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Introduced by M. of A. J. D. RIVERA -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law and the state law, in
relation to the re-designation of Squaw Island in Ontario county as
Skenoh Island

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 45-0117 of the
environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 249 of the laws of
1993, is amended to read as follows:

a. [~~Squaw~~] Skenoh Island in the town of Canandaigua, county of Ontario
more fully described in chapter three hundred fifty-two of the laws of
nineteen hundred seventy-five.

§ 2. Section 5 of the state law is amended to read as follows:

§ 5. Canada boundary line. The boundary line between the state of New
York and Canada is as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of the parallel of the forty-fifth
degree of north latitude with the middle of the deepest channel of the
Richelieu river and running thence westerly along said parallel of
forty-five degrees north latitude as originally run by Valentine and
Collins, 1771-1774, to a point on the south shore of the St. Lawrence
river (but shown by the United States survey of boundary line in 1845,
under treaty of Washington, 1842, on sheet maps XXVI to XXX to vary from
true parallel of forty-five degrees, as follows: monument 645, on bank
of Richelieu river, is .822 miles north of parallel of 45° and .02 miles
west from river; thence westerly 14.68 miles to monument 673, at .336
miles north; thence westerly 6.56 miles to monument 685, at .353 miles
north; thence westerly 9.20 miles to monument 703, at .004 miles south;
thence westerly 7.43 miles to monument 717, at .429 miles south; thence
westery 10.02 miles to monument 737, at .475 miles south; thence
westery 6.34 miles to monument 749, at .140 miles south; thence wester-
ly 5.88 miles to monument 762, on true parallel of 45°; thence westery
4.20 miles to monument 774, at .030 miles north on bank of St. Lawrence
river S. 74° 45' W. 1840 yards distant from the stone church in the

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 Indian village of St. Regis, this line being recognized as the boundary
2 line by article one of said treaty of Washington). Thence beginning at
3 aforesaid point on the south shore of the Saint Lawrence river, marked
4 by monument 774, under the treaty of Washington, 1842, and in 1817 by a
5 stone monument erected by Andrew Ellicott (the location of which point
6 is described above), and running north 35° 45' west into the river, on a
7 line at right angles with the southern shore, to a point 100 yards south
8 of the opposite island, called Cornwall island; thence turning westerly
9 and passing around the southern and western side of said island keeping
10 100 yards distant therefrom, and following the curvatures of its shores,
11 to a point opposite to the northwest corner or angle of said island;
12 thence to and along the middle of the main river until it approaches the
13 eastern extremity of Barnhart's island; thence northerly along the chan-
14 nel which divides the last mentioned island from the Canada shore, keep-
15 ing 100 yards distant from the island, until it approaches Sheik's
16 island; thence along the middle of the strait which divides Barnhart's
17 and Sheik's islands to the channel called the Long Sault, which sepa-
18 rates the two last mentioned islands from the lower Long Sault island;
19 thence westerly (crossing the center of the last mentioned channel)
20 until it approaches within 100 yards of the north shore of the Lower
21 Sault island; thence up the north branch of the river keeping to the
22 north of and near the Lower Sault island, and also north of and near the
23 Upper Sault, sometimes called Baxter's island, and south of the two
24 small islands marked on the map A and B, to the western extremity of the
25 Upper Sault or Baxter's island; thence passing between the two islands
26 called the Cats, to the middle of the river above; thence along the
27 middle of the river, keeping to the north of the small islands marked C
28 and D, and north also of Chrystler's island, and of the small island
29 next above it, marked E, until it approaches the northeast angle of
30 Goose Neck island; thence along the passage which divides the last
31 mentioned island from the Canada shore, keeping 100 yards from the
32 island to the upper end of the same; thence south of and near the two
33 small islands called the Nut islands; thence north of and near the
34 island marked F, and also of the island called Dry or Smuggler's island;
35 thence passing between the islands marked G and H to the north of the
36 island called Isle au Rapid Platt; thence along the north side of the
37 last mentioned island, keeping 100 yards from the shore, to the upper
38 end thereof; thence along the middle of the river, keeping to the south
39 of and near the islands called Coussin (or Tussin) and Presque isle;
40 thence up the river, keeping north of and near the several Gallop Isles
41 numbered on the map, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, and also of Tick,
42 Tibbits, and Chimney islands, and south of and near the Gallop isles
43 numbered 11, 12 and 13, and also of Duck, Drummond, and Sheep islands;
44 thence along the middle of the river, passing north of island No. 14,
45 south of 15 and 16, north of 17, south of 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25
46 and 28, and north of 26 and 27; thence along the middle of the river,
47 north of Gull island and of the islands Nos. 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, Bluff
48 island, and Nos. 39, 44 and 45, and to the south of Nos. 30, 31, 36,
49 Grenadier island, and Nos. 27, 28, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47 and 48 until
50 it approaches the east end of Wells island, thence to the north of Wells
51 island, and along the strait which divides it from Rowe's island, keep-
52 ing to the north of the small islands Nos. 51, 52, 54, 58, 59 and 61,
53 and to the south of the small islands numbered and marked 49, 50, 53,
54 55, 57, 60, and X, until it approaches the northeast point of Grindstone
55 island; thence to the north of Grindstone island and keeping to the
56 north also of the small islands Nos. 63, 65, 67, 68, 70, 72, 73, 74, 75,

