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Experts were invited to review the recommendations of the preliminary report on nutrient loading in Lake Memphremagog during a binational workshop

October 2nd, 2019 - On Friday, September 20, 2019, the International Joint Commission of Canada and the United States (IJC) in conjunction with the Memphremagog Watershed Association (MWA) and Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) hosted a Binational Science and Policy Workshop in Newport, Vermont. More than 50 experts in environmental science and policy were invited to review and comment the recommendations of the study on nutrient loading and impacts in the Lake Memphremagog Watershed. Workshop participants were invited to prioritize and collaborate on existing recommendations; identify issues and generate ideas on approaches that may be missing, comment on the impact and continuity of the report and project outcomes; and discuss governance options integral to high-level binational collaboration.

The event represents an integral step in the process of evaluating and including recommendations in the report and was an opportunity to share study progress within the context of a connected series of milestones. In November, the draft final report will be available online for 30 days for a comment period during which the public will have the opportunity to comment the report before it is submitted to the IJC. The study will culminate in final recommendations to Canadian and United States governments in April 2020.

For additional information, visit: <https://www.ijc.org/en/lclm/project-two> or contact Beth Torpey at BTorpey@MWAVT.org or Ariane Orjikh at ariane.orjikh@memphremagog.org.

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About MCI: Memphremagog Conservation Inc. (MCI) based in Magog, Quebec, is a non-profit organisation formed of volunteers, working since 1967 for the protection of the environmental health and natural beauty of Lake Memphremagog and its watershed. With the strength of its membership, it works to ensure that all residents of the region can benefit from and enjoy a healthy lake, for today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

About MWA: Memphremagog Watershed Association (MWA) based in Newport, VT, is a non-profit organization formed in 2007 and is dedicated to the preservation of the environmental and natural beauty of the Memphremagog Watershed and to ensuring its protection for generations to come.

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