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Save Our Shoreline Partners with Sierra Club, Other Property Groups, to Advocate Water Levels Restoration for Lakes Michigan and Huron

Bay City, Michigan. Save Our Shoreline announces today that it is partnering with the Sierra Club and other groups in seeking restoration of water levels in Lakes Michigan and Huron, as currently being considered by the International Joint Commission (IJC).

On November 30, about 75 representatives from SOS, Sierra Club Ontario and Michigan, Georgian Bay Association, Lake Charlevoix Association, Les Cheneaux Islands Association, and others met in Bay City, Michigan to discuss pursuing a common approach of advocacy for restoration of lake levels. Also attending was John Allis, chief of hydraulics and hydrology of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit District who gave a presentation on the issue.

“Due to dredging and other man-made causes, Lakes Michigan and Huron have been on a declining trajectory since 1855, with no end in sight,” said Ernie Krygier, SOS President. “If we do nothing, one thing is certain: in the future, the lakes will be even lower,” he said. According to a five year, \$15 million study by the IJC, dredging projects have, over time, lowered water levels in Lakes Michigan and Huron by about 20 inches. Compensation structures were previously authorized, but were never built.

Those attending determined to continue a cooperative effort to encourage the IJC and the governments of the U.S. and Canada to begin the restoration process.

Founded in 2001, Save Our Shoreline is a nonprofit membership basis corporation of approximately 3,000 households committed to the preservation of beaches and waterfront areas, and to the protection of riparian rights, including the right to maintain beaches and waterfront areas. Those interested in Save Our Shoreline can find more information at <http://www.saveourshoreline.org/> or by calling (989) 667-2910. For more information about this press release, contact Ernie Krygier at (989) 793-3711.