

**Committee of Advisors** 

to the



## **Great Lakes Fishery Commission**

## **Resolution #2: Resolution Related to the Army Corps Great Lakes Navigation** Study

**Whereas** a study is planned to consider and evaluate deepening harbors, rivers and lake areas for improved navigation by commercial vessels;

**Whereas** the vast majority of input to the Corps is in the form of port cities, transporters and cities desiring to improve their availability to transport;

**Whereas** protection of the lakes, the fishes, the micro-organisms and biota, the concerns with resuspension of contaminants lying dormant in the lakes, harbors and river beds are mentioned in only a few letters of recorded correspondence.

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and members of the Committee of Advisors are urged to review the draft report prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers and to prepare and submit comments which clearly state environmental concerns related to enhanced navigation. The commission is urged to communicate to appropriate entities advisors' concerns in a cover letter accompanying this resolution. Comments to the Corps should be submitted as soon as possible and throughout all stages of this navigation study.

Resolution 02-02

Passed, June 4, 2002

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