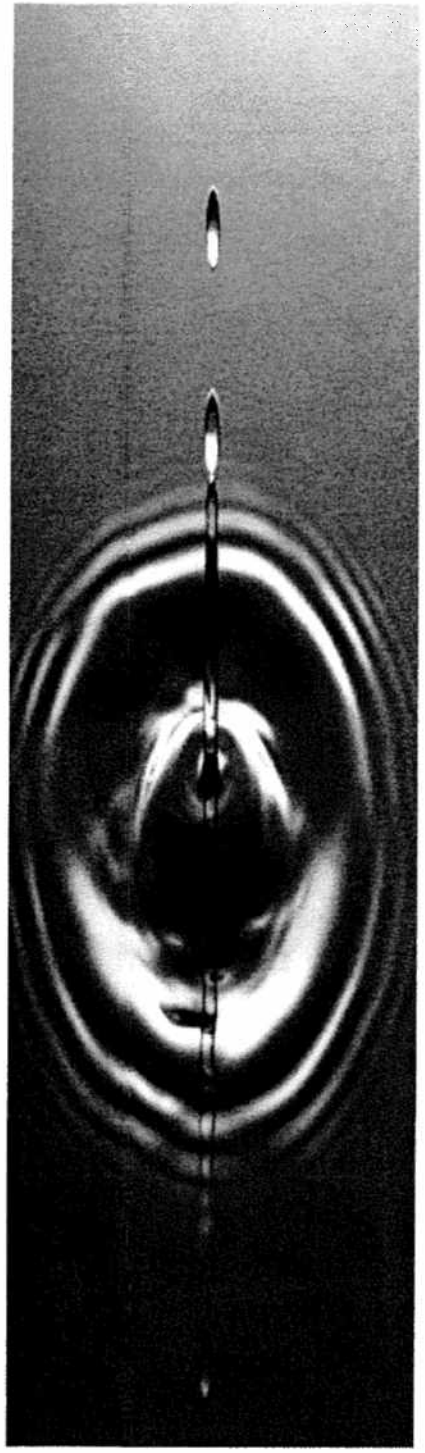
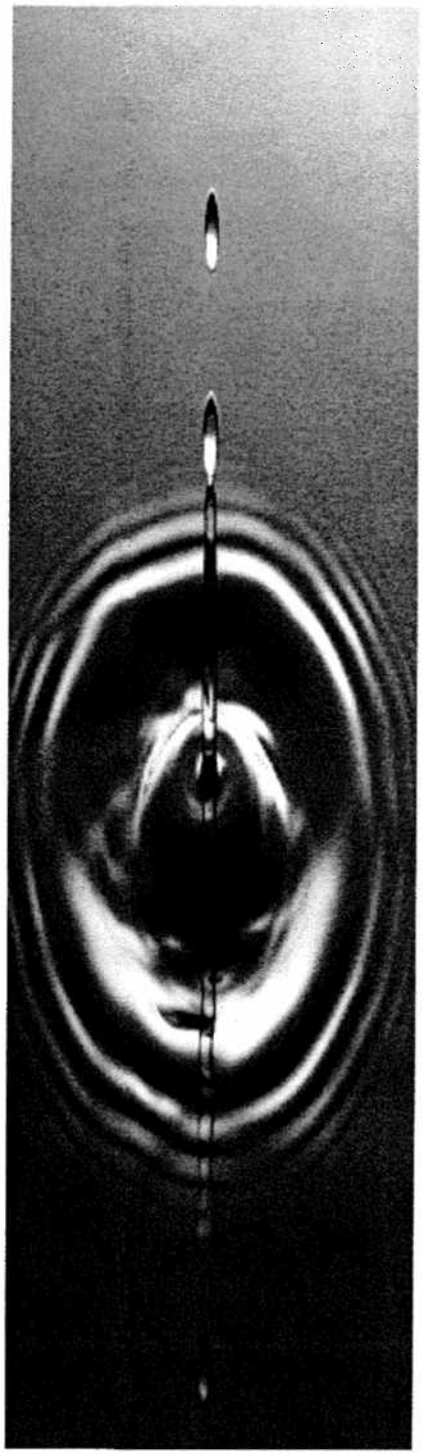


House Great Lakes and Environment Committee

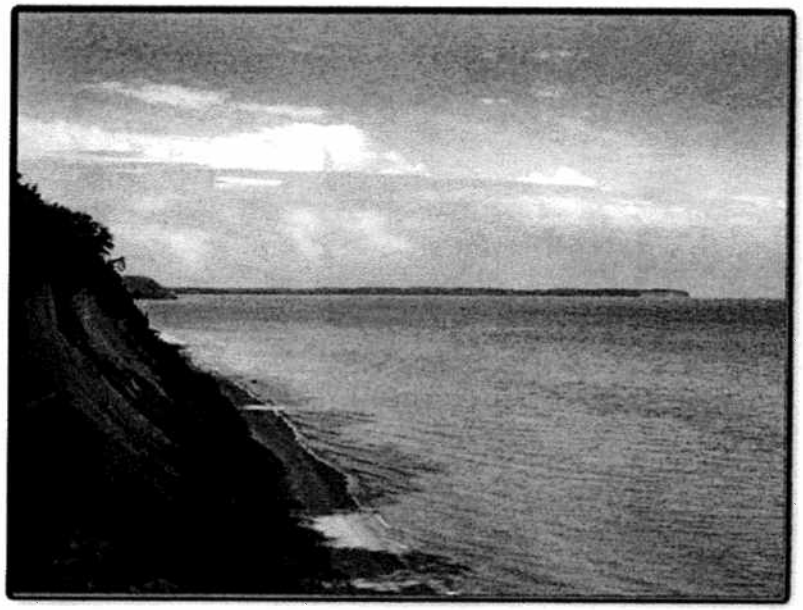
February 21, 2007



- *Office of the Great Lakes*
- *Great Lakes Priorities*
- *Annex and Compact*
- *Great Lakes Collaboration*
- *2008 Federal Budget*

