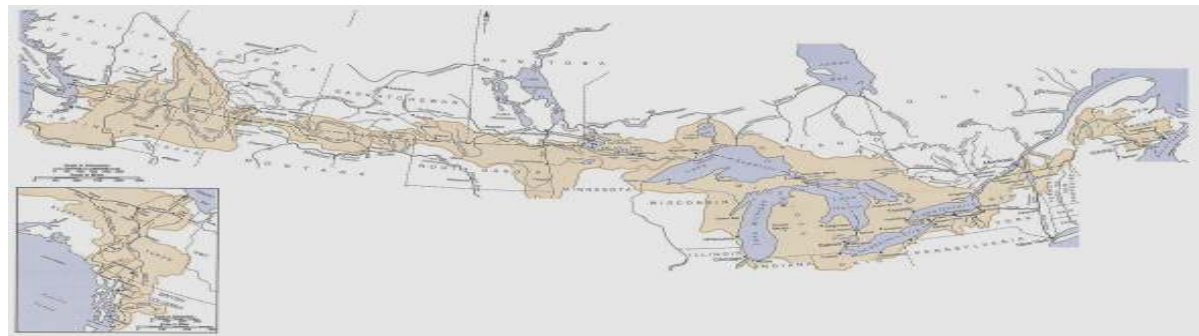




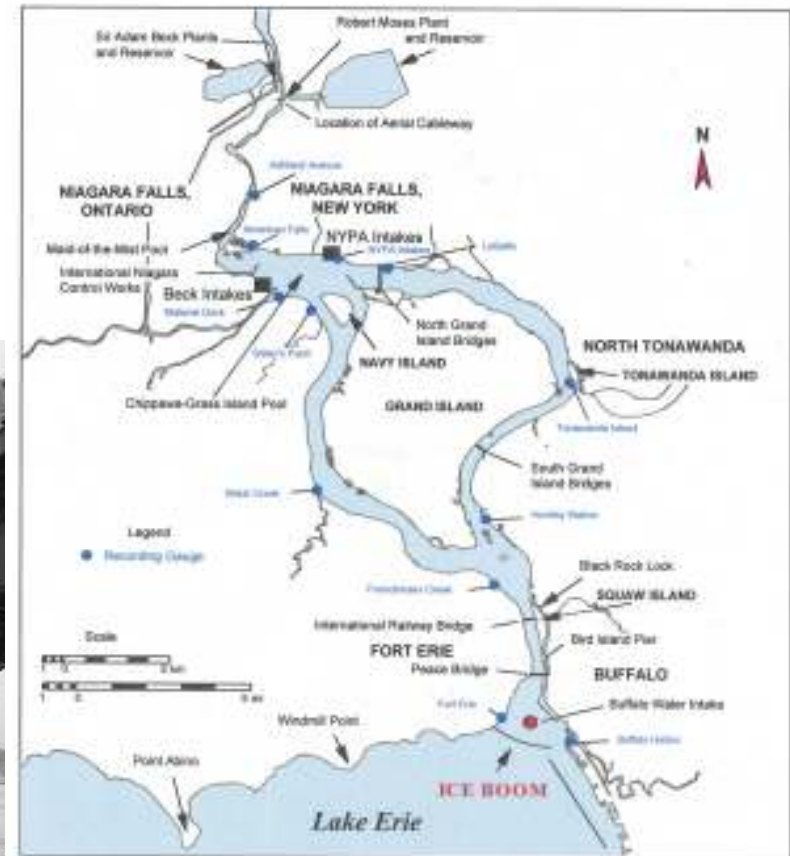
Celebrating “an uncommonly good” Treaty ...

