

Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River Management Plan

Management Plan Advisory Committee

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Thomas Edison Inn
Port Huron, Michigan*

MEETING SUMMARY

On November 19, 2002, the Management Plan Advisory Committee met in Port Huron, Michigan, to review draft goals, objectives, and recommendations for the Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River management plan. This summary was compiled by the Great Lakes Commission. Action items, next steps and the list of meeting participants are provided at the end of the summary.

Management Plan Status Report

Matt Doss provided a status report. Preliminary drafts for major topical chapters have been compiled and are now online. These are still “works in progress” as we continue to fill a number of gaps and adding Canadian information. We’re working with our Canadian partners – striving to make this a binational plan. A coalition of Conservation Authorities has hired a researcher to compile Canadian information. Jennifer Vincent provided an update from Canada. Canadian partners have hired a researcher to assimilate data and information. They have put together a writing team and are consolidating into one document all of the existing documents that are already in place for one area, but not well linked to the lake or on a basin scale. The three things that are coming out as the key concerns are habitat, contaminants, and the impacts of exotics.

Matt Doss reviewed the revised the process and schedule for developing draft goals, objectives and recommendations and reviewed progress to date and the schedule for completing the plan:

- Reviewed goals and objectives with PMT
- TWG conf calls to develop recommendations.
- Goal today is to review goals, objectives and recommendations
- Complete preliminary draft in January.
- Plan to convene Advisory Committee meeting once document complete to review complete document.
- After review by Advisory Committee and PMT, submit for agency review.
- State of Lake St. Clair conference to follow.
- Then finalizing this document – incorporating comments, etc.

Review and Discussion of Draft Goals and Objectives

Matt Doss reviewed the process for developing goals and objectives. The goals and objectives will build upon and advance existing plans and were pulled from current document, such as the St. Clair River RAP, as much as possible. The goals and objectives for the St. Clair River RAP will remain for the St. Clair River. These goals and objectives discussed at the meeting are for Lake St. Clair only and will be represented in the document as such. He noted that some goals don’t have currently have objectives but will eventually.

Participants provided valuable review and comments of goals and objectives. Specific comments will be incorporated into the document where appropriate after review by the Project Management Team. General comments include:

1. Goals should focus on the ideal state, not on strictly on what's feasible or attainable.
2. Avoid terms such as "sufficient" and "adequate."
3. Goals are moving targets; we need to add measurements so we can define sufficient access, safe for body contact, etc.
4. Include a narrative discussion of how to evaluate and measure progress.
5. Consider addressing issues of inconsistencies between jurisdictions in the recommendations.

Review and Discussion of Draft Recommendations

Roy Schrameck reviewed the process for developing recommendations, in consultation with the technical workgroups. Participants reviewed and commented on each recommendation. Specific comments will be incorporated into the document where appropriate after review by the Project Management Team. General comments include:

1. Recommendations should have lead agencies and implementation plan; otherwise this is a meaningless exercise. If no agency is identified then there is no link to implementation.
2. Recommendations should be tied to the goals, objectives and problems and issues?
3. Tie together binational issues to the greatest extent possible.
4. Will there be any prioritization of recommendations as part of this process? If so, then we need to start talking about indicators and priorities.
5. Will there be any prioritization of goals?
6. What is the role of the Advisory Committee regarding Canadian information?

Action items and next steps

1. Getting documents out for review.
2. Planning for the State of Lake St. Clair Conference for public review.

Participants

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