

Michigan Statewide Public Advisory Council

Fall Business Meeting

Wednesday-Thursday, November 9-10, 2011
Motherhouse of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
610 W. Elm Ave., Monroe, Mich., 734-241-3660

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Wednesday, Nov. 9

10:00 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions and Review of Agenda	Jeff Spoelstra, SPAC chair, Dan Stefanski, Chair, River Raisin Public Advisory Council
10:15 a.m.	Status Reports from SPAC members	SPAC members
10:45 a.m.	Approval of June 2011 SPAC meeting summary	Jeff Spoelstra
11:00 a.m.	Miscellaneous Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renewal of SPAC representation• Status of PAC grants• Status of Congressional priorities for the Great Lakes	Matt Doss, Great Lakes Comm. Erika Jensen, Great Lakes Comm. Matt Doss
11:30 a.m.	Recap of 2011 Conference for the U.S. AOC Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference highlights• Feedback from SPAC members:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) <i>What conference topics were most valuable?</i>2) <i>What followup would you like to see?</i>	Matt Doss SPAC members
12:00 Noon	Lunch Presentation and tour of the IHM Motherhouse to showcase environmentally responsive and sustainable renovation.	
1:15 p.m.	Updates on Michigan's AOC Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AOC program organization, staffing and assignments• Status of BUI delistings and development of delisting strategies and Stage II RAPs• Status of statewide BUI assessments (dredging, beach closings, aesthetics, and bird and animal deformities or reproduction problems)	Rick Hobrla, MDEQ Rick Hobrla MDEQ Staff
2:00 p.m.	Preparing for Year Three of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input from federal agencies on funding opportunities in year three of the GLRI• DEQ plans for future engagement with the GLRI: capacity support, project requests, monitoring, etc.• Plans among local PACs: Upcoming project proposals, capacity challenges, new partnerships, etc.	Federal agency staff Frank Ruswick, MDEQ SPAC Members
2:45 p.m.	Break	
3:00 p.m.	Pulling it all Together: Implementing Actions to Remove BUIs and Prepare for Delisting the River Raisin AOC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Overview of restoration targets for the River Raisin• Major restoration projects underway<ul style="list-style-type: none">⇒ Contaminated sediment remediation⇒ Restoring fish passage⇒ Habitat restoration⇒ Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge⇒ Parks, trails and other improvements⇒ River Raisin National Battlefield Park• Discussion: Assembling actions needed to delist	Dan Stefanski, PAC chair Christy Clark, MDEQ MDEQ Staff Dan Stefanski Ray Fahlsing, MDNR (invited) Dick Micka, chair, Wildlife Alliance Rob Peven, Monroe County Scott Bentley, National Park Service
4:00 p.m.	View Fish Passage Sites on the River Raisin and Adjourn for Group Dinner	All meeting participants 6:00 pm Group dinner at Dolce Vita, 391 N. Telegraph Rd., Monroe

Thursday, Nov. 10

8:00 a.m.	Fieldtrip to Visit Habitat Restoration Sites at Sterling State Park	Details to follow
9:30 a.m.	<i>Special Session: Michigan's Great Lakes Areas of Concern Program Taking a Step Back to Look Forward</i>	
	<p>This session will review the draft concept paper prepared by MDEQ outlining roles and responsibilities for Michigan's AOCs.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview and need for discussion and clarification of roles and responsibilities• Major components of the concept paper:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Part 1: Taking a Step Back: Refining and Clarifying Potential Leadership Roles and ResponsibilitiesPart 2: Looking Forward: Integrating AOC-Specific Roles and Responsibilities into Annual AOC WorkplansPart 3: Action: Yearly Work Plan Development and Implementation for Each AOCPart 4: Fulfilling the Potential: Five-Year Vision Statements for Each AOC, Including Life after Delisting• Open Discussion• Next Steps	<p>Frank Ruswick</p> <p>Rick Hobria</p> <p>Everyone</p> <p>Frank Ruswick</p>
11:30 a.m.	Other Items from SPAC Members	SPAC members
11:45 a.m.	Review of Action Items	Matt Doss
12:00 Noon	Adjourn	