

Lake Michigan Monitoring Coordination Council

LMMCC Charter Questionnaire & Discussion

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Select the current LMMCC objectives that you still believe are relevant today.

Answer Choices	Responses
Document monitoring activities, identify data gaps and contribute to the development of a monitoring framework for the Lake Michigan basin in conjunction with other plans.	100.00% 15
Establish and maintain collaborative partnerships that link federal, state, tribal, local and nongovernmental monitoring organizations and initiatives in the Lake Michigan basin to allow for the assessment of ecosystem resources in the basin.	93.33% 14
Foster the implementation of monitoring activities that document data quality and are comparable throughout the basin.	80.00% 12
Support information networks that link basinwide information systems and allow efficient sharing and updating of monitoring information.	93.33% 14
Provide guidance and assistance to members of the council so they can improve general awareness of the value of monitoring. Assist council members and workgroups with techniques to announce, distribute, and promote their products for use by the Lake Michigan monitoring community.	86.67% 13
Total Respondents: 15	

Membership – per current charter

The Lake Michigan Monitoring Coordination Council shall provide for membership from the following entities:

(8) State agencies (one representative each from the environmental protection and resource management agencies/divisions from the states of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin);

(7) Federal agencies (a total of seven from U.S. EPA Region 5, U.S. EPA-Great Lakes National Program Office, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission);

Membership – per current charter

- (2) Tribal authorities/associations;**
- (2) Business, industry and consultants;**
- (1) Agricultural groups;**
- (2) Local volunteer or environmental groups;**
- (4) Sea Grant Programs or university-based institutes;**
- (1) Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP) Forum;**
- (4) Local government/planning agencies; and**
- (1) Great Lakes Fishery Commission.**

Ex officio members will include the chair of the Technical Coordination Committee of the Lake Michigan LaMP and a representative from the Great Lakes Commission.

Membership

Each entity shall appoint an alternate representative.

The initial appointments shall be for one, two and three-year terms so that no more than one-third of the council membership changes in a given year. Appointments thereafter shall be for two-year terms. Members shall be eligible for reappointment.

Additional individuals from the member entities shall be encouraged to participate in Council activities, as needed.

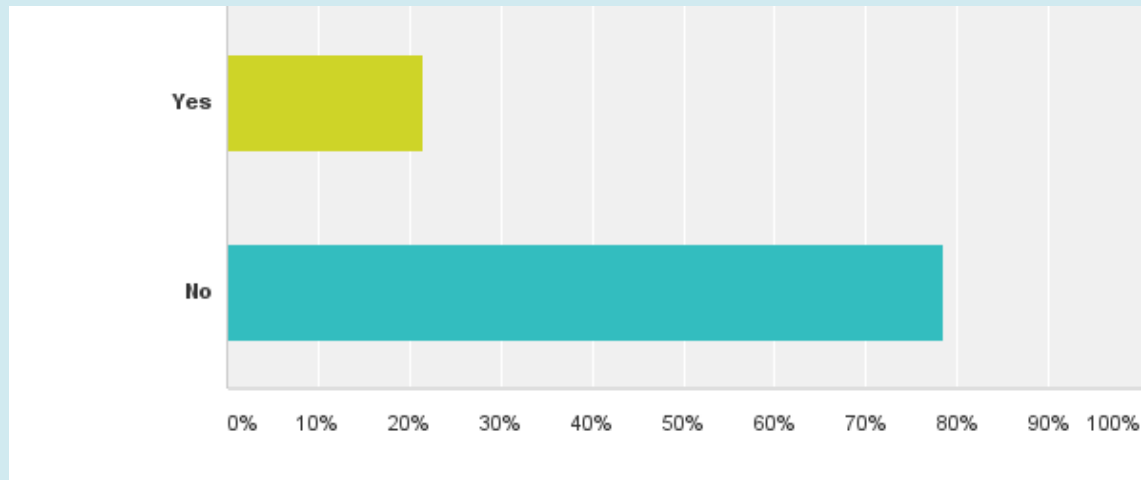
How formal would you like to see the LMMCC membership?

Answer Choices	Responses	
As stipulated in the Charter with specific terms for each member.	58.33%	7
Open-ended so you can come and go as you please.	41.67%	5
Total	12	

If the LMMCC could staff three (3) workgroups, for which of the following resource components would you be an active member of a workgroup dedicated to it?

Answer Choices	Responses
Atmosphere	0.00% 0
Beaches	6.67% 1
Coastal wetlands	6.67% 1
Estuaries	0.00% 0
Ground water	0.00% 0
Harbors	13.33% 2
Inland lakes	20.00% 3
Lake bottoms (benthic province)	20.00% 3
Lake Michigan - Medium nearshore (between 30-80m depth for Lake Michigan)	33.33% 5
Lake Michigan - Shallow nearshore (less than 30m depth for Lake Michigan)	53.33% 8
Lake Michigan - Offshore (greater than 80m depth for Lake Michigan)	26.67% 4
River mouths	13.33% 2
River/Stream mainstems	40.00% 6
River substrates	6.67% 1
Shorelines	6.67% 1
Tributaries	26.67% 4
Stormwater conveyance systems	0.00% 0
Water columns (variable depths; pelagic province)	0.00% 0
Water treatment facility intake	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 15	

The LMMCC would like to establish a workgroup to update the Charter and develop a five-year strategic plan for the group. Would you be willing to assist in this effort?



Operations – per current charter

The council will be chaired jointly by two members elected by the full Council membership, with an election taking place every two years.

Workgroups shall be formed, as needed, to address specific topical issues and shall report to the full council. The workgroups shall have the discretion to invite participation from additional entities beyond the formal council members.

The council shall seek to meet in full session at least twice annually, with conference calls and workgroup meetings convened, as needed.

On a two-year cycle the council shall coordinate contributions from its workgroups to the development and updating of a monitoring plan for Lake Michigan.

How often do you feel the LMMCC should meet as a whole?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Twice per year in-person as per the current Charter	7.14%	1
Once in person and once via conference call/webinar per year	71.43%	10
Twice via conference call/webinar per year	21.43%	3
Total		14

Operations – per current charter

The council co-chairs shall guide secretariat staff in planning meetings, establishing agendas, and coordinating council operations.

The council shall seek to operate by consensus in all aspects of its work and all interested entities shall be invited and encouraged to attend council meetings and participate in council discussions and activities.

In the event that consensus cannot be reached on a specific decision, the matter shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Operations – per current charter

The Great Lakes Commission will provide secretariat support to the council and shall administer funding for council operations and for special projects of interest to the council members.

Council members shall be expected to make every effort to cover expenses associated with their involvement. Limited funds may be available to assist with meeting-related expenses for nongovernment council members.