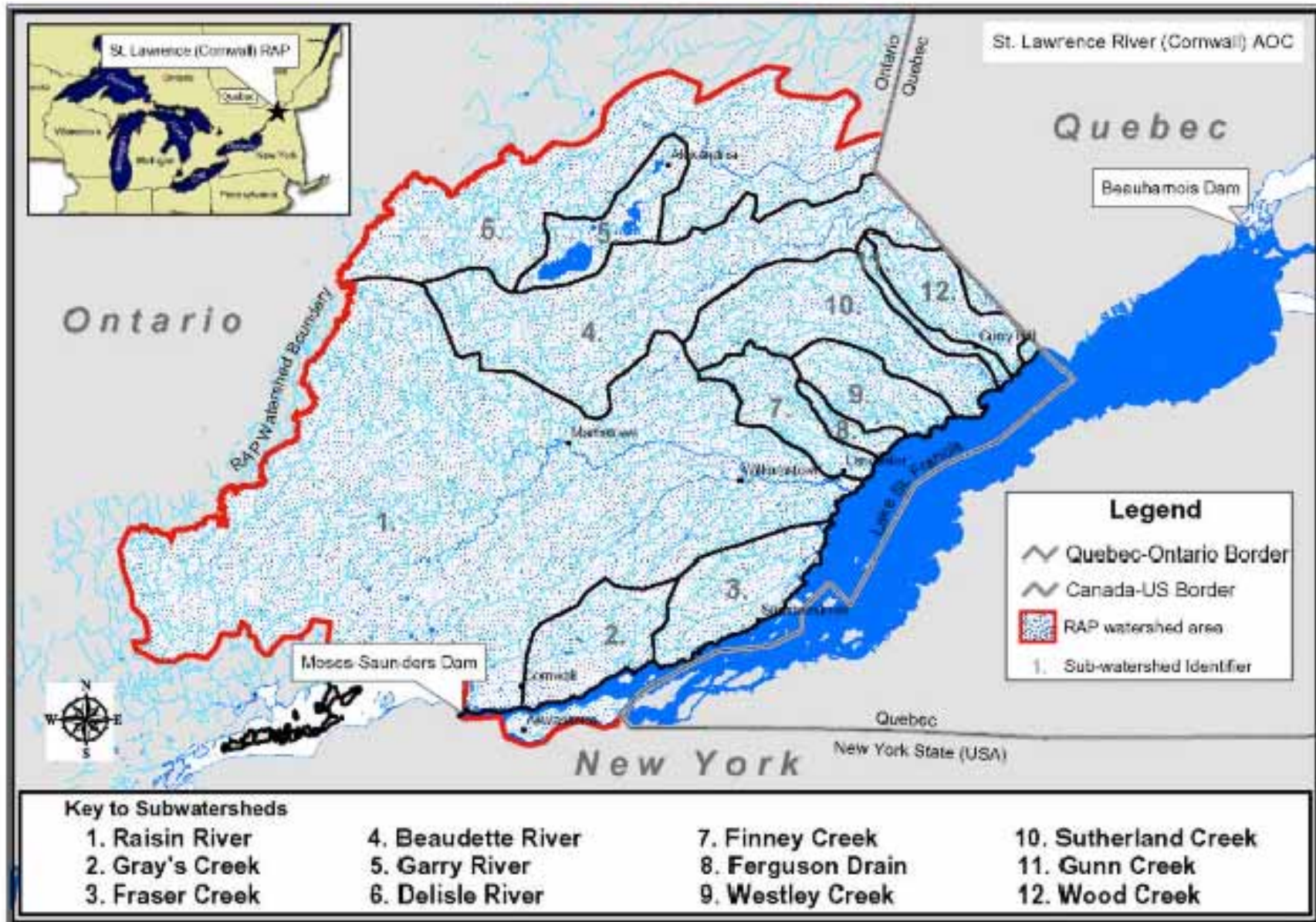


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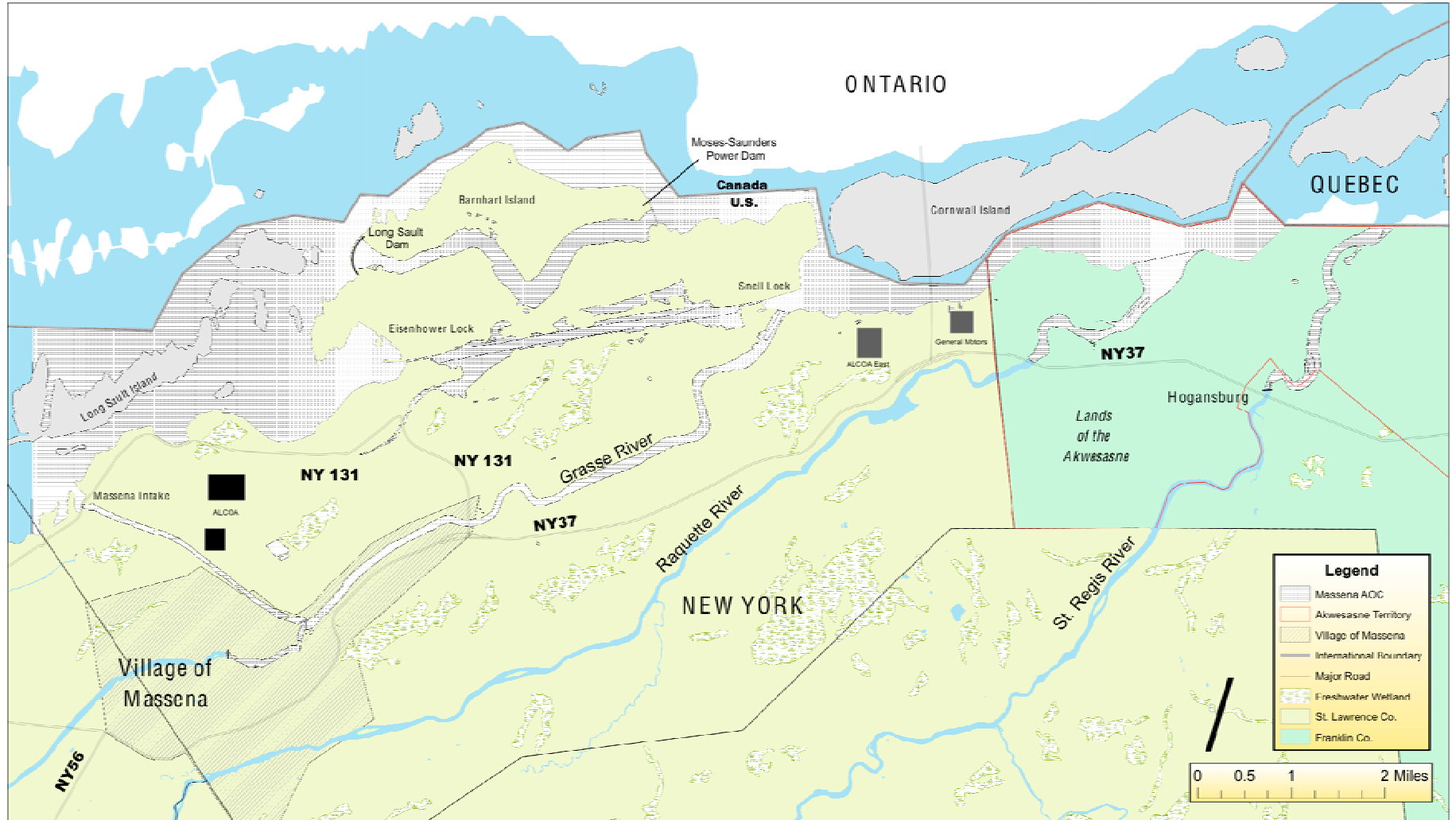
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Appendix A. Map outlining the boundaries of the St. Lawrence River (Cornwall) Area of Concern (Hamilton 2004).

Massena Area of Concern



Cornwall AOC History

- Public Advisory Committee formed in August 1988
- Stage 1 in August 1992
- Stage 2 in November 1997
- St. Lawrence River Restoration Council formed in 1998
- Hoping to delist in 2010

Massena AOC History

- Massena Citizen Advisory Committee formed after DEC began RAP development in 1988
- Stage 1 completed in 1990
- Stage 2 completed in 1991

Beneficial Uses

- International Joint Commission identified 14 Beneficial Use Impairments
- Canadian Stage 1 identified 7 impaired, 4 not impaired and 3 possibly impaired
- American Stage 1 identified 3 impaired, 4 likely impaired, 7 not impaired and 1 unknown

Beneficial Uses, continued

- Some had same classification in both reports
- Some had different
- American added a 15th – Transboundary Impacts, impaired
- Different definitions for beach closings

Comparisons of Problems

American

- Large industries classified as Superfund sites
- Small city, less urban pollution
- Tributaries flowing into the St. Lawrence only included if impacted by industries

Canadian

- Smaller industries which have since closed down
- Larger city, Pollution Control Plan
- Tributaries included because of many non-point sources

Comparisons of Agencies

American

- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
- United States Environmental Protection Agency
- St. Regis Tribal Council
- Many other local agencies

Canadian

- Environment Canada
- Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- Akwesasne Mohawk Council
- Many other local agencies

To Be or Not to be Binational

Yes

- The St. Lawrence River is one ecosystem

No

- Number of agencies that would have to agree on everything
- Different attitudes in the Public Committees
- Canadians would have to wait for the Superfund Sites to be remediated
- Americans would have to wait for City and Rural issues to be remediated
- Having a RAP Coordinator

Questions ?

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