

BACKGROUND:

The water levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River are regulated by the Moses Sanders Dam under a joint U.S. — Canada agreement that dates back more than 50 years. The current plan was developed before modern science gave us a full understanding of the River's fragile ecosystem. And, sadly, the old system of management *is slowly killing the Lake and River.*

Over a year ago a new, modern plan - Plan 2014 - developed over more than a decade, with input from Save The River and from all the interests who share in the use and enjoyment of the St. Lawrence River, was recommended to the federal governments of the United States and Canada. Plan 2014, which achieves a balance of benefits for all interests, will generally increase the length of the recreational boating season, restore 64,000 acres of wetlands, increase the numbers of key species like Northern Pike and Black Tern, boost hydropower production and increase the resilience of hundreds of miles of shoreline in the U.S. and Canada *is still being considered more than a year later.*

Some of New York's most important waterbodies, shorelines, wetlands and the communities that depend on them will benefit from Plan 2014, the Governor's vocal support will certainly be heard in Washington and make a difference.

Take action today!