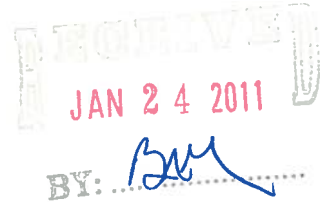


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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I support the IJC Study Board to evaluate mitigative options for raising water levels in Lake Michigan. My lake front home is on Grand Traverse Bay of Lake Michigan. It is my understanding that the following options will be investigated.

- 2.5 inches to compensate for 1960's dredging of the St. Clair River
- 10 inches to compensate for 1930's dredging also
- 16 inches to get levels back to where they were in the 1990's
- 20 inches to get back to the 1850's

Water levels in the 1986 and 1997 were too high requiring expensive sea walls and shoring up of homes. The levels in the 2000's have been too low exposing vast expanses of stinking mud flats, profuse blooms of vegetation, excessive reed growth including invasive phragmites, and the inability to launch boats from beaches. Low levels hurt tourism also.

I do not support 1850's water levels when the shores were unpopulated and natural factors predominated. Remedies should be adjustable for water level variations due to weather and manmade conditions. Riparians should be able to vote on a consensus water level as is commonly done for inland lakes in Michigan such as Torch Lake and Elk-Skegemog in Antrim County which are regulated.

I do not support the position of the Great Lakes Coalition in favor of currently low water levels. An intermediate level selected from study options is likely to be best.

Regards,

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