76, 77 and 78, and to the south of Nos. 62, 64, 66, 69 and 71, until it approaches the southern point of Hickory island; thence passing to the south of Hickory island and of the two small islands lying near its southern extremity numbered 79 and 80; thence to the south of Grand or Long island, keeping near its southern shore, and passing to the north of Carlton island, until it arrives opposite to the southwestern point, of said Grand island, in Lake Ontario; thence, passing to the north of Grenadier, Fox, Stony, and the Gallop islands, in Lake Ontario, and to the south of and near the islands called the Ducks, to the middle of the said lake, thence westerly along the middle of said lake to a point opposite the mouth of the Niagara river, thence to and up the middle of the said river to the Great Falls; thence up the Falls through the point of the Horse Shoe, keeping to the west of Irish or Goat island, and of the group of small islands at its head, and following the bends of the river so as to enter the strait between Navy and Grand islands; thence along the middle of said strait to the head of Navy island; thence to the west and south of and near to Grand and Beaver islands, and to the west of Strawberry, [~~Squaw~~ Unity], and Bird islands to Lake Erie; thence southerly and westerly along the middle of Lake Erie in a direction to enter the passage immediately south of Middle island, being one of the easternmost of the group of islands lying in the western part of said lake (according to the decision of the commissioners under the sixth article of the treaty of Ghent, 1814, done at Utica, state of New York, June 18, 1822) to intersection with meridian line of Cession, drawn through the most westerly bent or inclination of Lake Ontario, under deed of cession to the United States, executed March 1, 1781, under chapter thirty-eight of the third session of the legislature of this state in 1780, which meridian line was surveyed and marked with monuments by Andrew Ellicott in 1790, as duly appointed under resolution of Congress, August 19, 1789, and resurveyed in 1881 to 1885, and final report made December 1, 1885, by H. W. Clarke, civil engineer and surveyor, on the part of the state of New York.

§ 3. Subdivision 7 of section 21 of the state law, as amended by chapter 420 of the laws of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

7. Land in the city of Buffalo. Such lands now owned by the state under the waters of Niagara river or in the vicinity of said river in the city of Buffalo, including such lands as are now used for canal purposes in the city of Buffalo and as may be deemed abandoned by the department of transportation, as may be required by the United States in the construction of a ship canal from Lake Erie to the foot of [~~Squaw~~ Unity] island in the city of Buffalo.

