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**SRBC DEPUTY DIRECTOR THOMAS BEAUDUY ELECTED
CHAIR OF INTERSTATE COUNCIL ON WATER POLICY**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) Deputy Director and Counsel Thomas W. Beauduy this week was elected chair of the Interstate Council on Water Policy (ICWP), a national organization whose members represent state and regional water resource agencies. ICWP, which was established in 1959 to give states a voice on national water policy matters, focuses on water quality and water quantity issues and the relationship between local, state and federal policies, programs and regulations.

As chair, Beauduy will work with ICWP board of directors, staff and members on a range of water resource issues including dam safety, floodplain management, groundwater management, nonpoint source pollution, water quality standards, water conservation, drought and emergency management, wetlands protection, state water rights, climate change, hydropower licensing, endangered species and habitat and water supply. ICWP has its headquarters in Rockville, Md., www.icwp.org.

“Tom has served as the Commission’s representative on ICWP for many years, and we are very pleased he has now been entrusted with this important leadership role,” said Paul Swartz, SRBC Executive Director. “His extensive background and experience on water policy and regulatory matters will serve ICWP well. ICWP is a good fit not only for the state and federal members, but also for the river basin commissions that manage water resources on a watershed basis, not based on political boundaries.”

Beauduy, a resident of Cumberland County, joined SRBC in 1997. Prior to that, he was in private practice specializing in environmental law. He served as Executive Secretary to the Joint Legislative Conservation Committee in the Pennsylvania General Assembly from 1980 to 1985, and was a former Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth from 1978 to 1979. Beauduy also served as the Pennsylvania Director of the Chesapeake Bay Commission – a tri-state legislative advisory commission – from 1985 to 2004. He has a B.A. in Political Science from Rutgers University and Juris Doctorate degree from the Dickinson School of Law.

SRBC was established in 1971 and has as its members the federal government and the states of New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland. Among its many water management responsibilities, SRBC regulates large water withdrawals and consumptive uses, mitigates flood damages, coordinates drought management activities and assists its members in a number of water quality programs, including nutrient and sediment monitoring, assessment, restoration and protection projects.

The Susquehanna River Basin is a 27,510-square-mile area that covers portions of southern tier New York, about half of Pennsylvania and a portion of Maryland. The Susquehanna River starts in Cooperstown, N.Y., and flows 444 miles to Havre de Grace, Md., where the river meets the Chesapeake Bay. SRBC web site is www.srbc.net.

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