable water level with limited fluctuations. Generally opposed to the Chicago diversion and other diversions that would lower water levels or bypass hydroelectric plants.
Environmental	Strongly against diversion or management of water levels.

⁴²In the "Living with the Lakes: Challenges and Opportunities" Progress Report to the IJC, 10 work groups were formed to reflect the interests of what were perceived as the 10 major interest groups in the region. The 10th group was non federal units of government. These individual reports were reviewed to derive the views of each of these groups on Great Lakes water diversion, although the focus of the study was on the more general issue of Great Lakes water levels.