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I am writing to voice my concern to the IJC considering raising levels of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron to levels of 1960, 1930, and 1900 and even to 1850 levels. I am a Lake Michigan property owner and have seen the devastation of high water levels and storm winds so common on the Great Lakes.


In 1986 we witnessed 10 to 15 feet of bluff drop into the lake. Again in 1997 the bluff was undercut threatening even more of the hill. Our home is now 25 feet from the bluff and in constant fear of high winds let alone the high water levels being studied. I can only think an increase as those being considered would be devastating to the property owners on the lake as well as the tax base for the local governments. I also ponder the effect suggested levels would have on the Sleeping Bear National Dunes as well as many public sights and state lands.

The draft report by the IUGLS, of the two year compilation of scientific data that nature was the driving force and remedial measures were not needed, was thorough. It seems factions finding the study unfavorable to their liking wish to continue spending money for studies. Nature is cyclical and taking unnatural action when the water level is in a low cycle is not prudent, nor necessary.

I fear scenarios proposed will threaten our home and what we have worked for our entire careers.

Again, the study was solid and I urgently request you let it stand on it's merits and not continue to look for ways to change Mother Nature.

Sincerely,



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