



**Committee of Advisors  
to the  
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



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**Resolution #7: Problems with Burning Coal and Benefits of Wind Power**

**Whereas** emissions from coal-burning power plants have a significant, detrimental affect on humans, fish, and wildlife and

**Whereas** coal-burning power plants are the single largest source of mercury emissions in the United States, causing a health hazard in humans, fish, and wildlife, and

**Whereas** coal-burning power plants are also a cause of acid rain, excessive nitrogen emissions, and increased ground-level ozone, all causing serious health issues in humans, fish, and wildlife, and

**Whereas** four of the eight states are on the top ten list of states for coal-burning power plant emissions, with many other coal plants clustered around the Great Lakes basin on both sides of the border,

**Whereas** renewable sources of energy, particularly wind power, would significantly lessen the detrimental emissions from coal-burning power plants, therefore

**Be it resolved** that the Committee of Advisors support the use and proliferation of renewable sources of energy, particularly wind power, as a way to reduce dangerous emissions from power plants, emissions that harm humans, fish, and wildlife.

Resolution 04-07

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Passed by committee of advisors (with dissent) and supported by the Canadian Committee of Advisors

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