SHARED WATERS, SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

WORKING ACROSS BORDERS
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
About 43% of the 5,500 mile border between Canada and the United States...
The IJC has influence over 12 major cross-border basins

Source: International Joint Commission www.ijc.org
THE GREAT LAKES

FACTS AND FIGURES

- GDP of US$4.7 trillion (2011)
- 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

Source: BMO Capital Markets Economic Research
Eutrophication of Lake Winnipeg
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