The Office of the Great Lakes

- Created by Executive Action 1985
- *"the lead agency within state government for the development of policies, programs, and procedures to protect, enhance, and manage the Great Lakes."*
- Given Cabinet Level Status 1991



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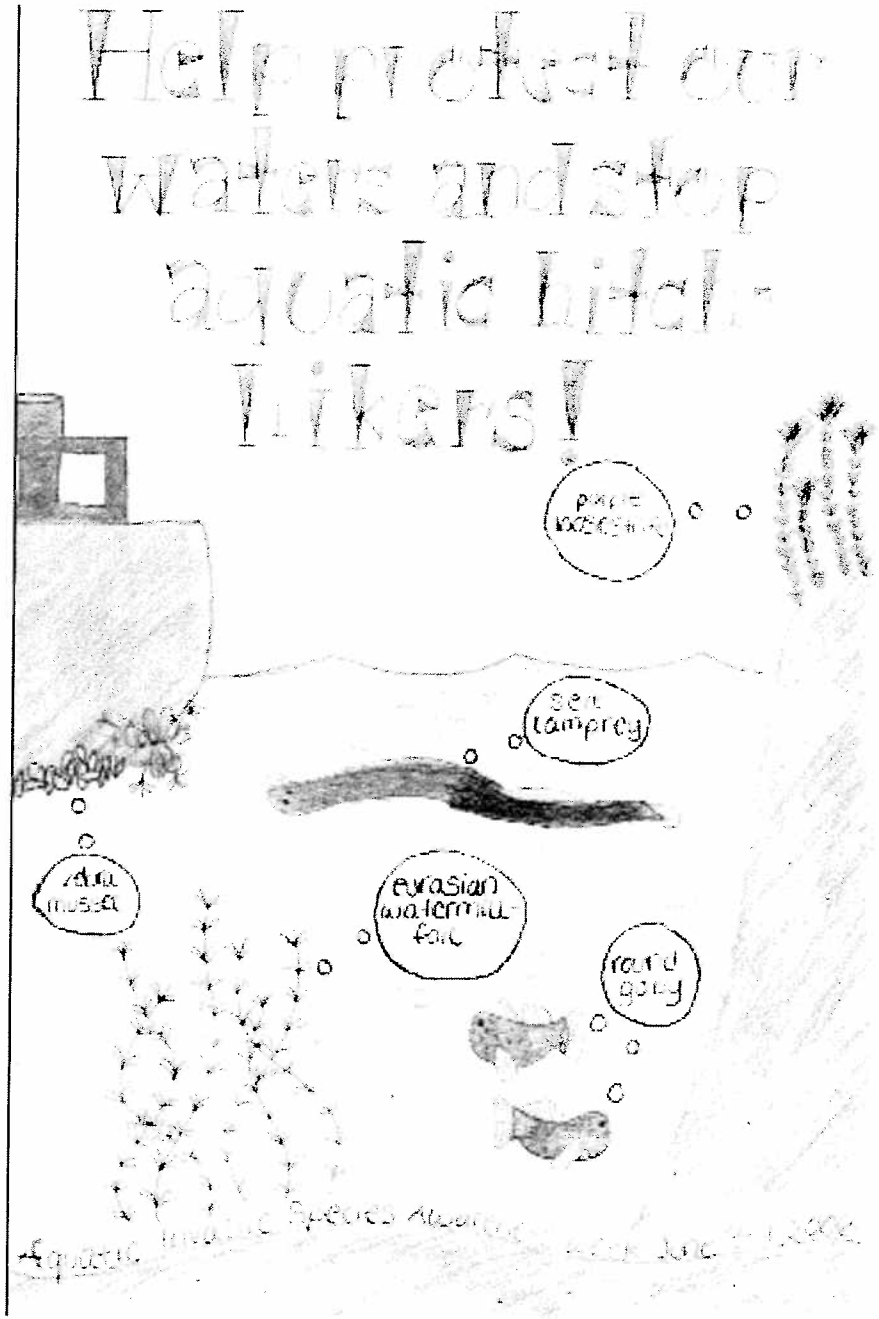
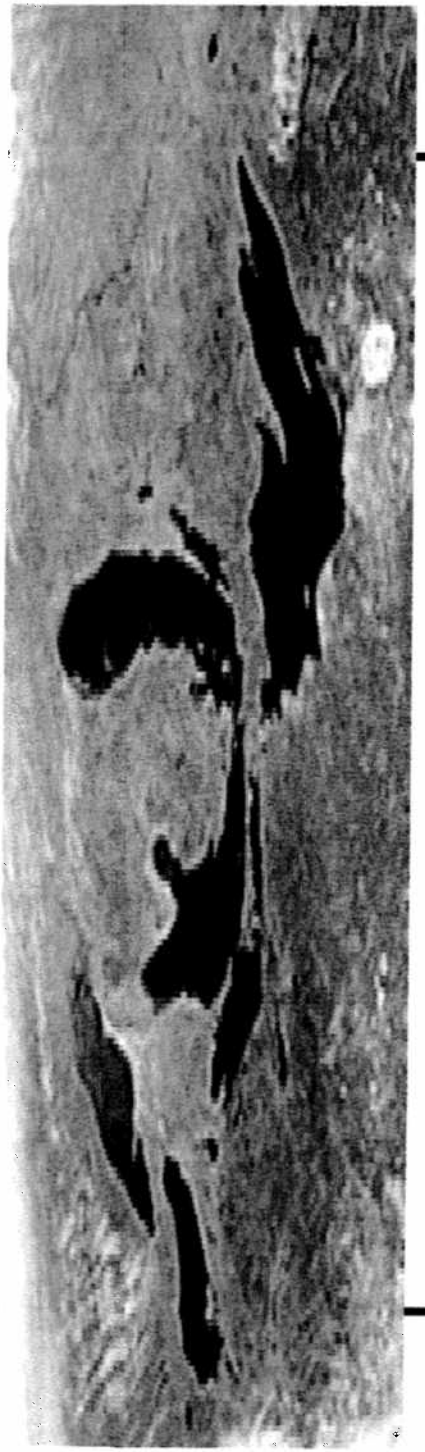
- State of the Great Lakes Report
- Great Lakes Protection Fund
- Aquatic Invasive Species



