

To: Chris Goddard, Executive Secretary
Great Lakes Fishery Commission

From: Great Lakes Sea Grant College Program Directors
Great Lakes Fisheries Trust

Date: May 31, 2001

Subject: Partnership on Food-Web Disruption


This memo is a confirmation that the undersigned Great Lakes Sea Grant College Program Directors and the Great Lakes Fishery Trust are committed to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's proposed international partnership focusing on food-web disruptions caused by exotic invertebrates as elaborated in your white paper of March 13, 2001. This commitment is generally outlined in the terms of the reference document of December 7, 1999, to enhance research effectiveness through cooperation, and is understood to involve the following specific actions:

- recognition in Requests for Proposals and Announcement of Opportunities that research in this area is a priority for funding,
- encouragement of funded PIs to participate in science-coordination meetings/symposia called by representatives of the Commission's Board of Technical Experts,
- notification of other partners of RFP releases, relevant proposals received, and proposals funded,
- willingness to respond to requests for meetings etc. from any partner to maintain effectiveness.

We further understand that we may, at our discretion, have proposals screened by the Board for relevance to the research agenda identified in the white paper.

The Great Lakes Sea Grant Directors and Jack Bails, speaking for the Fishery Trust, enter this partnership willingly and enthusiastically with the belief that, through the partnership, the effectiveness of our individual research projects will be enhanced. The research approach, which is across lakes and trophic levels, is especially attractive. We look forward to working together to develop an implementation plan for coordination of research on this emerging, alarming problem of exotic invertebrates in the Great Lakes.

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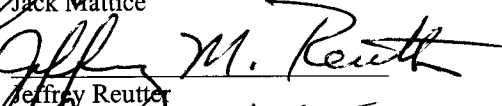
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