



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF COMMISSIONERS

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Dr. Hansen, an expert in fish population dynamics, has a special interest in restoration of lake trout in the Great Lakes and in state-tribal co-management of walleye in inland lakes. He earned a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point, a M.S. from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Four years before matriculating, he served as a sonar technician with the U.S. Navy out of San Diego, California. He joined the faculty of the College of Natural Resources at Stevens Point as an assistant professor of fisheries in 1996. His professional work also includes: associate scientist with EA Engineering, Science & Technology of Lincoln, Nebraska; Great Lakes sport fishery and treaty fishery specialists with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and chief of the section of Resource Assessment and Fish Community Dynamics within the U.S. Department of the Interior's Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

At Stevens Point, Dr. Hansen continues to be a co-editor of the *North American Journal of Fisheries Management*. His research mostly is in collaboration with the state of Wisconsin and other state, federal, and tribal fishery management agencies in the Great Lakes basin. He presently teaches introductory, advanced, and graduate courses on fishery science, fishery research, fishery management, and wildlife- and fish-population dynamics. He is very familiar with the workings of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission—he participated in and chaired the Lake Superior Technical Committee, served on two sea lamprey committees, chairing one, and currently serves as chair to the Board of Technical Experts and a member of the Sea Lamprey Research Board.

ROBERT E. HECKY

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Professor Hecky completed a B.S. in biology at Kent State University and a Ph.D. in zoology at Duke University before accepting a post-doctoral fellowship at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. He joined the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans as a research scientist in 1973 and became a research director for the Experimental Lakes Area in 1988. While with Fisheries and Oceans he led research projects in northern Manitoba on river diversion and hydroelectric development, in the Mackenzie Delta on northern oil and gas development, and in northwestern Ontario on effects of lake size and climate variability. In 1996 he accepted a position with the Canadian Department of the Environment and began research on Lake Erie. Shortly thereafter he accepted a professorship in the Department of Biology at the University of Waterloo where he currently works. Throughout his career, including during his Ph.D., Prof. Hecky has maintained research interests on the aquatic ecology and fisheries of Africa. In 1999 he took up the United Nations University Research Chair in African Great Lakes and Rivers at the University of Waterloo. He is a frequent consultant to the World Bank on environmental and development issues affecting the African Great Lakes and their fisheries.

Prof. Hecky was appointed to the commission's Board of Technical Experts in 1999 and currently leads an initiative on Perspectives on Ecosystem Health in Great Water Bodies of the World. His current research interests on the North American Great Lakes address impacts of exotic species on near-shore processes and on food-web structuring and productivity, and he has graduate students working on lakes Erie, Ontario, and Huron as well as on the African Great Lakes. He serves on the editorial boards of several international journals and has authored and co-authored more than 150 scientific publications. In 2008, Dr. Hecky was inducted into the Royal Society of Canada.

WILLIAM D. JAMES

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Bill James is Chief of Fisheries with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, a position he has served in since November, 1978. He holds a B.S. degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University (1971). During his college years he worked three summers for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources assisting on lake and stream investigations. Upon graduation he was hired fulltime by the Indiana DNR.

Mr. James has held positions of reservoir fisheries biologist, statewide fisheries research supervisor, regional fisheries supervisor and since 1978, Chief of Fisheries within IDNR's Division of Fish and Wildlife. Duties include overseeing Indiana's programs of fish management, research, hatcheries, public access, aquatic habitat, aquatic invasive species control and contaminants. Bill has been closely involved in Indiana's Lake Michigan fisheries program for most of his career and has served as chairman of the Lake Michigan Committee and has represented Indiana on the Council of Great Lakes Fisheries Agencies. For more than a decade, Bill served as team leader for the St. Joseph River Fisheries Management Team that undertook an ambitious project to extend migratory runs of steelhead and salmon 63 miles up the St. Joseph River through Michigan and Indiana. This award-winning partnership project with the Indiana DNR, the Michigan DNRE, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service included construction of four new fish ladders, remodeling of a fifth ladder, construction of a new hatchery in Indiana and new and expanded public access facilities to the river.

Bill has been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1972 and is a past president of the Indiana Chapter and a recipient of their "Excellence in Fisheries Science" award (1998). He was a founding member of the six-state Ohio River Fisheries Management Team (in 1990) that practices cooperative interjurisdictional fisheries management on the Ohio River. In addition to authoring the agreement that established the group, Bill has twice served as chair and also authored the "Guiding Principles" used by the group in the conduct of their work. Bill also serves on other regional and national committees involving interstate fisheries program coordination and water resource and fisheries policy. He served as Acting Director of the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife for seven months in 2001 and 2002. In 2007, Bill received recognition for 35 years of state government service. Bill enjoys fishing, hunting, gardening, reading and family. He and his wife Lisa have two sons.

