

**Lake St. Clair Coastal Habitat Project Management Team  
Conference Call Summary  
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This conference call was held primarily to review the PCA analysis prepared by MNFI since time did not allow adequate discussion of this item during the June PMT conference call.

**Review of PCA (Priority Conservation Area) Analysis completed by MNFI**

John Paskus explained the PCA map. He noted that MNFI had developed a marsh transition zone within the project area that was based on the following parameters: average high water mark and the average low water mark over the last 70 years, plus 6 vertical feet into the lake. This zone could serve as a reference point for identifying potential areas for restoration based on historic data.

The PCA's do not reflect unique aquatic habitats or features. The group discussed the need for data to identify unique aquatic features or areas. Aquatic habitat data are sparse, old and inconsistent, and may not be adequate for this purpose. Additional data sources for spawning areas were referenced, but they are a bit old verification is needed to determine whether they can be used for the project. Data on shoreline hardening is available, but does not included diked

areas—an important form of shoreline modification in the study area.

**Action:** USGS PMT members will look at data sources for spawning to determine whether the project can identify spawning areas.

**Action:** MNFI will develop a public land ownership data layer that can be overlaid with the PCA maps to identify opportunities for connecting new conservation/restoration activities with existing publicly-owned properties. The transition zone will also be provided as an overlay.

### **September Meeting**

The group was reminded that the PMT will meet in Port Huron in mid September. GLC staff will confirm the date and location and follow up with the PMT accordingly. A complementary workshop to demonstrate the ICM tool will be held at the GLC offices in Ann Arbor on the day following the PMT meeting.