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RE: Great Lakes Navigation System Review

Dear Mr. Long:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the scope of the Great Lakes Navigation System Review. Given the lack of demand for the Seaway and Great Lakes waterborne commerce I am not clear why there needs to be modifications to the navigation system. Rather, the Corps should take a look at the correcting the damage caused by existing navigation projects.

I would like to see the completion of the ecosystem wide biological assessment called for in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Coordination Report as recommended in the Connecting Channels and Harbors Study. Further, there are more than 40 Areas of Concern or "toxic hot spots" in the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence River system, many of which are located in or near Great Lakes Harbors. I recommend that the Corps look at the costs of conducting an ecosystem wide ecological study and the feasibility of removing; in an environmentally safe manner; the millions of pounds of pollutants at these areas of concentrated toxic pollution.

Sincerely,

Sandra Holcombe