

An aerial photograph of the Great Lakes basin in North America, showing the five lakes and the surrounding land. A semi-transparent satellite-style map is overlaid on the photograph, highlighting the Great Lakes region in a darker shade. The map shows the outlines of the lakes and the surrounding landmasses. The text is centered over the map.

Great Lakes Public Forum 2013

(Day 1 – September 9, 2013 5:00pm)

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Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 2012





Great Lakes Public Forum

ARTICLE 5 Consultation, Management and Review

Recognizing the importance of Public input and advice, the Parties shall convene, with the Commission, a Great Lakes Public Forum within one year of entry into force of this Agreement, and every three years after the first Forum. The Great Lakes Public Forum will provide an opportunity for:

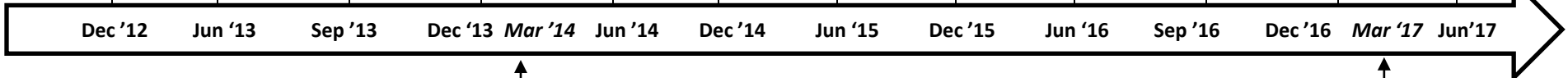
- the Parties to discuss and receive Public comments on the state of the lakes and binational priorities for science and action to inform future priorities and actions; and
- the Commission to discuss and receive Public input on the Progress Report of the Parties.

Timeline for Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Activities

Canada and U.S. to discuss and receive public input on:

- State of the lakes
- Priorities for science and action

IJC to discuss and receive public input (at future Forums) on the *Progress Report of the Parties*



Priorities for Science and Action (every 3 yrs thereafter)

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State of the Great Lakes Report (every 3 yrs thereafter)

Progress Report of the Parties (every 3 yrs thereafter)

IJC's Assessment of Progress Report (every 3 yrs thereafter)



Great Lakes Public Forum Agenda

- Monday September 9th
 - State of the Lakes Presentation
 - Accomplishments Presentation
 - IJC Assessment of Progress
 - Public Comments
- Tuesday September 10th
 - Science and Action Priorities Presentation
 - Public Comments

A satellite-style map of the Great Lakes region in North America, showing the five Great Lakes (Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and Ontario) and the surrounding landmasses. The map is framed by a decorative border of the American flag at the top and bottom. The text is overlaid on the map in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Environmental Protection Agency:
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Environment Canada:
www.ec.gc.ca/grandslacs-greatlakes