AIS Awareness Week

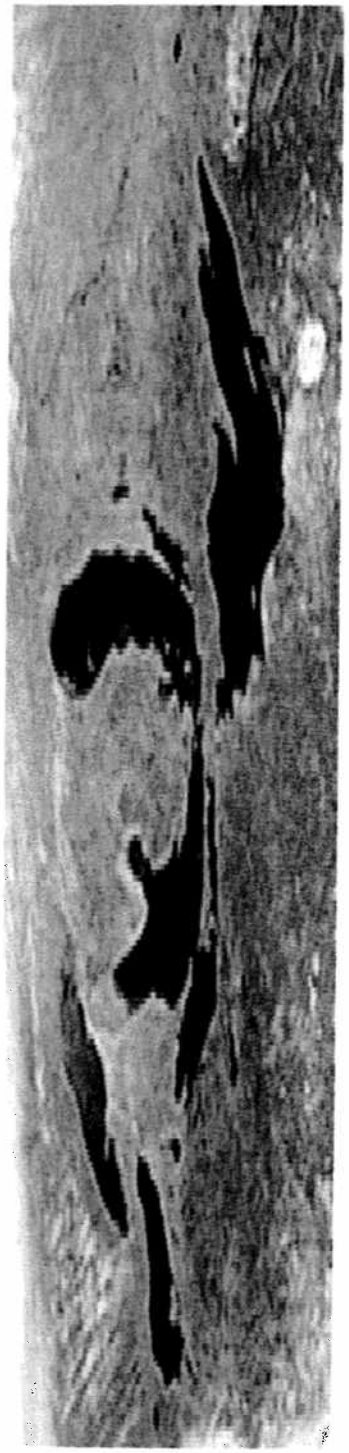
Office of the Great Lakes

- Regional Great Lakes Protection Fund
- Great Lakes Commission
- BEC
- US Policy Committee
  - EPA
- International Joint Commission WQB
- Council of Great Lakes Governors



"The Great Lakes fuel our economy, color our character and literally define the shape of our state. They are our most vital resources; their preservation and protection are too important to approach haphazardly."

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm
Special Message on Water
January 20, 2004



