



**Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING THE COMMISSION'S
FIDUCIARY RELATIONSHIP WITH GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA**

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission was formed in 1955 under treaty between Canada and the United States, to address the long-term degradation of the Great Lakes fishery caused by inadequate collaboration among Ontario and the eight Great Lakes States;

WHEREAS, many successes have resulted, the Commission's mandate remains relevant, given the evolving, dynamic and complex needs for binational collaboration on fishery management;

WHEREAS, Canada is a signatory to the Convention, which establishes a legal and moral responsibility to adhere to the terms and spirit of the Convention;

WHEREAS, Canada continues to reap the benefits and bounty of the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, for some 40 years the Canadian governance of collaboration has been narrowly focused on sea lamprey control, while neglecting the other fiduciary responsibilities of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the United States' governance of fiduciary responsibilities has been more sensitive to the full range of treaty commitments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Canadian and U.S. Advisors to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission call upon the Government of Canada to move the Commission's fiduciary functions from Fisheries and Oceans Canada back to Global Affairs Canada, as it was when the treaty was originally signed and the broader treaty commitments were respected.

Passed unanimously
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U.S. and Canadian Committee of Advisors

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