

GREAT LAKES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

**The King Edward Hotel - Vanity Fair Ballroom
37 King Street East, Toronto, ON M5C 1E9
December 5-6, 2012**

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2011 BEC MEETING SUMMARY

The inaugural Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) meeting on December 5th, 2012, was opened with welcome and introductory remarks from the GLEC Co-Chairs, Michael Goffin and Susan Hedman.

The full list of attendees (including the expanded Executive Committee membership, a number of observers from the commissions, industry, non-governmental organizations and others) can be found in Appendix A.

The Meeting Summary of the final December 2011 Binational Executive Committee meeting was approved with no objections.

OVERVIEW OF GLWQA AMENDMENTS, THE MANAGEMENT CYCLE, AND SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

The GLEC Secretariat (Jennifer McKay, Environment Canada, and Chris Korleski, U.S. EPA) presented overviews of the amendments of the new 2012 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA), the draft Terms of Reference for the GLEC, and the roles of the GLEC Secretariat. Susan Hedman and Mike Goffin, Environment Canada, presented the GLWQA triennial management cycle.

[Presentations are available at http://apply.glnpo.net/glec/glec_glwqa2012.pdf]

GLEC TERMS OF REFERENCE

Discussion of the GLEC Terms of Reference resulted in the following direction and clarification given by GLEC Co-Chairs:

- Canada proposed incorporating Québec as an Observer in the GLEC Terms of Reference, per Québec's request.
- The GLEC Co-Chairs noted that, while the GLEC provides opportunities to engage Tribes, First Nations and Métis, it does not replace either country's consultative processes with Tribes, First Nations, and Métis.
- The GLEC Co-Chairs agreed to consider various recommendations presented by GLEC members and observers, as to what information and materials from the GLEC meetings would be made publicly available online and at what frequency.

SUBCOMMITTEES CHARGE DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

A general discussion took place about Annex Co-Leads proposals for subcommittee membership. The

objective at this first GLEC meeting was for members and observers to provide their feedback on these initial thoughts regarding subcommittee membership.

The GLEC Co-Chairs clarified the following during the discussion:

- Annex Co-Leads will be considering membership for each annex subcommittee based on the specific expertise needed to carry out the tasks required under each particular annex. These membership considerations will be proposed to the GLEC Co-Chairs for approval.
- Subcommittees need to operate in an efficient manner, which may impact the number of people on these subcommittees. Annex subcommittees are also not the only venue for participation under the amended GLWQA. For example, the Areas of Concern already have well-established mechanisms for participation at the local level.
- Annex work will differ by subcommittee, depending upon Annex commitments in the GLWQA. Expectations of subcommittee members will also depend on the particular annex. Meeting frequencies and the use of virtual meetings may also vary.
- There was strong support for the commitment to public engagement under the amended GLWQA.

ANNEX DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

The Co-Leads for each Annex presented initial thoughts about Annex priorities and memberships. *[Presentations are available to view at http://apply.glnpo.net/glec/glec_glwqa2012.pdf].*

STATE OF THE LAKES ECOSYSTEM CONFERENCE (SOLEC) DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTS

GLEC was informed that a presentation on the state of the Great Lakes will be made at the Great Lakes Public Forum in conjunction with Great Lakes Week 2013. It was also noted that, given the strong overlap between SOLEC and IJC indicator initiatives, efforts are underway to both approaches.

One participant stressed the need for indicators that communicate well to the public about the trends in the Great Lakes and what they mean to them.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS

The following GLEC members provided news or updates:

- Great Lakes St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
- John Linc Stine, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
- Peter Johnson, Council of Great Lakes Governors
- Mike Ripley, Chippewa-Ottawa Treaty Authority
- Roger Zelazny, New York State Department of Conservation
- James Zorn, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Jessica Jock, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Comments were provided from the following Commission representatives:

- Tim Eder, Great Lakes Commission
- Roger Knight, Great Lakes Fishery Commission Lana Pollack, Dereth Glance, IJC

OBSERVER COMMENTS

Comments were provided from the following Observer Organizations:

- Council of Great Lakes Industries, Catherine Buckner
- Great Lakes United, Sarah Miller
- Alliance for the Great Lakes, Joel Brammeier

ACTION ITEMS

- Secretariat to revise GLEC Terms of Reference to add Québec as an Observer.
- Secretariat to examine the topic of information-sharing and will propose a model to GLEC Co-Chairs.
- NGOs who want Observer status to contact the Canadian or U.S. GLEC Secretariat, who will provide these requests to GLEC Co-Chairs for approval and notify approved Observers.
- Members and Observers to send their comments re: workplans/priorities and membership for Annex Co-Leads' consideration to Secretariat (who will be the point of contact).
- Annex Co-Leads to consider input from GLEC discussion with respect to workplans/priorities and membership, as well as additional input from members and observers received after the GLEC meeting.
- Annex Co-Leads to consider cross-annex commitments / work. Co-Leads to consider what they need from the Climate Change Impacts annex in particular.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- The next Great Lakes Executive Committee meeting will be held in Chicago in June 2013.

GLEC ATTENDEES**U.S. participants at the GLEC:**

1. Jon Allan, Director, Office of the Great Lakes, Michigan DEQ
2. Nikki Brajevich, U.S. Embassy – Canada, U.S. Department of State
3. Marie Colton, NOAA
4. Ernest Drott, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
5. Thomas Easterly, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
6. George Elmaraghy, Chief, Division of Surface Water, Ohio EPA
7. Lucas Evans, Great Lakes Specialist, Little Traverse Bay Band
8. Steve Galarneau, Director, Office of Great Lakes, Wisconsin DNR
9. Susan Hedman, Co-Chair Great Lakes Executive Committee
10. Cyrus Hester, Environmental Specialist, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
11. Mark Johnson, ATSDR, Center for Disease Control, U.S. Health and Human Services
12. Tom Krapf, Natural Resource Conservation Service
13. Col. Rbt. Peterson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
14. Mike Ripley, Environmental Coordinator, Chippewa-Ottawa Resource Authority
15. John Linc Stine, Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
16. Lorne Thomas, U.S. Coast Guard
17. Matthew Thompson, Env. Resources Coordinator, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
18. Charlie Wooley, Director, FWS
19. Roger Zelazny, Great Lakes Programs Coordinator, New York State Dept. of Env. Conserv.
20. James Zorn, Executive Director, GLIFWC
21. Wendy Carney, Deputy Director, GLNPO
22. Jennifer Day, NOAA
23. Jennifer Vanator, GL Prog. Coordinator, GLIFWC
24. Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to EPA Administrator Jackson
25. Phyllis Ellin, Partnership Liaison, National Park Service
26. Norm Granneman, Great Lakes Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey
27. Suzanne Hansen, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
28. John Haugland, GLEC Secretariat, U.S., GLNPO
29. Richard Hobrta, Manager, Michigan AOC Program, MDEQ
30. Mike Hoff, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator, FWS
31. Paul Horvatin, Chief, Monitoring Indicators and Reporting Branch, GLNPO
32. Tinka Hyde, Director, Water Division, EPA Region 5
33. Jessica Jock, AOC Program Coordinator, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
34. Peter Johnson, Council of Great Lakes Governors
35. Doug Kluck, Regional Climate Services Director, NOAA
36. Chris Korleski, Director, GLNPO
37. Lynn Lewis, Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, FWS
38. Joan Leary Matthews, Director, Clean Water Division, Region 2, USEPA
39. Jan Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
40. Carl Richards, Director, Mid-Continent Ecology Division, EPA ORD
41. Joe Tietge, Mid-Continent Ecology Division, EPA ORD
42. Todd Turner, Asst. Regional Dir., FWS
43. Catherine Buckner, Council of Great Lakes Industries
44. George Kuper, Council of Great Lakes Industries

45. Tim Eder, Exec Director, Great Lakes Commission
46. Dave Dempsey, Advisor, IJC
47. Dereth Glance, Commissioner, U.S. Section, IJC
48. Lana Pollack, Chair, U.S. Section, IJC
49. Vic Serveiss, IJC
50. Roger Knight, GL Fisheries Commission
51. Joel Brammeier, President, Alliance for the Great Lakes

U.S. participants on the phone:

52. Joanne Herle
53. Amanda Bosak, Bay Mills Indian Community

Canadian participants at the GLEC:

54. Janette Anderson, Environment Canada
55. Sharon Bailey, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
56. Lesley Baker, Public Works and Government Services Canada
57. Wendy Baldwin, Foreign Affairs and Northern Development Canada
58. Eric Boysen, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
59. Dave Burden, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
60. Bill Carr, Great Lakes Commission
61. Gavin Christie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
62. Nicola Crawhall, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
63. Diane de Beaumont, Environment Canada
64. Ed DeBruyn, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
65. Paul Evans, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
66. Thomas Foote, Environment Canada
67. Holly Foerter, Environment Canada
68. Bonnie Fox, Conservation Ontario
69. Vincenza Galatone, Environment Canada
70. Jon Gee, Environment Canada
71. Sandra George, Environment Canada
72. David Gillis, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
73. Michael Goffin, Environment Canada
74. John Jackson, Great Lakes United
75. Saad Jasim, International Joint Commission
76. Diane Johnston, Environment Canada
77. Mollie Johnson, Environment Canada
78. Jennifer Keyes, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
79. Maxine Kingston, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
80. Ash Kumar, Environment Canada
81. Robert Lambe, Great Lakes Fishery Commission
82. Louise Lapierre, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement, de la Faune et des Parcs (Québec)
83. John Lawrence, Environment Canada
84. Wendy Leger, Environment Canada
85. Camille Mageau, International Joint Commission
86. Madhu Malhotra, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
87. John Marsden, Environment Canada

88. Catherine Masson, Consultant
89. Lorrilee McGregor, Chiefs of Ontario
90. Jennifer McKay, Environment Canada
91. Sarah Miller, Canadian Environmental Law Association
92. James Nowlan, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
93. Carolyn O'Neill, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
94. Richard Raeburn-Gibson, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
95. Sonya Read, Infrastructure Canada
96. Craig Reid, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
97. Ranissah, Samah, International Joint Commission
98. Nancy Stadler-Salt, Environment Canada
99. Dawn Sucee, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
100. Brian Tucker, Métis Nation of Ontario
101. Hermes Twagiramungu, Environment Canada
102. Dale VanStempvoort, Environment Canada
103. Alan Waffle, Georgian Bay Association
104. Cindy Warwick, International Joint Commission
105. Michelle Wheatley, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
106. Chris Wiley, Transport Canada

Canadian participant on the phone:

107. Joanne Munroe, Canadian Coast Guard