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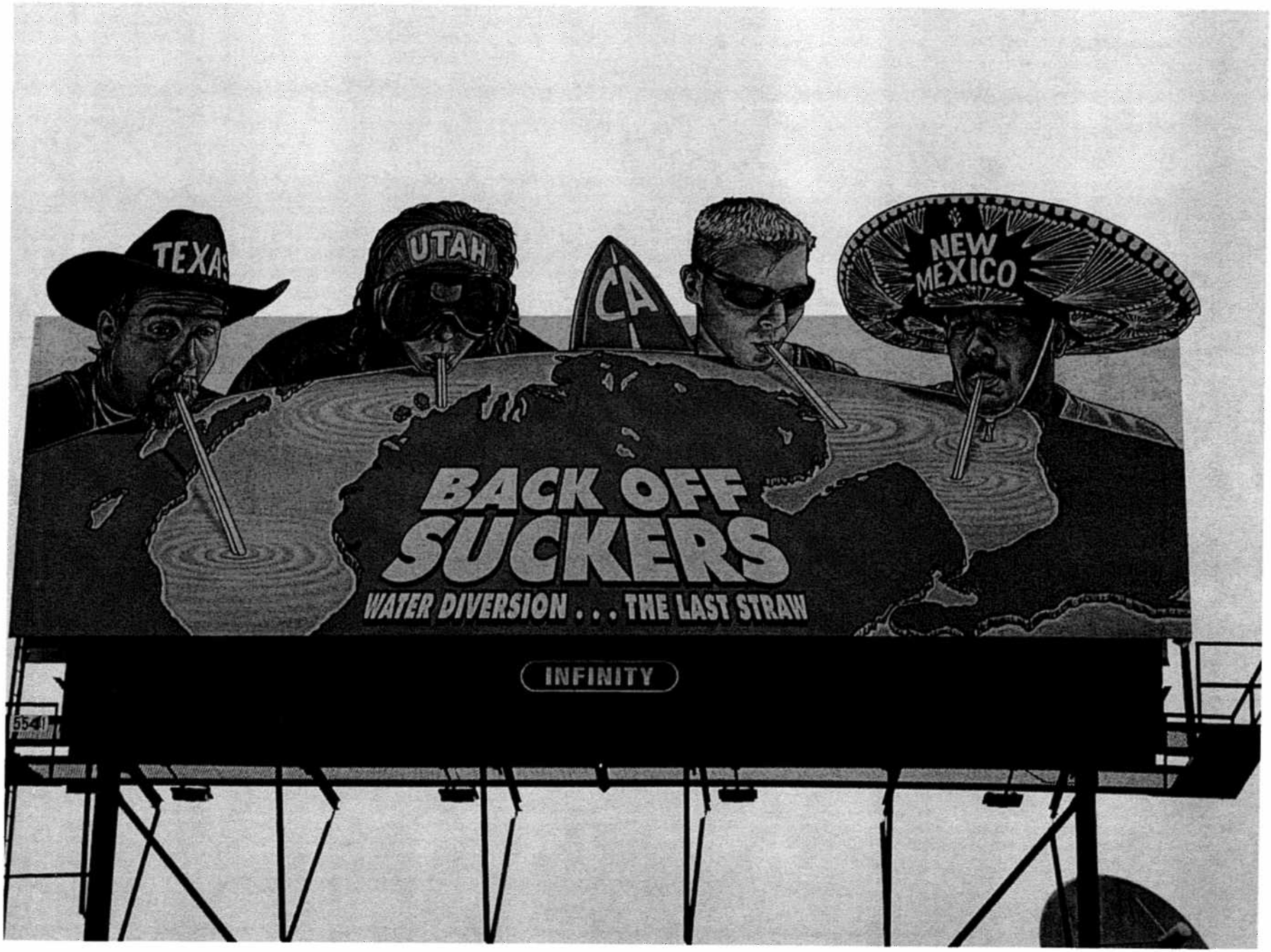
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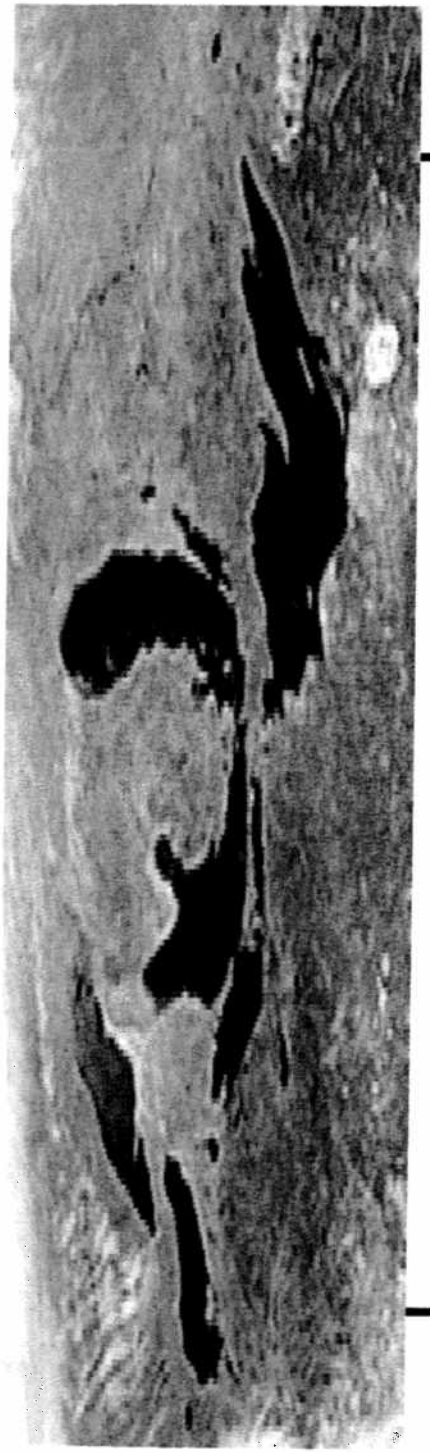


Great Lakes-
Non Binding Agreements

Great Lakes Charter of 1985

Good-faith agreement among the Great Lakes Governors and Premiers.

Created notice and consultation process for large new or increased diversions, in-Basin uses.

Commitment by States, Provinces t
to manage and regulate diversion
in-basin uses.

Limitations

- Good-faith nature
- Uneven implementation

Great Lakes

Water Resources Development Act of 1986

U.S. federal statute.

Subjected diversions to approval by the Governors (veto authority).

Limitations

- Scope: does not include in-Basin uses.
- Lack of definitions, decision-making standard and process.
- Questionable applicability to groundwater.
- Premiers not included in decision making.

Great Lakes Agreements

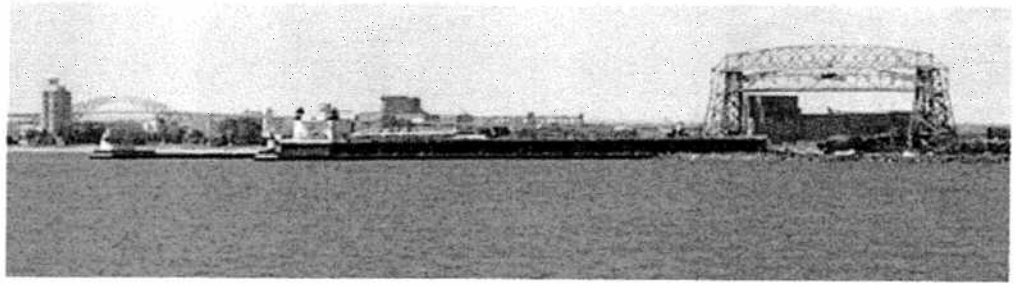
Impetus for New Protections

1998 – Nova Group proposal

1999 – Recurring lower Lake levels

2000 – WRDA amendments, IJC report

2001 – Great Lakes Charter Annex



Great Lakes Agreements

Agreements' Development Process

State and Provincial Leadership

Ten jurisdiction Working Group

Advisory Group/Resource Group/Observers

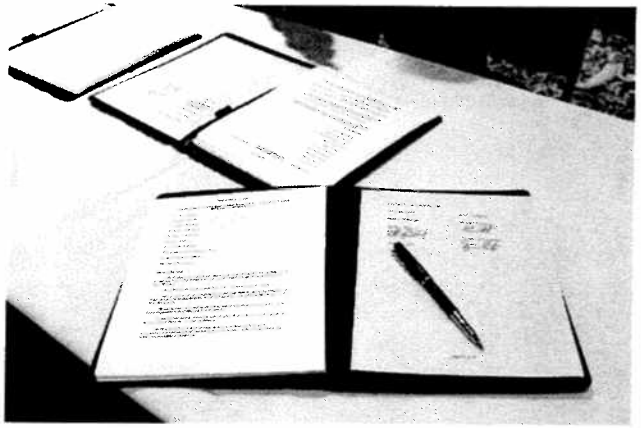
- Regional Stakeholders
- Federal Governments
- Ongoing Consultation
- Key Role in Development

