

SHARED WATERS, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY



WORKING ACROSS BORDERS



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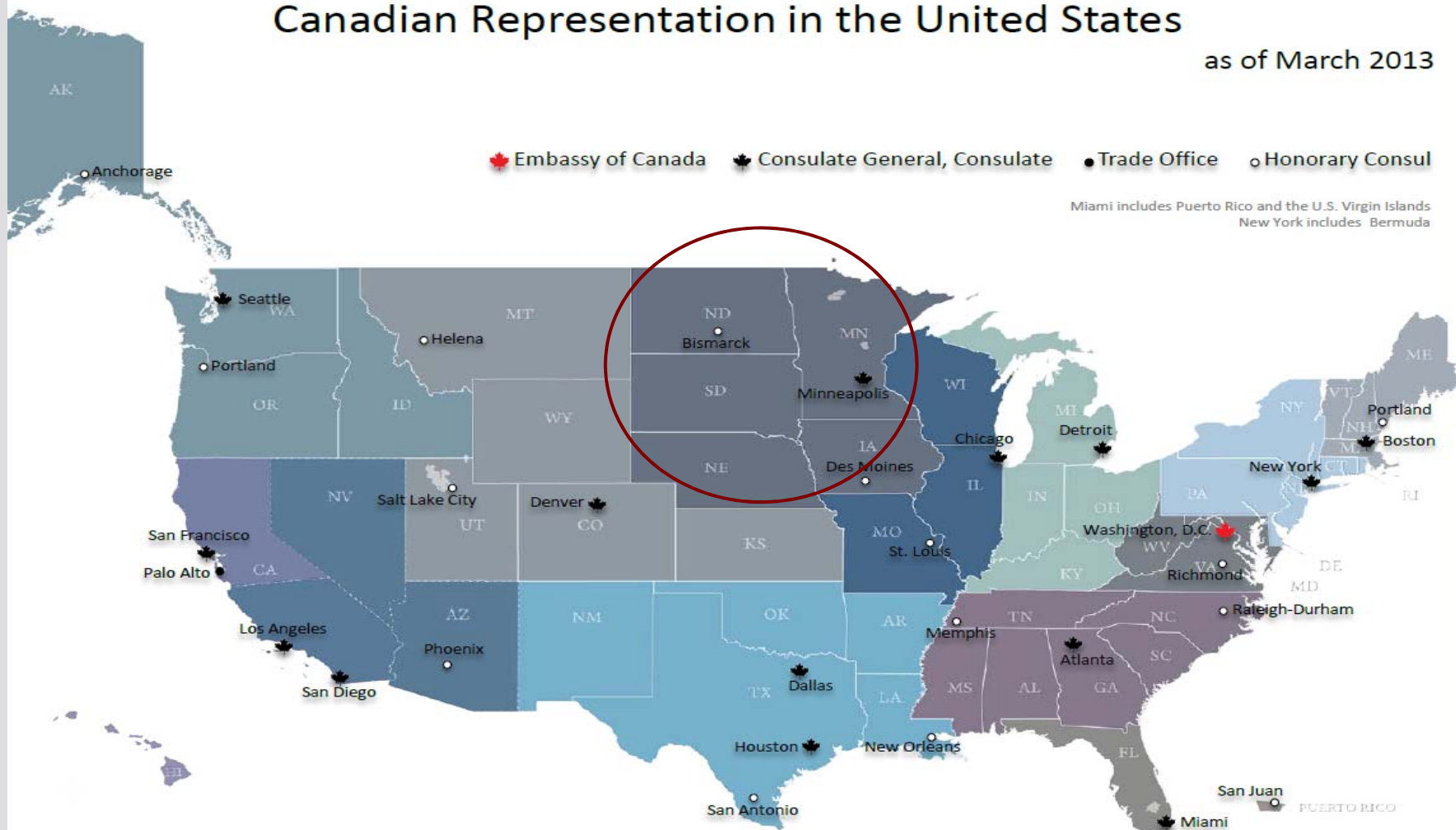
CANADA'S U.S. DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE

Canadian Representation in the United States

as of March 2013

🇨🇦 Embassy of Canada 🍁 Consulate General, Consulate ● Trade Office ○ Honorary Consul

Miami includes Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
New York includes Bermuda

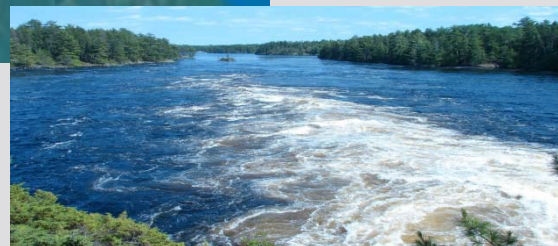




SHARED WATERS: ON THE U.S-CANADA BORDER

About 43% of the 5,500 mile border between Canada and the United States...

