



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



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**Resolution 24-04: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LAUNCH AND TOOLING  
OF A FULLY FUNDED, INDEPENDENT CANADA WATER  
AGENCY WITH A SUBSTANTIAL GREAT LAKES FOCUS**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors are fully supportive of the Government of Canada's efforts to fund, establish and launch an independent Canada Water Agency (CWA) as part of the actions associated with the National Freshwater Action Plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes contain almost 20 percent of the world's surface fresh water and are the source of drinking water for 8.5 million Canadians;

**WHEREAS**, the CWA is currently in the process of standing up and determining focus and broad objectives for the future;

**WHEREAS**, Canada's other freshwater resources are important and in need to support.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors urge the Government of Canada to ensure the Great Lakes – and specifically the Great Lakes fisheries – are appropriately considered as part of all plans and proposals considered during the establishment and tooling phases of the CWA; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors urge the Government of Canada to consult regularly with Great Lakes stakeholders and rightsholders such as the Great Lakes Fishery Commission when determining mandate and policy focus priorities for the CWA.

Passed unanimously  
U.S. and Canadian Committee of Advisors  
June 5, 2023

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