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The Great Lakes Basin Commission is dedicated to the best use and conservation of natural resources in the region. To achieve this ambitious goal, it has undertaken the following:

- Development of a resource use and conservation plan for the entire U.S. Great Lakes basin.
- Coordination of planning and research by agencies and private groups through interstate-interagency committees, basin-wide conferences, and review of plans and research.
- Establishment of long-term priorities for needed data collection and analysis.
- Performance of special studies of resources as needed.

The Basin Commission views the entire Great Lakes drainage basin of 1,177,000 square miles as an interconnected whole. The lake country and forests of the north, the flat crop lands to the south, and the mountains in the east are characterized by both diversity and interdependence, as are the five Great Lakes themselves. The commission's basin-wide perspective encourages comprehensive rather than sectional solutions and discourages the waste of overlapping efforts.

The Basin Commission was established in 1967 at the request of the Great Lakes states under the Water Resources Planning Act of 1965. Operating funds are supplied by the Great Lakes states and matched by the federal government.

Commissioners represent the states and agencies listed on the back cover. Canadian federal and provincial government observers and citizens attend the quarterly commission meetings, where decisions are made by commissioners on a consensus basis.

The Basin Commission chairman is appointed by the U.S. President; the commissioners annually elect the vice-chairman from their state membership.

The Great Lakes Basin Commission office in Ann Arbor, Michigan, is staffed by employees engaged in planning, coordination, and public involvement and information.

This annual report describes the commission's work, particularly accomplishments in fiscal year 1977 (October 1976-September 1977).

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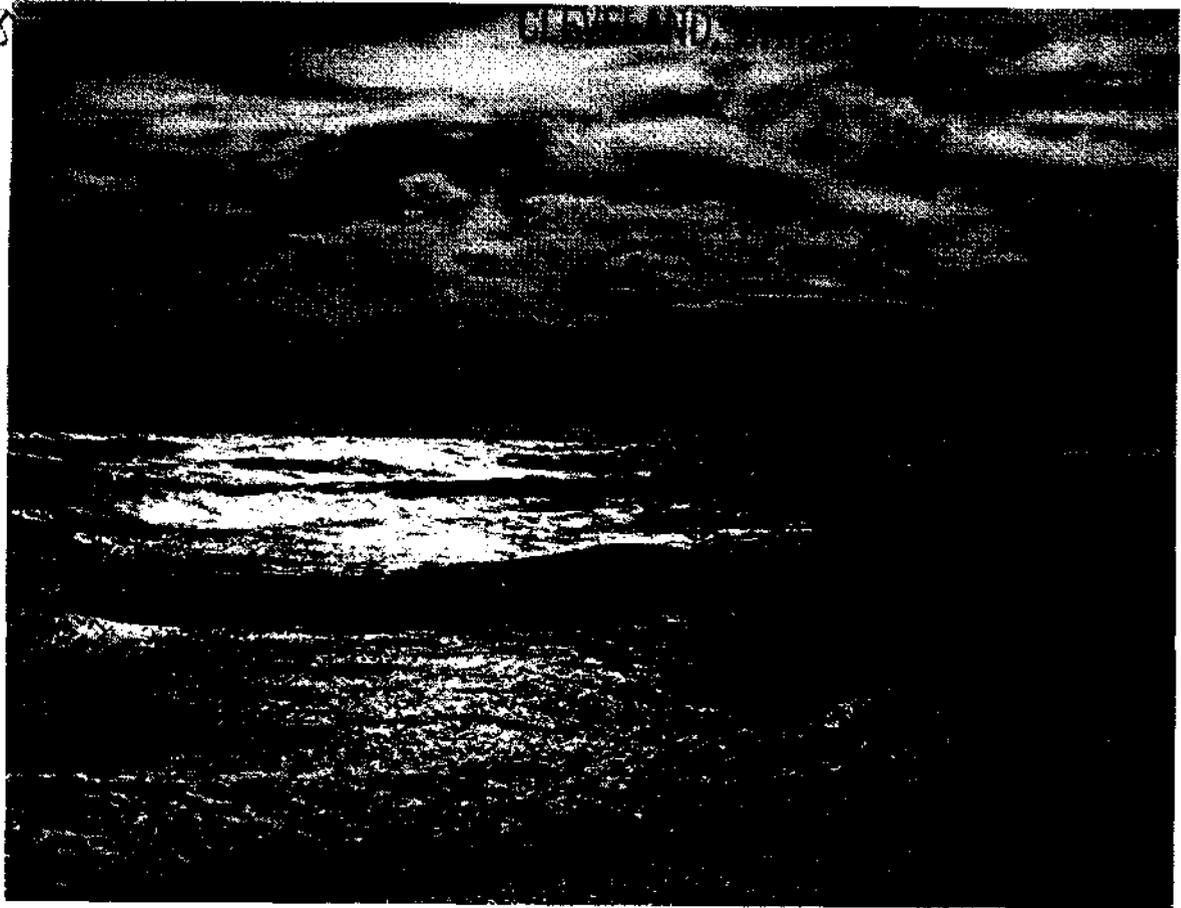


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