



Secretary John Kerry and Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion,

On April 12th, American Rivers named the St. Lawrence River one of *America's Most Endangered Rivers*[®], shining a spotlight on the threat outdated dam operations pose to imperiled fish and wildlife and local communities. For over 50 years, the levels of Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River have been regulated by the Moses Saunders Dam, whose operating plan was developed with pre-computer technology.

Today, you have the opportunity to immediately remove this shared waterway from list of endangered rivers with the stroke of a pen.

A new scientifically-sound plan, known as Plan 2014, is ready for enactment and will adjust the dam's operating plan to work with nature. Referred to your offices nearly two years ago, the plan simply needs your two signatures. Plan 2014 places the environment at the center of decisions about water level regulations on the St. Lawrence River. If implemented, the plan will jumpstart one of the largest wetland restoration efforts in North America.

I proudly join Save The River and American Rivers and call for the approval of Plan 2014.

Please listen to the over 22,500 expressions of citizen support as well as the 42 environmental, conservation and sportsmen organizations and local and regional businesses that continue to advocate for Plan 2014.

Thank You