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**Great Lakes Issues Briefing**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2000, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon**  
**Longworth House Office Building- Room 1539**

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The objective of this briefing is to present Congressional staff and regional leaders with information on Great Lakes Commission priorities for action during the Second Session of the 106th Congress. The panel sessions are scheduled for 30 minutes each with adequate opportunity for questions and comments from the audience.

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Michael J. Donahue**, Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission  
**Dick Munson**, Executive Director, Northeast-Midwest Institute

**PANEL ONE: Environmental Protection and Research Priorities**

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  - < *Canadian Perspective on Great Lakes Protection*
- Francis X. Lyons**, Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency-Region 5 and Great Lakes National Program Manager (invited)  
**John Mills**, Regional Director General, Ontario Region, Environment Canada

**PANEL TWO: Great Lakes Maritime Priorities**

- < *Overview of Great Lakes Commission Priorities*  
Special Focus on Water Resources Development Act Authorizations and Related Appropriations
  - < *Strengthening Our Maritime Infrastructure – Appropriations for a New Lock at Sault Ste. Marie*
- Donald R. Vonnahme**, Great Lakes Commissioner and Director, Office of Water Resources, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources  
**G. Tracy Mehan III**, Chair, Michigan Delegation to the Great Lakes Commission and Director, Michigan Office of the Great Lakes

**PANEL THREE: Resource Management Priorities**

- < *Overview: Great Lakes Commission Priorities*  
Special Focus on Water Diversion, Consumptive Use and Export
  - < *The Land Use/Water Quality Linkage: Appropriations for the Great Lakes Basin Program*
  - < *Aquatic Nuisance Species: National Invasive Species Act Reauthorization and Appropriations*
- Samuel W. Speck**, Chair, Ohio Delegation to the Great Lakes Delegation and Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
**Nathaniel E. Robinson**, Vice-chair, Great Lakes Commission and Special Assistant to the Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Administration  
**Gary Isbell**, Chair, Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species and Division of Wildlife, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources

**PANEL FOUR: Congressional Perspectives on Great Lakes Issues**

- < U.S. Senate
  - < U.S. House of Representatives
- Paul Pelagyi**, Professional Staff, Office of Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH)  
**Daniel Beattie**, Legislative Director, Office of Representative John Dingell (D-MI)

**Concluding Remarks**

**Michael J. Donahue**, Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission