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## Great Lakes Commission responds to Michigan governor's energy and environment plans

**Ann Arbor, Mich.** – Earlier today, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder announced his plans for ensuring Michigan's future through an increased emphasis on energy and the environment. Gov. Snyder acknowledged the symbiotic relationship between energy, the economy and the environment, a concept that the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) has been a pioneer in promoting.

“The Commission congratulates Gov. Snyder on his new role as co-chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governors and pledges our support and assistance in fulfilling the governor's objectives,” said GLC Chairman Kenneth G. Johnson, water division administrator at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. “We applaud Gov. Snyder's eagerness to work with his fellow Great Lakes governors on issues of shared concern.”

GLC Executive Director Tim Eder added: “The Great Lakes Commission welcomes and applauds Gov. Snyder's leadership on Great Lakes issues, in general, but especially in the area of invasive species – one of the most critical and potentially detrimental issues facing our Great Lakes. The Governor recognizes that Michigan must work with its neighbors to tackle this problem and the GLC is ready to help”

Helen Taylor, GLC Commissioner from Michigan and Director of the Michigan Chapter of the Nature Conservancy added, “Governor Snyder clearly understands the gravity of the threat posed by invasive species and the initiatives he outlined as priorities are excellent steps forward.”

See [www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/EE\\_Message\\_FINAL\\_pdf\\_404563\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/snyder/EE_Message_FINAL_pdf_404563_7.pdf) to read the complete text of Gov. Snyder's statement delivered today to Michiganders and the state legislature.

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*The Great Lakes Commission, chaired by Kenneth G. Johnson, water division administrator at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, is an interstate compact agency established under state and U.S. federal law and dedicated to promoting a strong economy, healthy environment and high quality of life for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region and its residents. The Commission consists of governors' appointees, state legislators, and agency officials from its eight member states. Associate membership for Ontario and Québec was established through the signing of a “Declaration of Partnership.” The Commission maintains a formal Observer program involving U.S. and Canadian federal agencies, tribal authorities, binational agencies and other regional interests. The Commission offices are located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Learn more at [www.glc.org](http://www.glc.org).*

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