

To coordinate and promote Great Lakes activities, and for other purposes.

JUNE 29 (legislative day, JUNE 22), 1993

Mr. GLENN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

4 SEC. 101. This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes
5 Federal Effectiveness Act”.

7 SEC. 102. (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNCIL.—There
8 is established a Great Lakes Research Council.

(1) advise and promote the coordination of Federal research activities to avoid unnecessary duplication

1 tion and ensure greater effectiveness in achieving
2 ecosystem protection of the Great Lakes through the
3 goals of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement;

4 (2) no later than one year after the date of en-
5 actment of this Act, prepare and provide to inter-
6 ested parties, a document which includes—

7 (A) an assessment of the research activi-
8 ties needed to fulfill the Great Lakes Water
9 Quality Agreement goals;

10 (B) an assessment of existing Federal ex-
11 pertise and capabilities in those activities need-
12 ed to fulfill the Great Lakes Water Quality
13 Agreement goals, including an inventory of ex-
14 isting Federal Great Lakes research programs,
15 projects, facilities, and personnel; and

16 (C) recommendations for long-term and
17 short-term priorities for Federal research on
18 the Great Lakes, based on a comparison of the
19 assessment conducted under subparagraph (A)
20 and existing programs;

21 (3) identify topics for and participate in meet-
22 ings, workshops, symposia, and conferences on Great
23 Lakes research issues;

24 (4) make recommendations for the uniform col-
25 lection of data for enhancing research and manage-

1 ment protocols relating to the Great Lakes eco-
2 system;

3 (5) advise and cooperate in the establishment of
4 a comprehensive, multi-media data base for the
5 Great Lakes ecosystem; and

6 (6) ensure that the results, findings, and infor-
7 mation regarding Great Lakes research programs
8 conducted or sponsored by the Federal Government
9 be disseminated in a timely manner, and in useful
10 forms, to interested persons, using as much as pos-
11 sible existing mechanisms, such as the Great Lakes
12 Research Inventory prepared by the International
13 Joint Commission.

14 (c) MEMBERSHIP.—(1) The Council shall be com-
15 prised of one research manager with extensive knowledge,
16 scientific expertise, and experience in the Great Lakes eco-
17 system for each of the following agencies—

18 (A) the Environmental Protection Agency;

19 (B) the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
20 ministration;

21 (C) the United States Coast Guard;

22 (D) the United States Fish and Wildlife Serv-
23 ice; and

1 (E) any other relevant Federal department,
2 agency or instrumentality, as determined by the
3 Council membership.

4 (2) Other persons who are not Federal employees
5 may serve as ex officio members of the Council, at the
6 request of the Council membership.

7 (d) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of the Council
8 shall be elected by the members and shall serve for a pe-
9 riod of two years. No member of the Council may serve
10 as Chairperson for more than two consecutive terms.

11 (e) COMPENSATION.—While performing official du-
12 ties as members of the Council, members of the Council
13 are entitled to receive compensation for travel and trans-
14 portation expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United
15 States Code.

16 (f) INTERAGENCY COOPERATION.—The head of each
17 department, agency, or other instrumentality of the Fed-
18 eral Government which is a member of the Council—

19 (1) shall cooperate with the Council to imple-
20 ment the recommendations developed under sub-
21 section (b);

22 (2) may, upon written request of the Chair-
23 person of the Council, make available, on a reim-
24 bursable basis or otherwise, personnel, services, or

1 facilities as may be necessary to assist the Council
2 in achieving the purposes of this Act; and

3 (3) shall, upon written request from the Chair-
4 person, furnish data or information necessary to
5 achieve the purposes of this Act.

6 INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

7 SEC. 103. (a) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMIS-
8 SION.—The Council shall invite the International Joint
9 Commission to serve as Secretariat and principal coordi-
10 nating body for the Council.

11 (b) FUNDING.—Agencies represented on the Council
12 may reimburse costs associated with activities authorized
13 under this Act conducted by the International Joint Com-
14 mission.

15 EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS

16 SEC. 104. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to
17 amend, restrict, or otherwise alter the authority of any
18 Federal department, agency, or instrumentality, under
19 any law, to undertake Great Lakes research activities.

20 DEFINITIONS

21 SEC. 105. In this Act—

22 (1) “Council” means the Great Lakes Research
23 Council established under section 102 of this Act.

24 (2) “Great Lakes” means—

25 (A) Lake Erie, Lake Huron, Lake Michi-
26 gan, Lake Ontario, and Lake Superior;

1 (B) their connecting waters, including the
2 St. Marys River; the St. Clair River, Lake St.
3 Clair, the Detroit River, and the Niagara River;
4 and

5 (C) the St. Lawrence River.

6 (3) “Great Lakes research” means the applica-
7 tion of scientific and/or engineering expertise to ex-
8 plain, understand, and predict physical, chemical, bi-
9 ological, and socioeconomic processes, and their
10 interaction, in the Great Lakes ecosystem.

11 (4) “Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement”
12 means the bilateral agreement between the United
13 States and Canada which was signed in 1978 and
14 amended by the Protocol of 1987.

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