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Memorandum to: Great Lakes Charter Annex Advisory Panel Members

**Subject: Great Lakes Charter Annex Advisory Panel – January 27 Meeting**

On behalf of the Ontario Annex Working Group, I would like to thank you for attending the second meeting of the Great Lakes Charter Annex Advisory Panel and for your ongoing participation on the Panel.

As promised, we have prepared Proceedings from the Second Meeting which I attach. I believe we have established an excellent foundation to move forward collaboratively to protect Ontario's interests in the Great Lakes Charter Annex Agreements.

The Ontario negotiating team will continue to keep you up-to-date. As mentioned at the meeting, we have another Working Group meeting in Chicago scheduled for March 8 – 10. The input you have provided through the Advisory Panel will be a valuable asset as we move forward with the next round of negotiations.

In creating the Advisory Panel, we wanted to establish a forum for the exchange of information and knowledge with one another. On this basis, if your organization is aware of any reports or upcoming events that you believe the Ministry or other Panel members would be interested in learning about, please advise Paula Thompson at the Ministry of Natural Resources. In addition, if you have any additional perspectives to share, I encourage you to make those known to us. Paula may be reached at (705) 755-1218 or via email at [paula.thompson@mnr.gov.on.ca](mailto:paula.thompson@mnr.gov.on.ca).

I want to reiterate my commitment to continue to engage you as we move forward and I look forward to our third conversation, scheduled as a **Conference Call on March 2, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. (please call (416)212-0400, then enter passcode 1453 followed by the # sign)**. On that call we hope to update you on any new developments since our last meeting (e.g. Basin Tribes-First Nations Meeting); to discuss key events scheduled to take place prior to our call (e.g. ENGO Wingspread Meeting, Munk Centre-Chicago Kent College of Law

Workshop); and to discuss preparations for the March Working Group meeting in Chicago. **Please advise Danielle Dumoulin if you wish to suggest any further Agenda items for the call by February 25, 2005.** Danielle may be reached at (705) 755-1827 or via email at [danielle.dumoulin@mnr.gov.on.ca](mailto:danielle.dumoulin@mnr.gov.on.ca) .

Finally, please be advised that we have tentatively scheduled the next Advisory Panel meeting on **April 7, 2005 from 10 am-3 pm in downtown Toronto.** Please save this date in your calendar.

Regards,



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