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Hi GLNSR folks,

As you know GBA has been doing what we could to voice our concerns about the USACE's GLNSR. To follow up on correspondence with Canada's Minister of Transport David Collenette regarding our concerns we arranged a meeting with the Minister in Ottawa on November 25 and we had the Minister of Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade(DFAIT) Bill Graham speak on current threats to water levels at our AGM in Toronto on December 1. (I was not able to attend the Ottawa meeting due to my son's neurosurgery scheduled for that day.I briefed our Exec Dir. John Birnbaum and prepared presentation materials for him so he could attend.)

Minister Collenette has told us he wants the Seaway reviewed by a joint study of Transport Canada and the US Transport Dept. He told us he wants additional options considered including a transfer port at Montreal. He has told us Canada will not be giving \$10mil to the USACE. He asked his staff to send a letter to us stating this. We have not yet received that letter. When we have it, we will forward by email.

Key to getting the point across that the USACE's is not the appropriate agency was our information on the channel in the St. Clair River at the outflow of Lake Huron. We have the river profile there that shows a 56 foot depth where by international agreements it should only be 30 feet deep. You can also get from the USACE's website the list of dredging in the St. Clair River since the 1960's and we have documents describing an underwater weir that has been removed. All this demonstrates that further deepening and widening will permanently withdraw this finite resource. We have asked for a Lake Huron Outflow Monitoring Board to be established by the IJC. Bill Graham has told us that for this to happen we need American support ie we need a letter to Bill Graham DFAIT asking for that. Does anyone know a Federal rep that would write such a letter?

Thanks for the support and we are now hopefully on a long road to remove yet another threat to this valuable resource.

Cheers,  
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