Tribes and First Nations

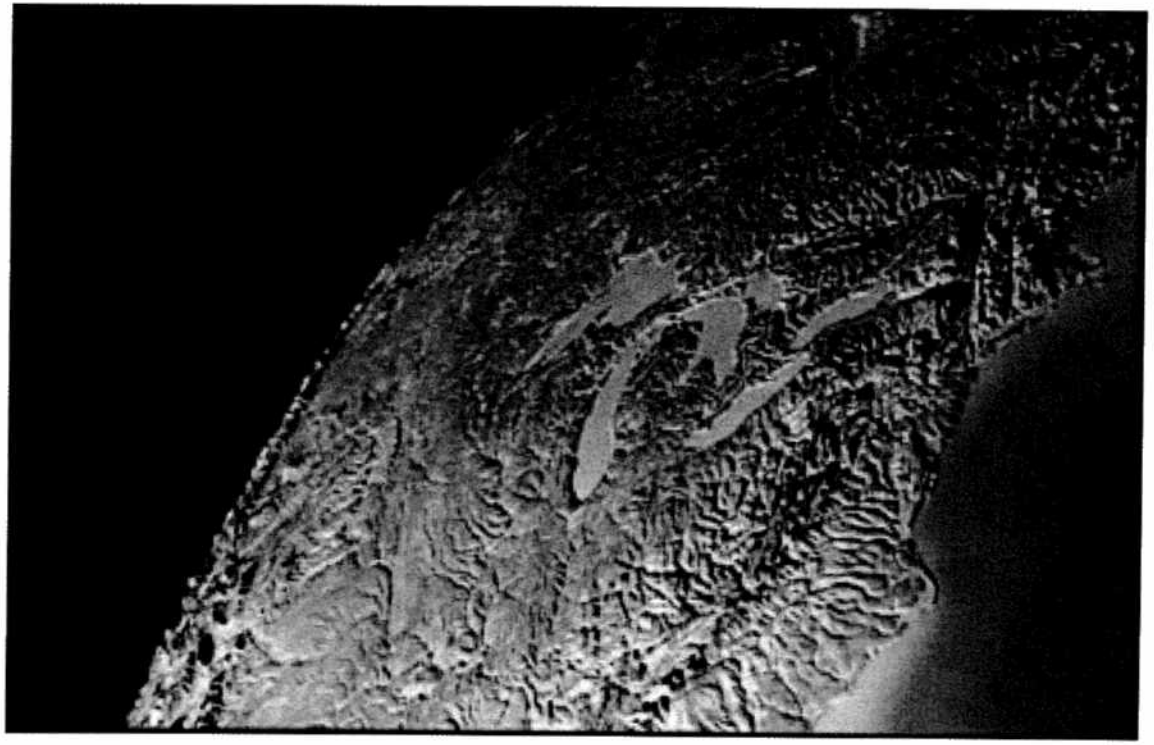
Public Involvement

Annex Implementing Agreements

- A good faith agreement among the Great Lakes states and provinces
- A binding compact among the Great Lakes states

