

**OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**  
**POLICY 40 – LAKE ERIE WATER LEVELS**

**IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LAKE LEVELS MANAGEMENT PLAN AGREEABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA CONCERNING THE WATER LEVELS OF LAKE ERIE AND THE GREAT LAKES.**

Authorities and Administration

ODNR is the lead state agency in coordinating with the International Joint Commission (IJC) on lake level issues. ODNR will work with the IJC to mitigate high lake levels and implement measures that reduce shore damage from high waters without accelerating shore erosion or harming biological resources, recreational and residential interests, commercial navigation, and hydroelectric power facilities. ODNR will also advocate that IJC recommendations address the issues of low, high and fluctuating lake levels in a balanced perspective.