



September 29-30, 2009 | Bayfront Convention Center | Erie, Pennsylvania



# Great Lakes Commission 2009 Annual Meeting

– FINAL AGENDA –

**Tuesday, Sept. 29**

All times are EDT

11:00 a.m. – Noon	<b>Registration and lunch buffet</b>	Bayfront Convention Center, East Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair
12:05 p.m.	<b>Keynote Remarks</b>	<b>Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper</b>
12:20 p.m.	<b>Welcome to Erie</b>	<b>Mayor Joseph Sinnott</b>
12:25 p.m.	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>Tom Crane</b> , Deputy Director
12:30 p.m.	<b>Report of the Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Approval of minutes from 2009 Semiannual Meeting</li><li>▪ Approval of Observer requests</li></ul>	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair
	<b>Report of the Executive Director</b>	<b>Tom Crane</b> , Deputy Director
1:00 p.m.	<b>Presentation and Discussion: Federal Efforts to Protect and Restore the Great Lakes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. Federal agencies panel discussion - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative</li> <li>• Canadian Restoration Activities</li></ul>	<b>Presentation and Panel Moderator:</b> <b>Cameron Davis</b> , Senior Advisor to U.S. EPA <b>Charles Wooley</b> , U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service <b>Michael Greer</b> , U.S. Army Corps of Engineers <b>Kerry Mitchell</b> , Office of the Consulate General of Canada in Buffalo
2:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
3:00 p.m.	<b>Observer comments, featuring:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ducks Unlimited views on GLRI</li><li>▪ Update from IJC on Upper Great Lakes Study</li></ul>	Observers to the Great Lakes Commission are encouraged to present their agencies' plans for implementation of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (if appropriate).
4:00 p.m.	<b>GLC Members' Views on Great Lakes Restoration Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update from states on plans for implementation</li><li>• Review of draft recommendations on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative</li></ul>	<b>Commissioners</b> <b>Matt Doss</b> , Policy Director: Presentation of draft recommendations on GLRI
4:45 p.m.	<b>Business of the Great Lakes Commission</b> Presentation of resolutions and action items	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair
5:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	
6 – 9 p.m.	<b>Reception and light dinner at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center</b> Remarks by local historian David Frew. IMAX movie: "Mysteries of the Great Lakes"	Sponsored by: <b>Ecology and Environment, Inc.</b> Hosted by: <b>Commonwealth of Pennsylvania</b>

## Wednesday, Sept. 30

7:00 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>	Bayfront Convention Center, East Ballroom
8:30 a.m.	<b>Call to Order</b>	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair
8:45 a.m.	<b>Keynote: Challenges for the Great Lakes Cruise Industry</b>	<b>Ray Schreckengost</b> , Executive Director, Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority
9:00 a.m.	<b>Panel: Water Conservation and the Energy-Water Nexus</b>	<b>Moderator: Marc Miller</b> , Director, Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources; Commissioner  <b>Mary Ann Dickenson</b> , Executive Director, Alliance for Water Efficiency  <b>John Gasper</b> , Strategic Area Manager Environmental Assessment Division, Argonne National Laboratory  <b>Michael Webber</b> , Associate Director, Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy, University of Texas-Austin
10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 a.m.	<b>Briefing and Update: Regulating Ballast Water Discharges</b>	Capt. Lorne Thomas, U.S. Coast Guard, Ninth District; and Chris Wiley, Fisheries and Oceans Canada/Transport Canada
	State/provincial Updates	Commissioners
11:30 a.m.	<b>Business: Resolutions and Action Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolutions and Action Items<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Resolution on water-energy</li><li>○ Action item – Recommendations on GLRI</li><li>○ Action item – Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement review</li><li>○ Election of Officers</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair  Commissioners  Report of Nominating Committee
11:55 a.m.	<b>Invitation to 2010 Semiannual Meeting and Great Lakes Day events in Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair
12:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>Todd Ambs</b> , Vice Chair