Background on the 1909 Boundary Waters Treaty

- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 Signed January 11, 1909, Washington D.C.
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 Established the International Joint Commission
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 Allocation of Niagara water was one of two disputes mentioned in the Treaty
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 First environmental treaty of its kind
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 8000km of boundary – 40% fresh water, 134 shared rivers and lakes
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 100 disputes resolved in 100 years
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 Complete equality between the 2 countries
- 🇺🇸🇨🇦 1972 new responsibilities assigned under Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement



Peace Bridge 1928 Construction approved by IJC in 1925



Lake Erie Ice Boom



IJC Niagara Board
reduced flows to allow for this
Niagara River rescue

During the August 2005 blackout, the IJC's International Niagara Control Board suspended water low flow tolerances August 14-16 and August 18-21 to maximize hydroelectric power generation.







(United States Geological Survey)



Critical Path to the BWT100 Celebration



-  May 2007 Niagara 10 Leaders endorsed a cross-border agenda that identified the environment, binational heritage and regional promotion as key priorities for coordinated action
-  June 2007 Niagara 10 submission to the IJC for Niagara to serve as host location of the BWT100 Celebration
-  December 2007 IJC site visit to Niagara
-  June 10, 2008 announcement in Niagara Falls, Ontario by IJC & Niagara 10 of Centennial celebration in Niagara

In celebration of the Centennial of the Boundary Waters Treaty and to enhance understanding and appreciation for the significance of the region's abundant water resources, municipal jurisdictions in Western New York and the Niagara Region of Southern Ontario have designated

2009 as the Year of Our Shared Waters



A year-long calendar of events in the cross-border region related to water is available at:

www.oursharedwaters.com

The Year of Our Shared Waters
climaxes with

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A concentrated week of water related activities

June 5 – 14, 2009

Conferences & Education

Arts & Culture

Outdoor Activities & Festivals



and
The Centennial Celebration

June 13, 2009

Straddling the border at Niagara Falls



Niagara

June 13, 2009

- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Official Ceremony on the Rainbow Bridge
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Day & Evening Centennial Stages at Oakes Garden Theatre (Ontario), Top of the Falls (New York) and the Hard Rock Café (New York)
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Commissioned Performances and Compositions
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Environmental Fairs and Speakers
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Trails & Hikes in the Niagara Gorge and Glen

.... and a

Falls Fireworks Finale!



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- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 International Joint Commission Remedial Action Plan Public Meeting
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 SUNY/Buffalo – Beyond the Boundary Waters Treaty: Governance, Ecosystem Management and Connecting Channels
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Great Lakes United *Area of Concern* Conference
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Model UN Association of Canada to host a Model IJC (International Joint Commission)
- 🇺🇳 UN University for Water Lake Victoria Conference
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Environmental speakers



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Outdoor Activities & Festivals

- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Festival, Niagara Falls, NY
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Youth Fishing Contest, Niagara Falls, NY
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Hikes in the Gorge, Glen and Goat Island
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Lighthouse Tours and Dragon Boat Races
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Boat Dances
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 Launch of the Niagara International Garden Trail
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 World Thirst Bike Ride
- 🇺🇸🇺🇸 And more ...



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Arts & Culture

- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Launch of Onghiara International Environmental Film Festival
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Squeaky Wheel Water Films projected on Buffalo grain elevators
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 *Beyond the Barrel: Water as Art*, Niagara Arts and Cultural Center
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 *Niagara Rivers Playground* -- Exhibition of Early Niagara at The Grand Island Historical Society
- 🇨🇦🇺🇸 Outdoor Concerts – with The Tragically Hip, Diana Krall, Cross-border Blues, and Illuminaqua on the Welland Canal...
- *Mysteries of the Great Lakes IMAX*



- Canada Post Release of The Boundary Waters Treaty Centennial Stamp
and much, much more ...

Some of the June 13 names.....

Sarah Harmer

lbs per sq inch dance

Jared Paul

Donna the Buffalo

The Great Lake Swimmers

Joanne Shenandoah

Canamarata






Mama Earth's Kitchen Band

Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra and Niagara Youth Orchestra

And more....



The opportunity for the cross-border Niagara region

-  Political and media profile
-  Heightened environmental priority
-  Regional coordination & marketing
-  Tourism and Visitor attractions
-  Greening Niagara's image



Celebrate!

**June 13, 2009
Niagara Falls**



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