§ 4. Subdivision 140 of section 121 of the state law, as amended by chapter 20 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

140. One hundred fortieth district. In the county of Erie, the town of Tonawanda and the portion of the city of Buffalo beginning at the intersection of the Tonawanda/Buffalo town/city line at Delaware Avenue, thence southerly along said avenue to Villa Avenue, thence easterly along said avenue to Markham Place, thence southerly along said place to Sanders Road, thence westerly along said road to Delaware Avenue, thence southerly along said avenue to Hertel Avenue, thence westerly along said avenue to Page Street, thence northerly along said street to Holmes Street, thence westerly along said street to a line extended easterly from Jasper Parish Drive, thence westerly along said extended line to Jasper Parish Drive, thence westerly along said drive to Laforce Place, thence southerly along said place to Hertel Avenue, thence southwesterly along said avenue to Deer Street, thence northerly along said street to

1 Gladstone Avenue, thence westerly along said avenue to Foundry Street,
2 thence southerly along said street to Hertel Avenue, thence southwester-
3 ly along said avenue to Penn Central Railroad Tracks, thence to a point
4 where a line extending northwesterly from Tonawanda Street, thence
5 southeasterly along said line to Tonawanda Street, thence southerly
6 along said street to Scajaquada Creek, thence southwesterly along said
7 creek to Interstate Highway I-190, thence northwesterly along said high-
8 way to Erie-Lackawanna Railroad tracks, thence southwesterly along said
9 railroad to western shore of [~~Squaw~~] Unity Island Park, thence northerly
10 along said shore to United States/Canada border, thence northwesterly
11 along said border to Tonawanda/Buffalo town/city line, thence easterly
12 along said line, to the Tonawanda/Buffalo town/city line at Delaware
13 Ave, the point and place of beginning; and the city of Tonawanda,
14 furthermore, in the county of Niagara, that portion of the city of North
15 Tonawanda, bounded by a line described as follows: Beginning at the
16 intersection of the Penn Central Railroad and North Tonawanda
17 city/Wheatfield town line, thence southeasterly along said line to
18 Erie/Niagara county line, thence westerly along said line to Grand
19 Island town/North Tonawanda city line, thence northerly along said line
20 to a line extending easterly from the Tonawanda Island shoreline, thence
21 westerly along said line to Tonawanda Island shoreline, thence westerly
22 along said shoreline to a line extending westerly from Archer Street,
23 thence easterly along said line to Archer Street, thence northerly along
24 said street to Bridge Street, thence easterly along said street to
25 Michigan Avenue, thence northerly along said avenue to Taylor Drive,
26 thence easterly along said drive to Thompson Street, thence northwester-
27 ly along said street to River Road, thence northeasterly along said road
28 to Robinson Street, thence easterly along said street to Penn Central
29 Railroad, thence northerly along said railroad to Niagara Bridge, thence
30 easterly along said bridge to Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, thence northerly
31 along said railroad to a line extending westerly from Penn Central Rail-
32 road, thence easterly along said line to Penn Central Railroad, thence
33 northerly along said railroad to Fredericka Street, thence easterly
34 along said street to Erie-Lackawanna Railroad, thence northwesterly
35 along said railroad to Felton Street, thence northeasterly along said
36 street to Henry Street, thence southeasterly along said street to
37 Fredericka Street, thence northeasterly along said street to Oliver
38 Street, thence southeasterly along said street to Linwood Avenue, thence
39 northeasterly along said avenue to Payne Avenue, thence southeasterly
40 along said avenue to Greenwood Circle, thence easterly along said circle
41 to Payne Avenue, thence southerly along said avenue to Meadow Drive,
42 thence easterly along said drive to Bowen Drive, thence northerly along
43 said drive to Bowen Drive West, thence northwesterly along said drive to
44 Selkirk Drive, thence easterly along said drive to Doeblner Drive, thence
45 northeasterly along said drive to Wurlitzer Drive, thence easterly along
46 said drive to Nash Road, thence southerly along said road to Pioneer
47 Drive, thence easterly along said drive to Guy Drive, thence northerly
48 along said drive to Wurlitzer Drive, thence southeasterly along said
49 drive to Fairmont Avenue, thence northeasterly along said avenue to a
50 line extending southwesterly from Penn Central Railroad, thence
51 northeasterly along said line to the Penn Central Railroad, thence to
52 the intersection of the Penn Central Railroad and North Tonawanda
53 city/Wheatfield town line, the point and place of beginning.

54 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.