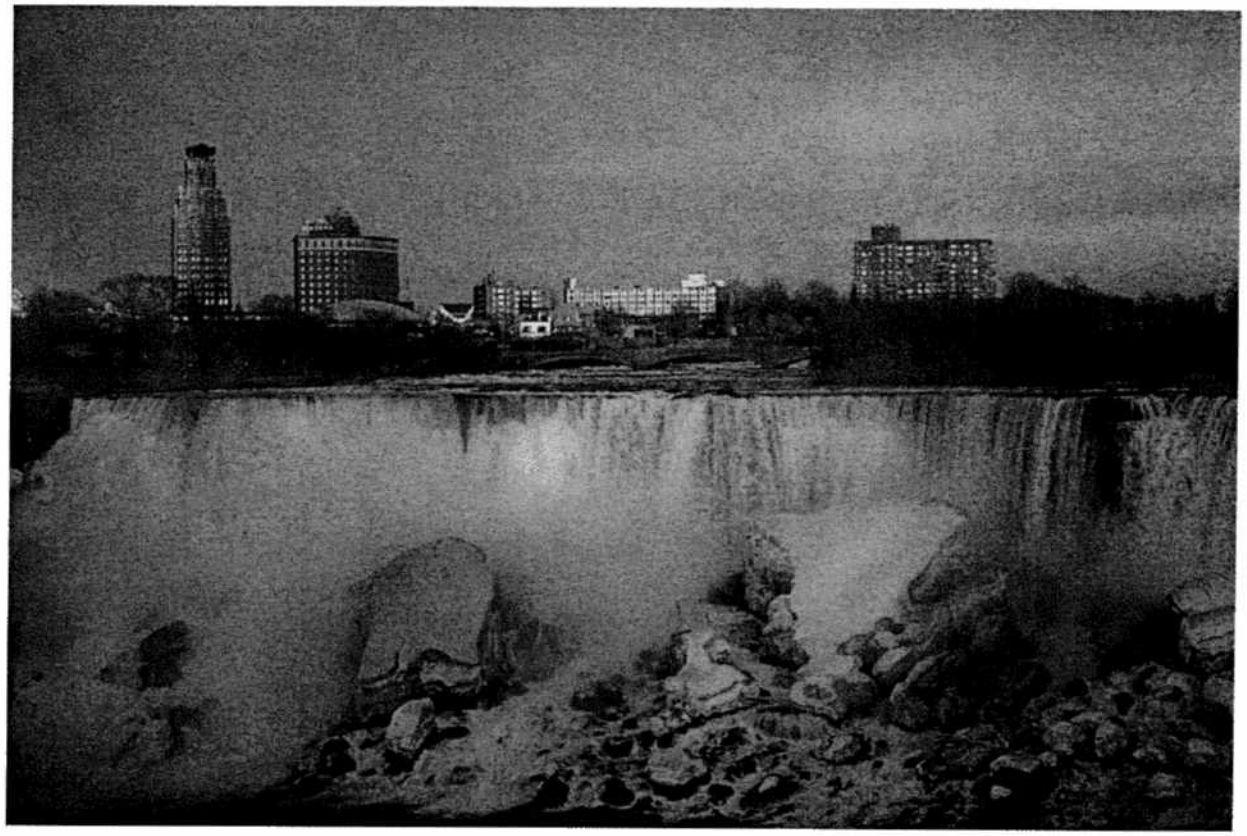


A ban on diversions with limited exceptions.

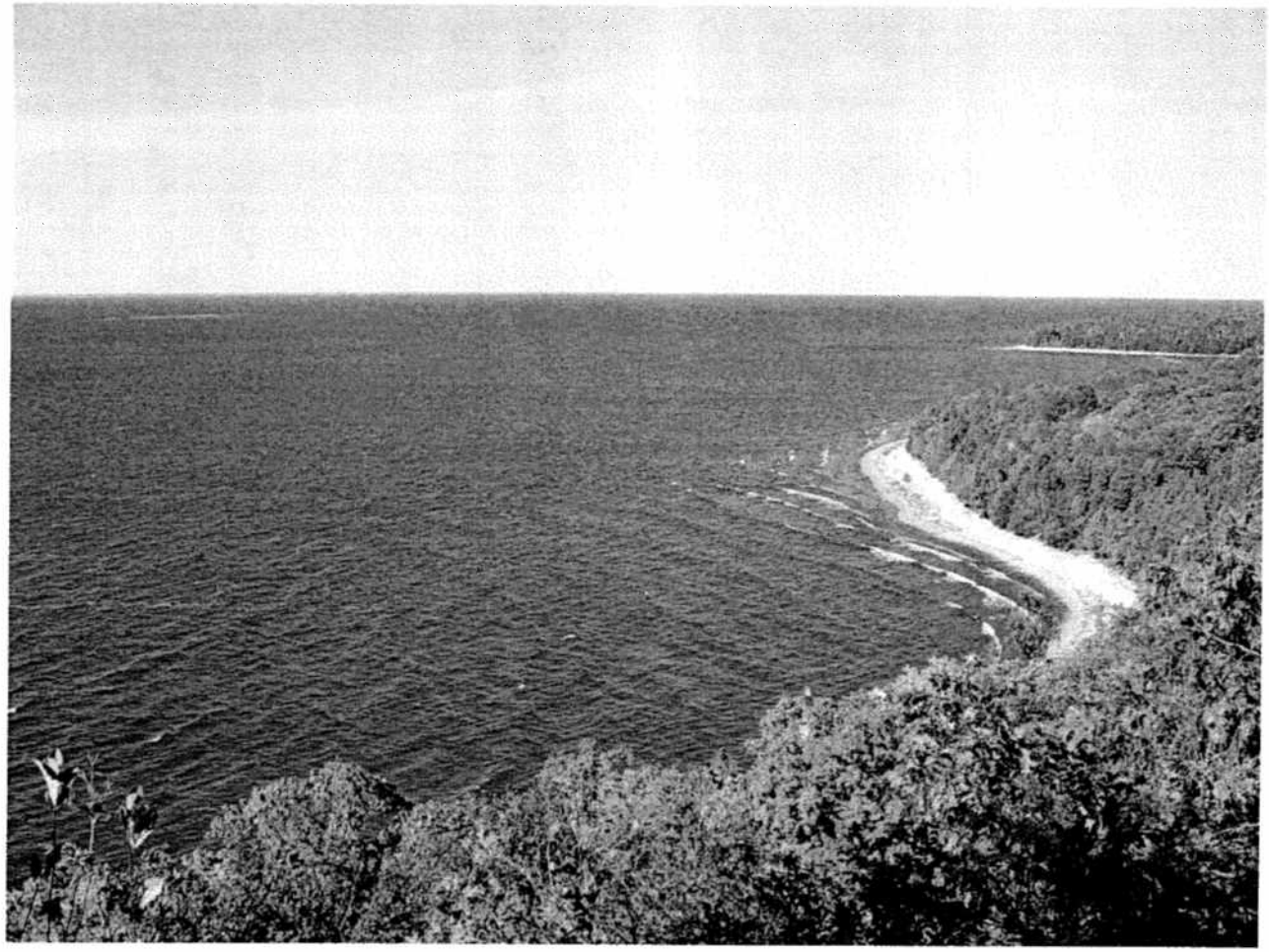


Great Lakes Basin Counties affected by the Revised Draft Annex Implementing Agreements

A common decision-making standard for new or increased water use.



State decision making for in-basin water uses.



Water conservation commitment.

