



**Strengthening the Federal-Regional Partnership:
Investing in the Great Lakes**

2008 Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting

February 26-27, 2008
Hotel Palomar
2121 P Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20037
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Tuesday, Feb. 26

All times are EST

11:00 a.m.	Registration	Palomar Hotel – Foyer, National Room
1:00 p.m.	Call to order, review of actions for consideration during Business Session	Michigan Lt. Gov. John D. Cherry Jr. , Chair, Great Lakes Commission
1:15 p.m.	Roll Call	Tim Eder , Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission
1:30 p.m.	Report of the Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Approval of minutes from 2007 Annual Meeting➤ Request for Observer status (CGLI) Report of the Executive Director <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presentation of draft Commission 2008-2010 workplan	Lt. Gov. Cherry Tim Eder
2:15 p.m.	Observer and Participant Comments	
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Panel: Strengthening Federal-State Relations: Great Lakes Restoration	Moderator: Todd Ambs , Administrator, Division of Water, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources; Commissioner
	A conversation, observations and recommendations from former Commissioners	Tracy Mehan , Principal, The Cadmus Group Tom Martin , Executive Vice President, National Parks Conservation Association
4:00 p.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Legislative prioritiesb. FY 09 Great Lakes Commission budget	Lt. Gov. Cherry
4:30 p.m.	Closing Keynote <i>Restoring the Great Lakes: U.S EPA Leadership and Partnerships with the Great Lakes States</i>	Benjamin Grumbles , Asst. Administrator for Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Reception Palomar Hotel**
National Room Remarks: Lt. Gov. Cherry

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, Feb. 27

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** Hotel Palomar – Foyer, National Room

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Recap of Day I** Lt. Gov. Cherry

8:15 a.m. **Opening Keynote** Members of Congress: invited - Great Lakes Task Force Co Chair John Dingell (MI), James Oberstar (MN) and David Obey (WI)

A Congressional Perspective on Great Lakes Restoration: Challenges and Opportunities for the Remainder of the 110th Congress

8:45 a.m. **Keynote Presentations:** **Vice Admiral Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., (Ret.)**, Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Ocean and Coastal Policy Priorities for the Great Lakes

9:15 a.m. *The Water Resources Development Act – From Authorization to Implementation* **John Paul Woodley, Jr.**, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

Great Lakes Priorities for the Corps of Engineers

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **Panel: Restoration Investments and Returns** Moderator: **Dave Ullrich**, Executive Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Local Investment in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence: New report from the Cities Initiative and Great Lakes Commission **Mayor Gary Becker**, City of Racine, Wisconsin

An Industry Perspective on Investments in Great Lakes Restoration **Mayor Denis Lapointe**, City of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Québec

11:15 a.m. **Great Lakes Congressional Priorities** **George Kuper**, President and CEO, Council of Great Lakes Industries

 a. President's budget and GLC Legislative Priorities **Tim Eder**

 b. New Great Lakes Legislative Priorities Tracking web site

 c. Recap schedule for Great Lakes Day events

11:40 a.m. **Invitation to 2008 Annual Meeting** **Marc Boucher**, Associate Commissioner

 Oct. 6-7, 2008, in Québec City

11:45 a.m. **Wrap Up and Adjourn** **Lt. Gov. Cherry**