

To: Member and Interested Parties, Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
From: Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Great Lakes Panel Coordinator
Re: Great Lakes Panel Spring Meeting (June 25-26, 2009 in Grand Island, NY)
Date: May 5, 2009

GLP Members and Interested Parties:

We are moving along in planning the spring meeting of the Great Lakes Panel which will be held in Grand Island, New York (15 minutes from Buffalo and Niagara Falls). The preliminary agenda is attached, along with a registration form (you may also register online, see below for more information). The meeting will begin on Thursday, June 25 at 8:30 am and will adjourn Friday, June 26 at 12:30 pm. If there is enough interest, a field trip will be planned for the afternoon of Wednesday, June 24. Our thanks to the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation for serving as the host for this meeting.

Location and Accommodations: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Grand Island Resort and Conference Center (<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hotel/gilny>) in Grand Island, NY. The group rate for accommodations will be \$92 plus 13.75% tax. Reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn directly at 716-773-1111 and requesting the block of rooms under the name of the Great Lakes Commission. ***To ensure availability at this rate, you should plan on making your reservation by Thursday, May 28, 2009.***

Registration: You may register for the meeting in one of two ways: (1) by filling out and returning the attached registration form to Erika Jensen (ejensen@glc.org, fax: 734-971-9150), or (2) online at <http://www.glc.org/ans/panel.html#glpmeet>. ***To help staff get an idea for the level of participation at the meeting, we request that you register by Tuesday, May 26, 2009.***

Panel Member Updates: Staff also request that Panel members, if you have not done so already, familiarize yourself with the new Great Lakes Panel wiki and begin submitting your update on your agency or organization's AIS activities. Please see the attached PDF for information on the wiki and contact Erika (ejensen@glc.org) if you have any questions.

Other: Please refer to the Great Lakes Panel website (<http://www.glc.org/ans/panel.html#glpmeet>) for the summary and action items from the fall GLP meeting held in Ann Arbor, Dec. 2-3, 2009.

Further details on the logistics and agenda for the spring 2009 meeting will be conveyed later this month. In the meantime, if you have any questions/comments, please let me know by email at shwayder@glc.org or phone at 734-971-9135.

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