

focus was on the governmental and non-governmental stakeholders of Michigan and Canada, since these two governments have historically been the most sensitive to basin problems associated with out of basin water diversion projects.

In order to develop a sample of major non-governmental stakeholders in Michigan and Canada, a 1992 directory developed by an IJC work group entitled "Interest Groups in the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Basin"<sup>38</sup> was utilized. Consulting IJC reports and public inputs from IJC hearings, this list was broadened to also include other major groups who have formally participated in Great Lakes water levels/diversion issues in the past 10 years.<sup>39</sup> Governmental stakeholders were drawn from a similar 1992 study devised to identify Great Lakes governmental units entitled: "Institutions in the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Basin."<sup>40</sup> Specific individuals were identified and targeted within the organizations of both groups of stakeholders for survey responses to ensure that each respondent was indeed familiar with the issues that Great Lakes water diversion raises.<sup>41</sup>

To ensure the diversity of stakeholder opinions on Great Lakes water diversion was adequately reflected in this article, the major stakeholders were classified into ten Great Lakes

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<sup>38</sup>The Water Network: Report to the International Joint Commission Water Levels Reference Study (Work Committee 4), "Interest Groups in the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Basin", May, 1992.

<sup>39</sup>IJC Sources of information for the views of stakeholders include the Living with the Lakes: Challenges and Opportunities Progress Report plus Annex C and the 10 Work Group reports of Functional Group 3 of this 1989 report, "Annex 3 of the 1993 Levels Reference Study of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin : Existing Regulation, System-wide Regulation and Crisis Conditions", a March 7, 1987 report entitled "A Survey of Public Perceptions of Great Lakes Users" by Anne Sudar (Inland Waters) Land Directory, Burlington, Ontario), a 1987 Canadian survey by Mary Gilmore entitled "Summary of Local Government Responses" for the Great Lakes Water Level Study, and an IJC-sponsored group in-depth interview report by Synergy Consultation Services (Judy Walsh and W.A. Weidman, Jr. ( which involved 9 cities and 180 individuals).

<sup>40</sup>The Water Network: Report to the International Joint Commission Water Levels Reference Study (Work Committee 4), "Institutions in the Great Lakes-St Lawrence River Basin, May, 1992.

<sup>41</sup>By seeking specific individuals who over the past decade had been personally involved in Great Lakes water levels/diversion issues, 81 of the 268 individuals identified were not able to be located. Of the remaining 187 individuals surveyed, 71 responded. The intent of the survey was not to devise a random sample but rather to obtain the views of those most involved or most interested in the issue of Great Lakes water diversion.