

Great Lakes Water Level Study

The International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States (IJC) is starting a major study of the upper Great Lakes. The study will:

- Determine whether the regulation of Lake Superior outflows can be improved to address the evolving needs of the upper Great Lakes.
- Determine the factors that affect water levels and flows, developing and testing the performance of potential new regulation plans including under climate change scenarios, and assessing the impacts of these potential plans on the ecosystem and human interests.
- Physical changes in the St. Clair River will be investigated early in the study as one factor that might be affecting water levels and flows. Depending on the nature and extent of the physical changes, and their potential impact on water levels and flows, the study may also explore potential remediation options.

The study area includes lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie, and their interconnecting channels (St. Mary's River, St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, Detroit River and Niagara River), up to Niagara Falls.

For more information on this study go to:

<http://www.ijc.org/en/activities/upperlakes/upperlakes.htm>