

Progress Report
Great Lakes Coastal Wetland Assessment and Classification
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Data Acquisition and Preparation:

- All available data has been downloaded and ready for the coastal wetland mapping process for all Great Lakes (see additional OWI comment below).

Pilot Study: Lake Ontario

- Draft version completed 7/31/03 including metadata.
- Date to receive review comments was 10/31/03.
- Received review comments from James McKenna, USGS, on 11/12/03, and USGS editorial staff. Waiting on comments from GLC, Dennis Albert (review of NWI only wetlands), as well as second USGS reviewer, Daniel Button.

St. Clair River:

- Draft version complete in late August.
- Waiting to receive comments from GLC and Dennis Albert's comments for NWI only Wetlands.

Lake Huron:

- Draft version including Lake St. Clair and St. Clair River complete 10/01/03.
- Waiting to receive comments from GLC. Sent one of four sets of NWI only wetlands to Dennis for review.

Lake Superior:

- In progress.
- Have completed mapping 143 Herdendorf wetlands or Herdendorf wetland numbers 1-175 and 209-211 of a total of 348 Herdendorf wetlands for Lake Superior.
- Also have mapped an additional 96 NWI only wetlands.
- Waiting for next batch of classified wetlands from Dennis.

Lake Michigan and Lake Erie:

- Have not been started.
- Issues regarding the available data for these lakes have occurred.
 - Need to download a "cleaner" version of OWI, which Stuart has made available to me.
 - Also, the hardcopy Herdendorf topographic maps for Michigan are missing.

According to the timeline established for the mapping process, we are a lake behind in the wetland mapping process if we are to have all 5 Great Lakes mapped by the end of December. Our goal is to finish up Lake Superior no later than 11/31/03. The metadata and supplemental report are complete, but are also a work in progress and are updated when necessary.