Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission

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.

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