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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 2 FY 94/95

DATE September 15, 1994

EXECUTIVE ORDER ACCEPTING THE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR THE ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL WATERWAY

WHEREAS, the historic significance and economic importance of the natural and cultural resources of the St. Croix Waterway are recognized by the State of Maine and the Province of New Brunswick and require joint planning and cooperative management in order to assure their wise use and protection; and

WHEREAS, a permanent St. Croix International Waterway Commission was established in 1988, by Maine and New Brunswick, to "...develop a plan to coordinate planning and management of the uses and resources of the St. Croix Waterway" (M.R.S.A., Title 38, Sections 991, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, in compliance with its legislative mandate, the Commission has developed a Management Plan, St. Croix International Waterway: A Heritage--A Future, October 1993, whose recommended goals, policies and actions were subject to extensive public and agency review, both in Maine and New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Maine agencies having a jurisdictional interest reviewed in 1990 and again in 1993 the Commission's recommendations and have expressed agreement with the goals and policies contained in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, Maine, federal, and provincial departments, landowners, and local interests have worked cooperatively with the Commission to implement certain components of the Plan on a voluntary, trial basis; and

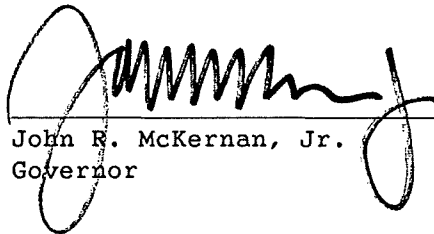
WHEREAS, the Government of New Brunswick has formally approved the Plan by Order-in-Council 94-7, dated January 6, 1994;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby:

1. Accept the recommended goals, policies, and actions contained in the St. Croix International Waterway Commission's Management Plan, A Heritage--A Future, October 1993, as a framework for guiding the activities of the affected agencies in the Waterway area, to the extent that resources are available for this purpose and program priorities allow. The Plan is not to be utilized as an indication of State regulatory policy in any regulatory proceeding.

2. Direct the Atlantic Sea Run Salmon Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the Department of Conservation, the State Planning Office, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Economic and Community Development, the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, the Department of Marine Resources, and any other agencies that might have a role or interest, as funds and time permit, to cooperate in furthering the implementation of the recommendations of the Plan and to enter into such agreements with their New Brunswick counterparts, landowners, and others as may be desired from time to time for this purpose.

The effective date of this Executive Order is September 15, 1994.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor