



2009 Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting

February 23-24, 2009 | The Madison D.C. | Washington D.C.

– FINAL AGENDA –

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The Madison Hotel – Mt. Vernon Room
1177 15th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005

Monday, Feb. 23

All times are EST

11:00 a.m.	Registration	Madison Hotel, Mt. Vernon Room
1:00 p.m.	Call to Order, Opening Remarks	Todd Ambs , Great Lakes Commission Vice Chair and Administrator, Div. of Water, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources
1:10 p.m.	Roll Call	Tim Eder , Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission
1:15 p.m.	Keynote Speaker: <i>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Priorities for the Great Lakes</i>	Tom Melius , Director, Midwest Regional Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1:45 p.m.	Report of the Chair ➤ Approval of minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting	Todd Ambs , Vice Chair
	Report of the Executive Director & 2009 Great Lakes Legislative Priorities	Tim Eder , Executive Director
2:15 p.m.	Observer Comments Where appropriate, Observers are encouraged to discuss how the economic stimulus package may affect the Great Lakes programs they administer	Observers to the Great Lakes Commission
3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:15 p.m.	Panel: Blue Water Economy: Leveraging the Great Lakes to Advance Economic Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A business agenda for economic transformation in the Great Lakes region• Investing in “green” water infrastructure in the Great Lakes• Building regional capacity in freshwater technology and development	Moderator: Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry Joseph D. Roman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Greater Cleveland Partnership Betsy Otto, American Rivers Gil Pezza, Director, Water Technologies Initiative, Michigan Economic Development Corporation
4:30 p.m.	Delegation Roundtable	Reports from the Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario delegations
5:00 p.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission Presentation of resolutions and action items	Todd Ambs , Vice Chair

5:15 p.m.	Adjourn	
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Reception at the The Brookings Institution Stein Room, 2nd Floor 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW (map to be provided)	Hosted by The Brookings Institution, the Government of Québec and the Government of Ontario

Tuesday, Feb. 24

7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Madison Hotel, Mt. Vernon Room
8:00 a.m.	Call to Order	Todd Ambs , Vice Chair
8:00 a.m.	Keynote Speaker <i>The U.S. EPA Policy Agenda for the Great Lakes</i>	Lisa Jackson , Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
9:00 a.m.	Delegation Roundtable	Reports from the New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Québec delegations
9:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker <i>NOAA's Role in Restoring and Sustaining the Great Lakes</i>	Mary Glackin , Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA
10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m.	Panel: Sustainable Funding for Great Lakes Restoration	Moderator: Marc Miller , Director, Illinois Department of Natural Resources
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities for Great Lakes restoration in the new Congress • Funding options under cap and trade legislation • A trust fund for oceans and Great Lakes restoration 	<p>Chris Adamo, Legislative Counsel, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)</p> <p>Chelsea Henderson Maxwell, The Clark Group</p> <p>John Watkins, Chief, Ohio Coastal Program, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources</p>
11:30 a.m.	Business Resolutions and Action Items	Todd Ambs , Vice Chair
11:45 a.m.	Invitation to 2009 Annual Meeting	Pennsylvania Delegation
11:50 a.m.	Adjourn for Great Lakes Day Lunch – Dolly Madison Room	Todd Ambs , Vice Chair