


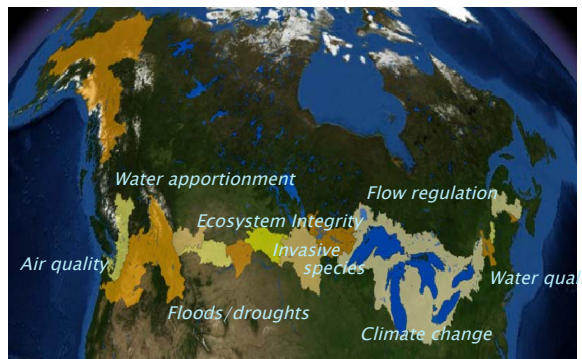
THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION AND THE OSOYOOS REVIEW OF ORDERS

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Some IJC Current Activities



Water apportionment *Flow regulation*
Ecosystem Integrity *Invasive species*
Air quality *Floods/droughts* *Climate change* *Water quality*

REVIEW OF ORDERS – Early Notional Timeline

Date	Activity
2011 Fall	Osoyoos Lake Water Science Forum - Public familiarization and early comments on the 8 Osoyoos studies
	Osoyoos Board initial input on conclusion of 8 Osoyoos studies
	Board summary report and recommendations to IJC; (+ dialectic)
2012 April	IJC briefs Gov'ts of Canada and US on progress of Osoyoos review
2012 Summer +	IJC holds public hearings; Receives all forms of public comment
2012 Oct	Semi-Annual Meeting with Governments – Brief Governments on the progress
2012 Nov–Dec	Completion of renewal of Orders

Some considerations for the future...

(Gauguin's famous questions)

- ❖ What are we?
- ❖ Where did we come from?
- ❖ Where are we going?

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Osoyoos: Where are we going?

Several possible directions for 2013 +

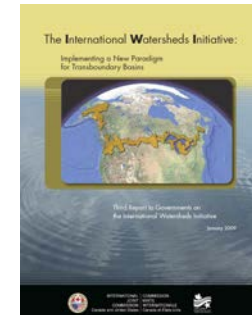
- a) Continue with similar Board and responsibilities and new Orders
- b) Move towards an International Watershed Board (IWI)

What is IWI?

IWI is focused on strengthening the capabilities of the Commission's existing boards to anticipate and respond to watershed issues by....

- ▶ Employing a broader, systemic perspective
- ▶ Expanding outreach and cooperation
- ▶ Promoting development of a common vision
- ▶ Developing a better hydrologic understanding
- ▶ Creating conditions for resolving specific issues

"The International Watersheds Initiative" -- Third Report to Governments - January 2009



A question for deliberation...

What additional added value could the IJC bring to the Okanagan Basin?

Some related quotes...

"the interconnectedness of border-crossing freshwater systems inevitably results in the interdependence of its users and stakeholders"

" joint bodies for transboundary water cooperation serve as forums and tools for enriching dialogue, [relationships], and decision-making"

Some strengths of the IJC...

- Independent, objective and unitary body
- Prevents and resolves transboundary disputes
- Seeks the common good by way of deliberation and consensus

- Mutual trust and professionalism
- Equal numbers of U.S. and Canadians
- Scientific basis behind all statements

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Some more strengths of the IJC...

- Engaging an informed public
- Communicating with & convening all levels of civil society
 - ✓ Including First Nations and tribes, NGOs, and Governments
- *One century of success*
 - ✓ *IJC is 'in it for the long haul'*

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Key Messages

- ▶ *The IJC will review the Osoyoos Lake Orders with ample opportunities for public input before 2013*
- ▶ *IJC is exploring potential future roles of its International Osoyoos Lake Board of Control*
- ▶ *The governments of Canada and the US are very supportive of these efforts*

Questions?

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International Joint Commission
Canada and United States