**GREAT LAKES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GLEC) MEETING AGENDA**

**Day 1: June 25, 2024**

**1:00 PM – 4:55 PM (Central Time)**

**EPA Great Lakes Toxicology and Ecology Division Laboratory**

**6201 Congdon Boulevard in Duluth, Minnesota 55804**

<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-great-lakes-toxicology-and-ecology-division>

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Time (Central) | DAY 1: June 25, 2024 | Speakers |
|  | **Optional Pre-Meeting Tours (registration required):**  Option A: Tour of Area of Concern Projects, 8:30 AM-11:00 AM. Meet at parking lot at 525 S Lake Ave # 400A, Duluth, MN 55802  Option B: Tour of Lab, 10-11 AM at 6201 Congdon Blvd, Duluth, MN 55804 |  |
| 1:00 – 1:15 PM  (15 minutes) | **GLEC Co-Chairs’ Welcome Remarks and Introductions** | Teresa Seidel (EPA)  Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC) |
| 1:15 – 1:20 PM  (5 minutes) | **Business Items**   * Approval of December 2023 GLEC Meeting Summary. * Approval of June 2024 GLEC Meeting Agenda. | Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC) |
| 1:20 – 2:20 PM  (60 minutes) | **2024 and 2025 GLEC Deliverables**   * The Parties’ Triennial Assessment of Progress Reponses. * Review of Operation and Effectiveness of the Agreement. * Great Lakes Public Forum and associated deliverables: Progress Report of the Parties, State of the Great Lakes Report, Draft Binational Priorities for Science and Action. | Teresa Seidel (EPA)  James Schardt (EPA)  Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC)  Carla Torchia (ECCC) |
| 2:20 – 2:40  (40 minutes) | **BREAK** |  |
| 2:40 – 3:20 PM  (40 minutes) | **Annex 1 Areas of Concern**   * Barb Huberty, St Louis River AOC Coordinator from MPCA, to discuss progress in the St. Louis River AOC and the work of the St. Louis River Alliance. * Tim Hollinger, Remedial Action Plan Coordinator, Lakehead University, to discuss the Thunder Bay Wildlife Habitat Strategy to inform and guide the implementation of coastal and riparian habitat improvement projects and address the Wildlife Habitat Beneficial Use Impairment delisting criteria. | Beth Hinchey (EPA)  Mark Chambers *for* Kate Taillon (ECCC)  Barb Huberty (MPCA)  Tim Hollinger (Lakehead University) |
| 3:20 – 3:50 PM  (30 minutes) | **Annex 3 Chemicals of Mutual Concern (CMC)**   * Short update on CMC reviews of radionuclides and sulfates and PAHs. * Sarah Janssen (USGS) to discuss the dynamics of mercury cycling in the Great Lakes region. | Meaghan Kern (EPA)  Steve Clement (ECCC)  Sarah Janssen (USGS) |
| 3:50 – 4:50 PM  (60 minutes) | **Aquatic Invasive Species**   * Kate Wyman-Grothem, Prevention Program Lead for USFWS, to discuss AIS Horizon Scanning (Ecological Risk Screening Summaries). * Nick Frohnauer, Great Lakes Early Detection and eDNA Coordinator for USFWS, to discuss Great Lakes AIS Early Detection Program/eDNA Surveillance. * Lynn Bouvier, DFO Ecosystems and Oceans Science, to present “Estimating Potential Spawning Activity and Egg Development of Invasive Carps”. | Aaron Woldt (FWS)  Mike Steeves (DFO)  Kate Wyman-Grothem (FWS)  Nick Frohnauer (FWS)  Lynn Bouvier (DFO) |
| 4:50– 4:55 PM  (5 minutes) | **Day 1 Closing Remarks** | Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC)  Teresa Seidel (EPA) |

**GREAT LAKES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (GLEC) MEETING AGENDA**

**Day 2: June 26, 2024**

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Central Time)**

**EPA Great Lakes Toxicology and Ecology Division Laboratory**

**6201 Congdon Boulevard in Duluth, Minnesota 55804**

<https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-great-lakes-toxicology-and-ecology-division>

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Time (Central) | DAY 2: June 26, 2024 | Speakers |
| 8:30 – 8:35 AM  (5 minutes) | **GLEC Co-Chairs’ Welcome** | Teresa Seidel (EPA)  Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC) |
| 8:35 – 9:35 AM  (60 minutes) | **Annex 7 Habitat and Species**   * Collective Impact: Habitat & Species Conservation Projects in the St. Louis River Estuary Landscape. * Manoomin (Wild Rice) Restoration in the St. Louis River Estuary. * Walleye in Black Bay, Lake Superior. | Lori Nordstrom (FWS)  Sean Backus (ECCC)  Gini Breidenbach (Minnesota Land Trust)  Darren Vogt (1854 Treaty Authority)  Fritz Fischer (MNRF) |
| 9:35 – 10:35 AM  (60 minutes) | **Annex 9 Climate Change Impacts**   * Great Lakes Coastal Resiliency Study. * Great Lakes Coastal and Inland Flood Inundation Mapping Project (GL-CIFIM). * Great Lakes Seasonal Climate, Climate Forecasts and Predictions. | Alisa Young (NOAA GLERL)  TBD (ECCC)  Cara Pattullo (USACE)  Dan Titze (NOAA GLERL)  Alisa Young (NOAA GLERL) |
| 10:35 – 10:50 AM  (15 minutes) | **BREAK** |  |
| 10:50 – 11:00 AM  (10 minutes) | **Discussion related to Annex Issue Notes**   * An opportunity for GLEC Members and Observers to ask questions or comment on the Annex-specific issue notes included in the GLEC Participants’ Binder. | Teresa Seidel (EPA)  Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC) |
| 11:00 – 11:45 AM  (45 minutes) | **GLEC Member Updates, Commission Comments, Observer Comments**   * Roundtable for GLEC Members, Observers, and Commissions that have given advance notice to provide updates and comments will be given priority to speak. If time permits, the Secretariat will open the lines for those that request to provide comments/updates during the meeting. | GLEC Members, Commissions, and Observers |
| 11:45 AM–12:00 PM  (15 minutes) | **Review of Action Items and Closing Remarks** | Teresa Seidel (EPA)  Véronique Hiriart-Baer (ECCC) |
|  | **Optional Post-Meeting Site Tours (registration required):**  Option A: Tour of Lab, 1-2PM at 6201 Congdon Blvd, Duluth, MN 55804  Option B: Tour of Area of Concern Projects, 1:30 - 4:00 PM. Meet at parking lot at 525 S Lake Ave # 400A, Duluth, MN 55802 |  |