

(d) The proposed water diversion project is necessary to respond to a natural crisis (flood or drought) and is temporary in nature

(i) The proposed water diversion project would open the Great Lakes to increased world shipping, economically stimulating the region as a whole, and

(m) The proposed water diversion project would economically enhance a general industry associated with the Great Lakes region, such as hydroelectric power, transportation and navigation, or recreation/sports industries.

In general both Michigan and Canadian non governmental interests indicated (with the exception of the electric power, transportation, and some commercial interests) indicated economic scenarios (i) and (m) would decrease the likelihood that their organizations would support a water diversion project under those scenarios. Despite the statistical limitations of this survey, the views of non federal and state governmental units versus non governmental groups differ significantly on the issue of economic benefits of a water diversion project and thus indicate the growing importance of economic considerations by non federal governmental units in evaluating any water diversion project.

Michigan (but not Canadian) non governmental groups indicated that 2 additional scenarios would increase the likelihood that their organization would support a Great Lakes water diversion proposal:

(c) The proposed water diversion project is necessary for a community to meet its current, essential water supply needs because all nearby sources of groundwater and surface water have been exhausted, and

(g) The proposed water diversion project would help stabilize the fluctuating high water levels adversely affecting shoreline property owners.

However, both Canadian non governmental and Michigan governmental interests indicated that scenario (g) would decrease the likelihood that they would support a Great Lakes water diversion project, leaving scenario (c) as the only one not receiving opposition.

Finally, all stakeholders were asked (whether they were unconditionally opposed to water diversion or not) what criteria should be used to evaluate whether or not an out of basin Great Lakes water diversion project should be approved. Non governmental group criteria proposed in addition to conditions cited in Table 1 are presented in Table 4.