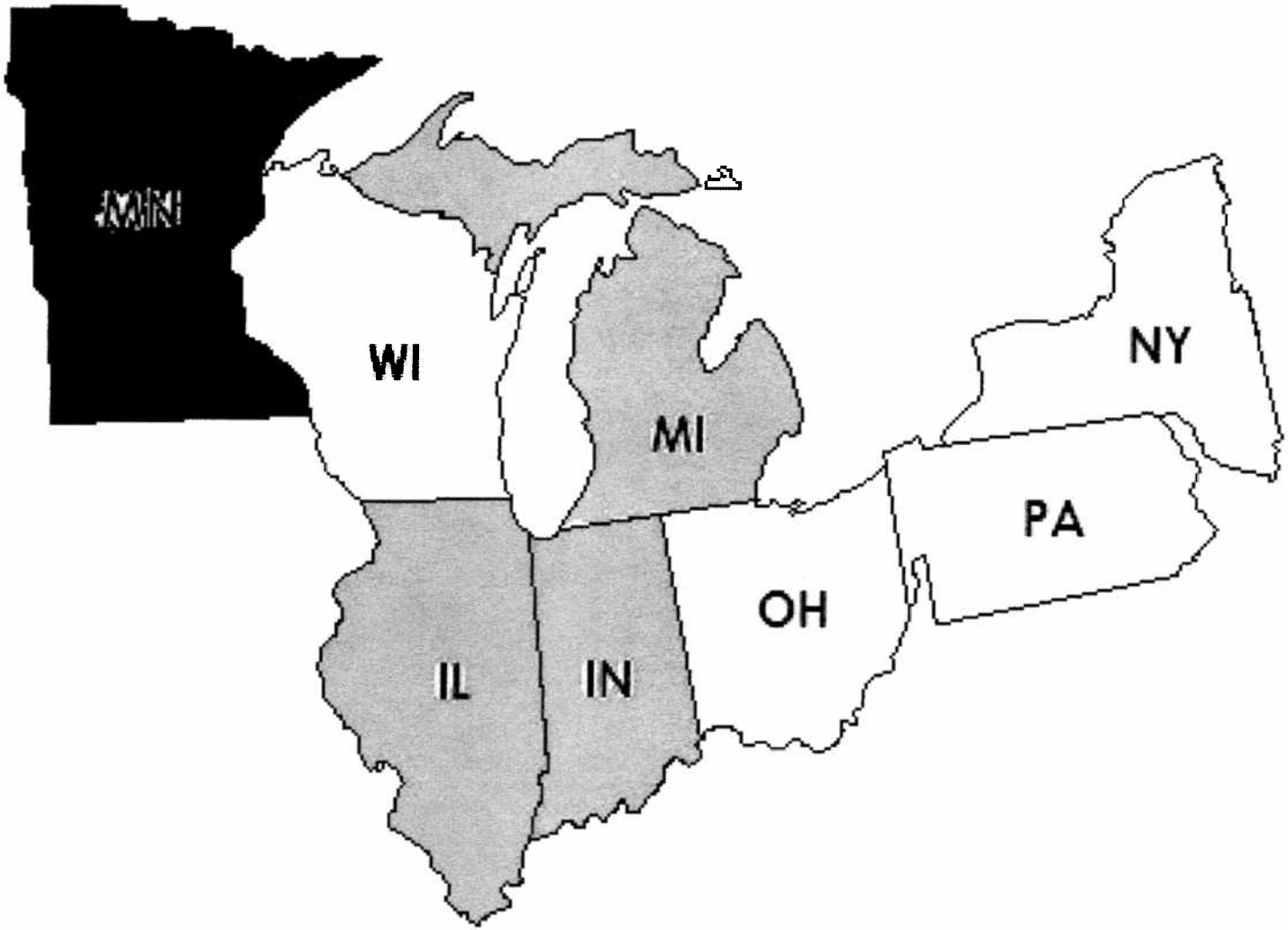
Encourage economic development and protection of the resource.

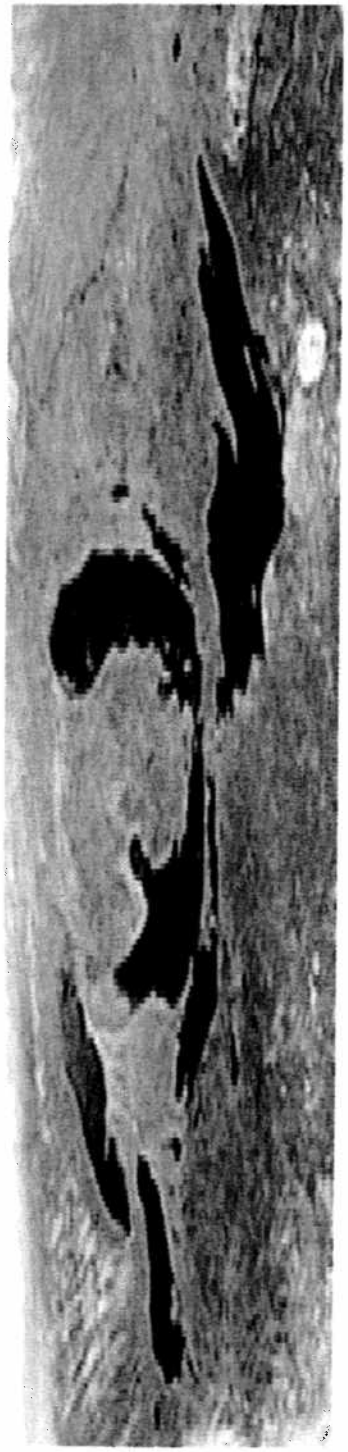
Next Steps

States

1. States seek legislative approval of Compact
2. States seek Congressional ratification
3. Individual state implementation

