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PRESIDENT BUSH APPOINTS DAVID A. ULLRICH OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS TO GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION

ANN ARBOR, MI—President George W. Bush yesterday announced the appointment of Mr. David A. Ullrich of Chicago, Illinois to the U.S./Canadian Great Lakes Fishery Commission. Mr. Ullrich will serve a six-year term. Mr. Ullrich replaces former Chicago Alderman Bernard J. Hansen, who retired from the commission after twelve years of service.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is an international organization established by the United States and Canada through the 1954 *Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries*. The commission has the responsibility to coordinate fisheries research, control sea lampreys, and facilitate implementation of *A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries*, a provincial, state, and tribal fisheries agreement for the Great Lakes. Commissioners meet formally at least twice per year to formulate and execute the commission's programme. Members from the United States are appointed by the President of the United States. Members from Canada are appointed by Privy Council. For more information about the commission, visit www.glf.int on the Internet.

Mr. 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 restoration and protection of the resource. The Initiative's mission is to share best practices and to enhance partnerships among the cities, towns, and counties of the basin. The Initiative also works on restoration legislation, planning, and implementation.

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. Mr. Ullrich earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin Law School, with an emphasis in environmental law.

"We welcome Mr. Ullrich to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and express our appreciation to President Bush for appointing someone of his caliber and expertise," said commission chairman Gerald A. Barnhart of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. "Mr. Ullrich has been a leader in Great Lakes issues for decades, most recently playing a pivotal role in the development of the Great Lakes restoration plan under the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. We look forward to working with Mr. Ullrich on issues that benefit the Canadian and U.S. Great Lakes fishery. We are particularly enthused about how this appointment will enhance our partnership with cities throughout the basin."

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