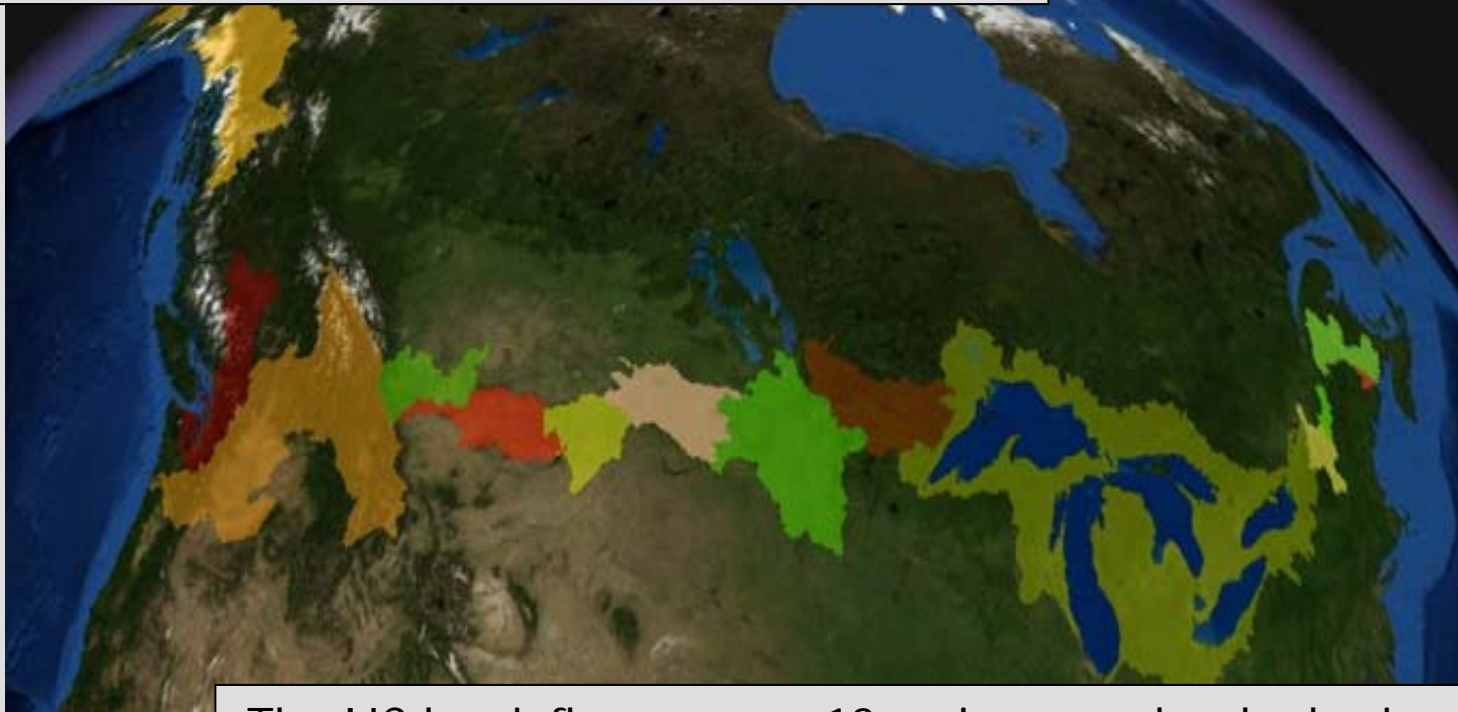
...is water





INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION (IJC)

1909 Boundary Waters Treaty led to the creation of the IJC



The IJC has influence over 12 major cross-border basins

Source: International Joint Commission www.ijc.org



THE GREAT LAKES

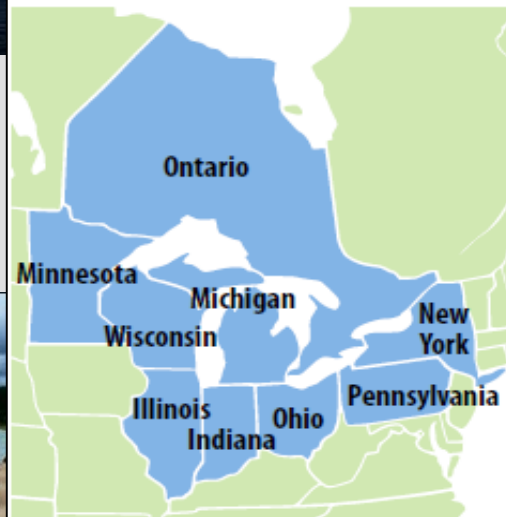


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FACTS AND FIGURES

Source: BMO Capital Markets Economic Research



- GDP of US\$4.7 trillion (2011)
- Population: 98 million (2012)
- 28% of Canadian/U.S. economic activity
- 46 million jobs
- 29% of Canadian/U.S. workforce
- More than half of Canada/U.S. cross-border trade





LAKE WINNIPEG



Lake Winnipeg, normal conditions



Eutrophication of Lake Winnipeg



WATER AND AGRICULTURE





QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION



How do we effectively bring many projects and efforts together in a more coordinated manner such that we can work together towards common outcomes?

Who is best suited to lead these sorts of collaborative, coordinated efforts?

Are we prepared to address water issues in an integrated manner within the broader set of innovation and economic considerations?

"Let the 5000 mile border between Canada and the United States stand as a symbol for the future. Let it forever be not a point of division but a meeting place between our great and true friends."

- President Ronald Reagan, September 1988

DISCUSSION

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