Compact Implementation 2/20/07





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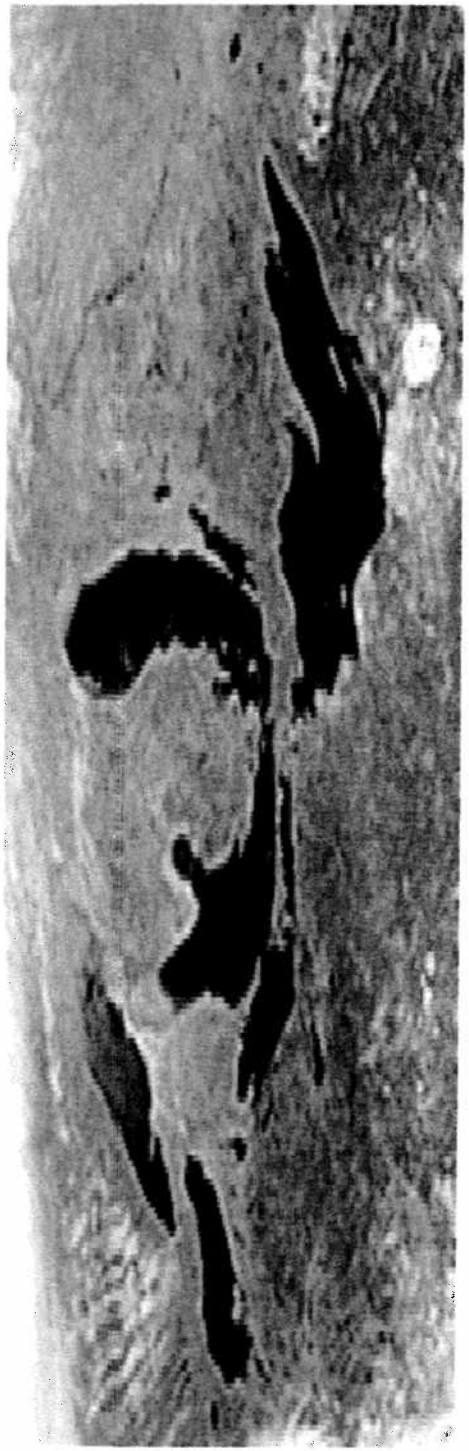


Great Lakes Regional Collaboration

- 2003-4 Federal Restoration Legislation
- 2004 White House Executive Order
- 2004 Collaboration Convening
  - 2005 Strategy Teams
    - Public Comment
    - Final Report December 2005

FY ’08 Federal Budget Proposal

- State Revolving Fund
- Great Lakes Legacy Act
- Asian Carp Barrier

SRF Cuts Impact on MI

- 2001
  $57.901 M
- 2006
  $38.043 M
- 2008 proposed
  $29.488 M

- 2001-'08 **-$28.413 M**

Great Lakes Legacy Act

- FY ’07 proposed
  $50 M
- FY ’08 proposed
  $35 M

<u>- $15 m</u>

Congressional Action

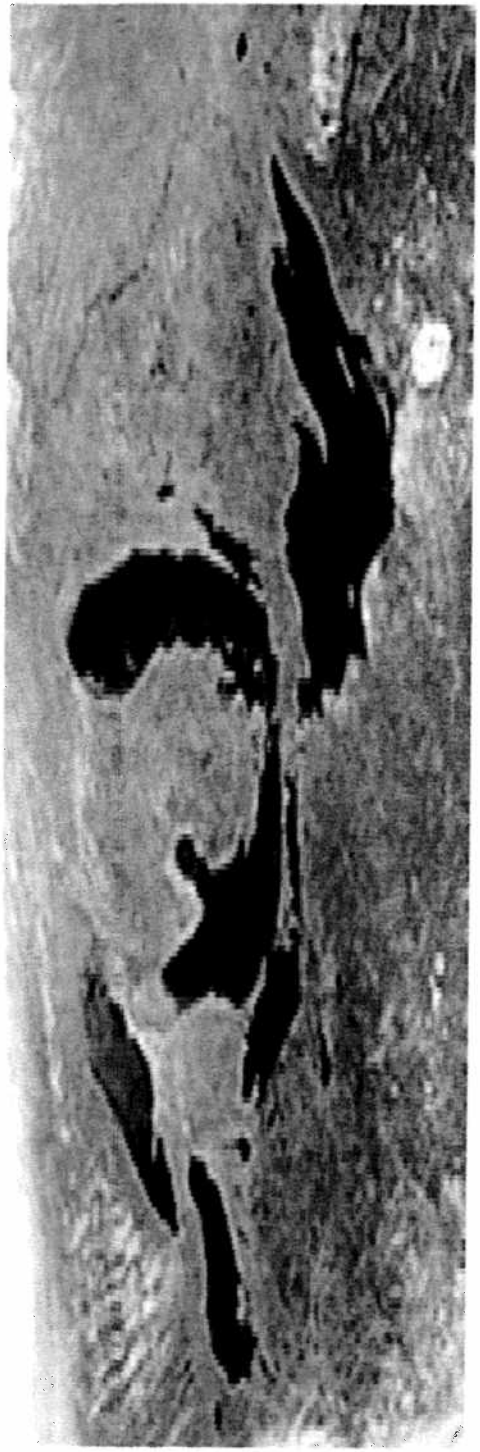
2006

- Entire MI Delegation co-sponsors of 2006 Collaboration Legislation

2007

- House Action on Revolving Fund
- Invasive Species
  - Ballast Water
  - Asian Carp Barrier

Asian Carp (Silver, Big Head)



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Annex Implementing Agreements:
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