

2008 Great Lakes Day Events in Washington

Final Program



February 27

All times EST

12 Noon

Press Conference: Cities Investment Report
Capitol Hill

12 Noon – 1:00 PM

Lunch (with Healing Our Waters®-Great Lakes Coalition)
Buffet Lunch, Palomar Hotel, Phillips & Freer Rooms

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Legislative Priorities Briefing Session (with HOW)
Phillips Room

- Welcome and Introduction – Update on Events
Tim Eder, Great Lakes Commission
Andy Buchsbaum, National Wildlife Federation
- Great Lakes Task Force Priorities and Congressional Calendar Overview
Joy Mulinex, Great Lakes Congressional Task Force
Matt Reiffer, Office of Representative Vernon Ehlers (R-MI, 13th)
- Great Lakes Regional Legislative Priorities
Marc Gaden, Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Chad Lord, Healing Our Waters®-Great Lakes Coalition
Matt Doss, Great Lakes Commission
Dave Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors

2:00 – 2:30 PM

Break

2:30 – 5:00 PM

Great Lakes Commission Preparation for Hill Visits
National Room

- Great Lakes Day Theme and Message
Tips for Effective Hill Visits
- Review of Office Visit Schedule and Materials
- State-by-State Planning and Logistics

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Reception Sponsored by Government of Canada and HOW
Canadian Embassy

February 28 - Great Lakes Day

8:00 – 9:30 AM

Congressional Breakfast
Senate Hart Office Building – Room 902

- Welcome – Lt. Governor John Cherry, State of Michigan; Chair, Great Lakes Commission
- Remarks by Members of Congress
Moderator: Tom Wolfe, Northeast Midwest Institute

9:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Congressional Office Visits