



2023 Great Lakes Commission Annual Meeting

OCT. 3-5, 2023 • MAUMEE BAY LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER • 750 STATE PARK ROAD #2 • OREGON, OH 43616

Draft Agenda: October 2, 2023

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Tuesday, October 3, 2023	
12:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Tour of University of Toledo Lake Erie Center and wetland restoration sites in Northwest Ohio <i>Advanced registration required. Tour ends at Magee Marsh for the welcome picnic.</i>
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Welcome picnic at Magee Marsh 13229 OH-2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449 <i>Field tour attendees will be provided transportation. Attendees not joining the field tour will be responsible for their own transportation.</i>
8:00 – 10:00 p.m.	Bonfire and lawn games <i>Maumee Bay State Park Lodge</i>

Wednesday, October 4, 2023		
7:30 a.m.	Registration and buffet breakfast <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	
8:30 a.m.	Call to order and roll call	Todd Ambs, Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Chair (Wisconsin)
8:40 a.m.	Welcome to Ohio	Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, GLC Vice Chair
9:00 a.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approval of agenda Approval of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 Semiannual Meeting – May 23-25, 2023 Report of the Chair Small Harbors and Coastal Communities Ad Hoc Committee Report Presentation of resolutions and action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions Review Committee Report 	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair Kerith Brand, Alternate Associate Commissioner (QC) Loren Wobig, Commissioner (IL)
9:55 a.m.	Observer comments	GLC Observers
10:10 a.m.	Break <i>Student exhibits</i>	

10:25 a.m.	Community restoration and protection	Joseph Smith, The Junction Coalition
10:45 a.m.	Harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie	Moderator: Eric Saas, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant Kirk Hines, Ohio Dept of Agriculture Santina Wortman, U.S. EPA Great Lakes National Program Office
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 p.m.	Conversation with Dan Egan	Dan Egan, Brico Fund Journalist in Residence, Center for Water Policy, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences
2:00 p.m.	Climate-smart agriculture	Lisa Woodke, Star of the Westing Milling Co
2:30 p.m.	Community restoration and protection	Donna Givens Davidson, Eastside Community Network
3:00 p.m.	Report on GLC Strategic Plan	Erika Jensen, Executive Director
3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:30 p.m.	Student presentations	Cannon Moser and Olga Isailovic
3:45 p.m.	Observer comments	GLC Observers
4:00 p.m.	Stories in bird conservation	Moderator: Nat Miller, Audubon Great Lakes Dave Sherman, Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources Rachael Pierce, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Christopher Tonra, The Ohio State University
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn for the day	
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Reception at the National Museum of the Great Lakes <i>Transportation between the lodge and the museum will be provided. Reception will include optional walking tours of Glass City riverwalk.</i>	

Thursday, October 5, 2023

7:25 a.m.	Bird walk on the boardwalk <i>Meet at the Trautman Nature Center and enjoy a guided walk through meadows and marshlands.</i>	
7:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	
8:45 a.m.	Call to order <i>Grand Ballroom</i>	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair
8:35 a.m.	Observer comments	GLC Observers

9:00 a.m.	Update to the International Great Lakes Datum	Laura Rear McLaughlin, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Terese Herron, Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada
9:30 a.m.	Dredging commercial and recreational harbors on the Great Lakes	Esther Johnson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Detroit District Jim Weakley, Lake Carriers' Association Don Parsons, Don Parsons Inc.
10:30 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m.	Economic Impacts of Maritime Shipping in the Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Region	Steve Fisher, Executive Director, American Great Lakes Ports Association
11:15 a.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resolutions and action items 	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair
11:45 a.m.	Nominating Committee Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers 	Sharon Jackson, GLC Immediate Past GLC Chair (IN)
11:55 a.m.	Invitation to 2024 Great Lakes Day and GLC Semiannual Meeting	Erika Jensen, Executive Director
12:00 p.m.	Closing remarks and adjournment	Todd Ambs, GLC Chair Mary Mertz, GLC Vice Chair