ROBERT G. LAMBE

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Bob Lambe was born in St. Lawrence, Newfoundland. He holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario's Ivey School of Business and is a graduate of the Electronic Engineering Technology Program of the Cabot Institute of Applied Arts and Technology in St. John's, Newfoundland. He started his career in public service with Transport Canada in the Maritimes Region, serving both the Air and Marine administration branches. Having worked in several engineering/maintenance and middle-management capacities for 13 years, he departed public service to work in the industrial electronics sector of eastern Canada.

In 1990, Mr. Lambe returned to the public service with the Department of Communications (Industry Canada) in Toronto, and in 1991 he returned to Transport Canada as a quality assurance manager in the Air Administration branch. When the Coast Guard Central Region relocated from Toronto to Sarnia, Ontario, in 1993, he joined the Coast Guard as regional manager of telecommunications and electronics maintenance. After overseeing the integration of the Coast Guard's Engineering and Maintenance branches of the Northern Region with those of the Central Region in 1995, Mr. Lambe became Area Manager with Transport Canada in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Less than a year later he returned to Sarnia as Coast Guard's regional Superintendent of Electronic Maintenance, and in 1999 was appointed Director, Technical Services with the Coast Guard's Central and Arctic Region. Following an interlude from 2001-2003 spent leading a national Coast Guard sector assessment, he returned to the Central and Arctic Region, as acting Regional Director, Corporate Services and Human Resources. Mr. Lambe was appointed to his current position as Regional Director General, Fisheries and Oceans Canada in June 2004.

SIDDIKA MITHANI

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Dr. Siddika Mithani has been appointed the Assistant Deputy Minister, Oceans and Sciences, for Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Dr. Mithani previously held the position of Associate ADM, Health Products and Food Branch at Health Canada. She brings to DFO her experience in leadership and managing science, policy and regulatory initiatives at the national and international levels. She brings knowledge and expertise in the areas of safety, efficacy, quality and risk management principles in the health and industry sectors as well as risk management in complex regulatory science programs.

Dr. Mithani is a recipient of the Queen's Medal for her work in the area of developing and implementing regulations for clinical drug trials in Canada, and has been extensively involved in difficult food and nutrition files. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy and a Ph.D. in Psychopharmacology from England.

WILLIAM W. TAYLOR

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Dr. William W. Taylor, University Distinguished Professor of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University, is an expert in fisheries ecology and Great Lakes fisheries management with a keen interest in environmental policy. From the Rochester, New York area, he received a B.A. from Hartwick College, an M.S. from West Virginia University, and a Ph.D. from Arizona State University.

As department chair he formed the Partnership for Ecosystem Research and Management (PERM), a novel approach that applies research talent at Michigan State University towards solutions of natural resource management problems. Under his tutelage the department, which he joined in 1980, has grown from 15 to more than 30 faculty members. From 1999 to 2001, he served as acting dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at MSU. Dr. Taylor also serves as associate director of the Michigan Sea Grant and was president of the American Fisheries Society, chair of the Board of Directors for the North Central Regional Aquaculture Center, chair of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, member of the Science Advisory Board of the International Joint Commission, member of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, and chair of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Board of Technical Experts. His international experience includes attendance and presentations at professional conferences in Australia, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Portugal, and Yugoslavia.

DAVID A. ULLRICH

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David Ullrich is the Executive Director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. His responsibilities include working with U.S. and Canadian mayors from across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin to advance the protection and restoration of the resource. The Initiative leads many efforts to accelerate the work to become a more sustainable region by integrating the environmental, economic, and social activities to improve the quality of life and well being of its people.

Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Ullrich served for thirty years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes regional office in Chicago, working on environmental issues in the six states of the upper Midwest. He worked in many capacities over the years, including Acting Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, Waste Management Division Director, Deputy Regional Counsel, Air Enforcement Chief, and Water Enforcement Attorney. For six years, he was the U.S. Chair of the Water Quality Board for the International Joint Commission, and was a founding member and chair of the Midwest Natural Resources Group. He continues to serve on the Water Quality Board, and in 2006 was appointed by the President to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission where he serves as U.S. Section Chair. In 1986, he completed a six month executive exchange assignment with the German Interior Ministry. U.S. EPA recognized Mr. Ullrich for a number of his accomplishments during his public service career.

Mr. Ullrich graduated from Dartmouth College in 1970 with a degree in English and received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1973, with an emphasis in environmental law. He is a runner and outdoor sportsman. He is married to Polly Ullrich, an art critic, curator, teacher, and ceramic artist, and their son Eric is a student at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana majoring in environmental economics.