

# GREAT LAKES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GLEC) MEETING AGENDA

DECEMBER 9-10, 2020

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<b>DAY 1: DECEMBER 9, 2020</b>		
1:00 – 1:10pm ET (10mins)	<b>First Nations Opening/Water Ceremony</b>	Laureen (Blu) Waters
1:10 – 1:20pm (10mins)	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	Michael Goffin Kurt Thiede (Invited)
1:20 – 1:35pm (15mins)	<b>A tribute to Elder, Grandmother and Water Walker Josephine Mandamin</b>	Autumn Peltier
1:35 – 1:40pm (5mins)	<b>Business Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Virtual meeting protocols.</li><li>• Approval of the meeting agenda.</li></ul>	Stratos Michael Goffin
1:40 – 2:15pm (35mins)	<b>Areas of Concern (AOC)</b>  AOC Annex Co-Leads to discuss recent progress in restoring Beneficial Uses and Areas of Concern, and plans for future work.  Success of the Black River AOC Reclamation Site Restoration Project in addressing industrial historical contamination and improving habitat and water quality in the Black River.  <i>Discussion</i>	Kate Taillon Marc Tuchman  Kate Golden (City of Lorain)

<p>2:15– 2:45pm (30mins)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lakewide Management</b></p> <p>Lakewide Management Annex Co-Leads to provide an overview of status of LAMP commitments and plans for future work, and to introduce guest presenters.</p> <p>Coastal/dune restoration activities in Indiana.</p> <p>Collaborating to restore biodiversity in Long Point’s coastal wetlands through invasive phragmites control.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Sean Backus James Schardt</p> <p>Thomas Swinford (Indiana DNR)</p> <p>Eric Cleland (Nature Conservancy of Canada)</p>
<p>2:45 – 3:15pm (30mins)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chemicals of Mutual Concern</b></p> <p>Chemical of Mutual Concern Annex Co-Leads to provide an overview of the status of annex commitments and plans for future work, and to introduce guest presenters.</p> <p>An overview of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks’ (MECP) fish monitoring program and CMCs.</p> <p>Chemical mixtures of ecological concern in U.S. Great Lakes tributaries.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Lisa Sealock Chris Korleski</p> <p>Satyendra Bhavsar (MECP)</p> <p>Steve Corsi (USGS)</p>
<p>3:15 – 3:45pm (30mins)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nutrients</b></p> <p>Nutrients Annex Co-Leads to provide an overview of annex commitments and plans for future work, and discuss the Eastern Lake Erie Task Team’s work to re-evaluate the state of the science pertaining to drivers of nuisance Cladophora growth with respect to phosphorus target setting.</p> <p>A discussion of the H2Ohio Initiative in western Lake Erie, which is investing in targeted solutions to help ensure safe and clean water for Ohioans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Tricia Mitchell Santina Wortman</p> <p>Joy Mulinex (Ohio Lake Erie Commission)</p>
<p>3:45 – 3:55pm (10mins)</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>	

<p>3:55 – 4:25pm (30mins)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Discharges from Vessels</b></p> <p>Discharges from Vessels Annex Co-Leads to discuss updates on ballast water.</p> <p>Update on Vessel Incidental Discharges Act (VIDA).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Shannon Seko Lorne Thomas</p> <p>Holly Galavotti and Jack Faulk (EPA)</p>
<p>4:25 – 4:55pm (30mins)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Annex</b></p> <p>AIS Annex Co-Leads to discuss annex commitments and plans for future work, and to introduce guest presenters.</p> <p><b>Regulating AIS in the Great Lakes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) / Great Lakes Law Enforcement Committee’s evaluation of the authorities for regulated species and pathways and their impact on enforcement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Organisms in Trade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advancing our understanding of the risks posed by live trade as pathways for invasion in the Great Lakes – the Great Lakes Aquatic Nuisance Species Panel efforts and supporting risk assessments.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Gavin Christie Aaron Woldt</p> <p>Jill Wingfield (GLFC)</p> <p>Cecilia Weibert (Great Lakes Commission)</p>
<p>4:55 – 5:15pm (20min)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>International Joint Commission Triennial Assessment of Progress Report</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Jane Corwin (IJC US Commissioner/Chair) and Merrell-Ann Phare (Canadian Commissioner)</p>
<p>5:15pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Adjournment of Day One</b></p>	
<p>5:30pm – 6:30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtual Social Hour</b></p>	

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<b>DAY 2: DECEMBER 10, 2020</b>		
9:30 – 9:35am ET (5mins)	<b>Welcome Back</b>	Michael Goffin Chris Korleski
9:35 – 10:05am (30mins)	<p><b>Habitat and Species</b></p> <p>Habitat and Species Annex Co-Leads to discuss annex commitments and plans for future work, and to introduce guest presenters.</p> <p>Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Habitat and Species Success Stories.</p> <p>Canadian Baseline Coastal Habitat Survey: Summary of Approach and Findings for Lake Erie.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Sean Backus Lori Nordstrom</p> <p>Kevin O’Donnell (EPA)</p> <p>Julie Simard (MNRF)</p>
10:05 – 10:30am (25mins)	<p><b>Groundwater</b></p> <p>Groundwater Annex Co-Leads to discuss annex commitments and plans for future work, including the update to the 2016 Groundwater Science report including key milestones and timelines, and introduce guest presenters.</p> <p>An overview of a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) project to compile information needed to develop a better understanding of groundwater flow to Lake Superior and its tributaries; and to estimate baseflow at streamgages for U.S. tributaries to Lake Superior and analyze for trends and spatial patterns.</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	<p>Mohamed Mohamed Howard Reeves</p> <p>Martha Nielsen (USGS Upper Midwest Water Science Center)</p>

10:30 – 10:50am (20mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Climate Change Impacts</b></p> <p>Climate Change Impacts Annex Co-Leads to discuss annex commitments and plans for future work, including the Climate Quarterlies, Annual Climate Summaries, establishment of a new Webinar Series to share climate change related information, a Data Visualization Project, a High Resolution Climate Modeling of the Great Lakes, as well as the upcoming Climate Change Modeling Experts Workshop in March 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	Shaffina Kassam Jennifer Day
10:50 – 11:25am (35mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Science</b></p> <p>Science Annex Co-Leads to discuss annex commitments and plans for future work, including improvements for the 2022 State of the Great Lakes indicators reporting cycle.</p> <p>Application of new and novel monitoring techniques for Great Lakes monitoring.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion</i></p>	Ram Yerubandi Elizabeth Hinchey Malloy  Steve Ruberg and Andrea VanderWoude (NOAA GLERL) and Caren Binding (ECCC)
11:25 – 11:35am (10mins)	<b>Break</b>	
11:35 – 12:05am (30mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>News from Members*</b></p> <p><i>An opportunity for GLEC members to share recent developments and activities.</i></p>	GLEC Members
12:05 – 12:20am (15mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comments from Commissions*</b></p> <p><i>An opportunity for Commissions to share recent developments and activities.</i></p>	Commissions
12:20 – 12:35pm (15mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Comments from Observers*</b></p> <p><i>An opportunity for GLEC Observers to share news and comments.</i></p>	Observers
12:35 – 12:50pm (15mins)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meeting Wrap Up</b></p> <p><i>Review action items and considerations for the June 2021 GLEC meeting.</i></p> <p><i>First Nations Closing.</i></p>	Chris Korleski Michael Goffin  Laureen (Blu) Waters

\* Presenters are asked to limit their comments to no more than 3-5 minutes.