

## Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River Management Plan

### **Project Management Team**

*May 30, 2002  
Thomas Edison Inn  
Port Huron, Michigan*

### **MEETING SUMMARY**

On May 30, 2002, the third meeting of the Project Management Team for the Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River Management Plan Project was held in Port Huron, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to review the status of the management plan; develop guidance for drafting goals, objectives and recommendations; and discuss and revise the project schedule. The Project Management Team meeting was followed by a meeting of the Management Plan Advisory Committee. A luncheon was held between the two meetings that featured remarks from William Howland, Manager of the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

This summary was compiled by the Great Lakes Commission. The list of meeting participants are provided at the end of the summary.

### **Project Status Report**

Matt Doss presented a status report for the Lake St. Clair/St. Clair River Management Plan project. He reported that the management plan outline has been finalized; a project website has been established; technical workgroups have been convened; draft chapters were prepared for all of the topical chapters in the management plan; and numerous meetings were held with key agencies and organizations to discuss the management plan.

### **Developing Goals, Objectives and Recommendations**

The Project Management Team discussed guidelines for developing goals, objectives and recommendations for the management plan. Specifically, the PMT discussed the following three questions:

- 1) What form should the goals, objectives and recommendations take?
- 2) How much detail should the goals, objectives and recommendations include?
- 3) What process should we use to develop goals, objectives and recommendations?

There was a great deal of discussion on these three questions. Below is a summary of the common themes that emerged from this discussion:

- There is a need for broad, overarching goals for the Lake. The PMT should be used to help design and endorse goals.
- Recommendations should be as specific as possible, without pointing fingers. The plan should identify prospective partners.
- The plan should include a matrix of goals, objectives, recommendations, and implementation. Partners can volunteer for implementation opportunities. This matrix will identify gaps in oversight and authority and areas where no programs currently exist.
- The coordination entity / framework should not usurp or replace existing entities.
- The plan may include a separate "Implementation Annex." To the extent possible, identify responsible parties but recognize that a separate process will be needed to identify implementation responsibilities.

## **Project Schedule**

The deadline for completing the management plan project was extended from fall, 2002 to summer, 2003. The PMT discussed revising the project schedule in light of this extension. The remaining project tasks were reviewed and include the following: filling specific information gaps; developing goals, objectives and recommendations; conducting additional outreach to stakeholder groups; conducting agency review and soliciting agency endorsement; conducting Advisory committee and public review; and convening the State of Lake St. Clair Conference. Matt Doss presented the following revised schedule to the PMT:

July-Dec.	Fill information gaps, complete goals, objectives and recommendations, and edit chapters
Feb. 1	PMT and Corps review
March 1	Comments from PMT and Corps
April 1	Revised draft to Corps
Late April	Advisory Committee review
May	Lake St. Clair Conference
July	Final management plan to the Corps

There were some concerns with the above revised schedule. Some felt that the agency review period was not long enough. The project team will consider this input and revise the schedule as needed. It was decided that Matt Doss would draft a revised agenda and send this out for PMT review.

## **MEETING ATTENDEES**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Affiliation</u></b>
Ted Briggs	Upper Thames Conservation Authority
Matthew Child	Essex Region Conservation Authority
Ralph Coe	St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
Mike Donahue	Great Lakes Commission
Geoffrey Donaldson	St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission
Matt Doss	Great Lakes Commission
Rose Ellison	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Patty Hayman	St. Clair Region Conservation Authority
Chuck Hersey	SEMCOG
William Howland	Lake Champlain Basin Program
Gary Johnson	Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy
John F. Jones	St. Clair County Water Quality Board
Bob Kavetsky	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Patrick Kuhne	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Ron Ludolph	Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
Colette Luff	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Elizabeth Moore	Great Lakes Commission
Ralph Moore	National Park Service
Joanne Munroe	Canadian Coast Guard
Art Ostaszewski	Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality
Bill Parkus	SEMCOG
Darrell Randell	Ducks Unlimited Canada   Ontario Federation of Agriculture
Mark Richardson	Macomb County Prosecutor's Office
James Ridgway	Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc.
Jack Robertson	Lower Thames Conservation Authority
Roy Schrameck	Environmental Consulting and Technology
Jim Selegean	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Gary Towns	Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources
Jennifer Vincent	Environment Canada