



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



Resolution #6: USGS Large Vessel Program

Whereas the large vessel program of United States Geological Survey provides critical ecosystem and forage base information to researchers and fisheries managers and

Whereas the "Blue Ribbon" panel convened by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in response to a resolution by the advisors and by the Council of Lake Committees recognized the importance of this program to the ongoing successful management of Great Lakes fisheries and

Whereas the "Blue Ribbon" panel recommended a level of funding for the program of at least \$6.2 million on an annual basis and

Whereas the proposed funding for this program for the 2005 fiscal year is set at \$4.5 million therefore

Be it resolved that the U.S. Advisors commend the Blue Ribbon Panel, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, the Council of Lake Committees, and the U.S. Geological Survey for their strong commitment to vessel research on the Great Lakes and for producing a Memorandum of Understanding to improve vessel research, and

Be it further resolved that the U.S. Advisors request that the Great Lakes Fishery Commission ask the United States Geological Survey and the United States Congress to fully fund the large vessel program for the Great Lakes in the amount of at least \$6.2 million.

Resolution 04-06

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Passed by the U.S. Committee of Advisors

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