

# Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting and Great Lakes Day 2024

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## Great Lakes Day Congressional Breakfast Reception Attendee List

First Name	Last Name	Job Title	Company
Gerald	Acker	Chair, U.S. Section	International Joint Commission
Abdulla	Alhassani	Public Affairs Officer	Consulate General of Canada
Jon	Altenberg	President and CEO	Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
Todd	Ambs	Immediate Past Chair	Great Lakes Commission
Cailyn	Andrews	Program Assistant	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
Peter	Annin	Director	Burke Center--Northland College
Meri	Annin	Senior Marketing Specialist	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Vance	Badawey	House Co-Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Gro	Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport
Ethan	Baker	Mayor of Troy	City of Troy
Bethany	Baker		
Julie	Barrett-O'Neill	Regional Director	Department of Environmental Conservation
Bill	Bazzi	Mayor	Dearborn Heights, MI
Benjamin	Bélair	Director	Quebec Government Office in Washington DC
Glenn	Benoy	Director, Sciences and Engineering	International Joint Commission - Canadian Section
Connor	Bevan		American Sportfishing Association
Sandy	Bihn	Executive Director	Lake Erie Waterkeeper
Scott	Blackburn	Environmental Protection Specialist	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS)/DOT
Maria	Bocanegra	Chief Legal Officer	Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority
Austin	Bonta	Mayor	Portage, IN
LTC Brett	Boyle	Detroit District Commander	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Kerith	Brand	Public and Governmental Affairs Attachée	Quebec Government Office
John	Bratton	Senior Science Officer	LimnoTech
Kristin	Brier	Vice President of Planning	Ports of Indiana
Eric	Brown	Senior Advisor for External Relations	Great Lakes Commission
Ben	Bruns	Director of Legislative Affairs	Ohio Department of Natural Resources
David	Bucaro	Chief, Planning Branch	United States Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District
Matthew	Buckman	Command Master Chief	US Coast Guard Ninth District

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Anna	Bunting	Program Co-Director	Freshwater Future
Beatriz	Canas	Program Officer	Crown Family Philanthropies
Betty	Cantley	Lead Advocate	Ohio Lead Free Kids Coalition
Robert	Capecchi	Policy Officer	Government of Ontario
Joe	Cappel	Vice President	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
Jackie	Carter	Director	Port of Milwaukee
Susan	Chiblow	Commissioner	International Joint Commission
Matthew	Child	Physical Scientist	International Joint Commission
Terry	Chow		
Elizabeth	Cisar	Program Director	The Joyce Foundation
James	Clift	Deputy Director	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
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Mark	Colosimo	Director of Science and Engineering	International Joint Commission
Jane	Cordy	Leader of the Progressive Senate Group	Senate Co-Chair of the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Group
William	Crane	Chair	Straits of Mackinac Alliance
Tom	Crane	Deputy Director	Great Lakes Commission
Christina	Critelli	Assistant Deputy Minister	Ontario Office of International Relations and Protocol
Jamie	Cross	Project Management Consultant	Grand Valley State University Annis Water Resources Institute
Troy	Daniell	MN State Conservationist • FPAC-NRCS - NRCS	FPAC-NRCS
Jennifer	Day	GLERL Communications	NOAA
Riley	Dean	Political Associate	Ohio Environmental Council
Christie	Deloria	biologist	USFWS
Deborah	DeLuca	Executive Director	Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Leanna	DeLuca		
Rebecca	Dennis	Director of Federal Affairs	Coastal States Organization
Andrea	Densham	Senior Policy Advisor	Alliance for the Great Lakes
Gregory	Dick	Professor and Director	Cooperative Institute of Great Lakes Research, University of Michigan
Shannon	Dougherty	Acting Great Lakes Programs Coordinator	NYSDEC
Guillaum	Dubreuil	Director, External Affairs	CSL
Tim	Eder	Consultant	Erb Family Foundation
Charlene	Epp		
David	Epp	Deputy Official Opposition Critic	Agriculture and Agri-Food
Shannon	Estenoz	Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Park	US Department of the Interior
Joshua	Feldmann	Chief of Programs and Project Management	US Army Corps of Engineers
Emily	Finnell	Senior Great Lakes Advisor and Strategist	Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

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Steve	Fisher	Executive Director	American Great Lakes Ports Association
Anthony	Fisher	Dept. Administrator	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS)/DOT
Elizabeth	Flint	Lieutenant	US Coast Guard
Alexandra	Frankel	PhD Candidate	York University
Will	Friedman	President and CEO	Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority
Lisa	Frizzell	VP, Communications	NWMO
Sarah	Froman		EPA
Veronica	Fulnecky	Public Policy & Communications Intern	International Joint Commission
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Marc	Gaden	Executive Secretary	Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Kathey-Lee	Galvin	Foreign Service Officer	US Department of State
Roger	Gauthier	Treasurer	Straits of Mackinac Alliance
David	Goldwater	Vice President, Public Policy	Stantec
Joe	Greco	Pennsylvania Delegate	Trout Unlimited   HOW Coalition
Dean	Haen	Port Director	Port of Green Bay
Bill	Hanka	Consultant	Hanka Advisor
Sam	Hankinson	Port Development Coordinator	Port of Monroe
Kathleen	Heideman	Board Member	Mining Action Group
Rebecca	Held-Knoche	NOAA Great Lakes Regional Coordinator	NOAA
David	Hermann	Senior Policy Advisor	International Joint Commission
Jon	Hickey	Ninth Coast Guard District Commander	United States Coast Guard
Jennifer	Hill	Executive Director	Clinton River Watershed Council
Jon	Hortness	Great Lakes Program Coordinator	USGS
Jean-Francois	Hould	Quebec Representative	Quebec Government Office
Melanie	Houston	Managing Director of Water Policy	Ohio Environmental Council
William	Hughes	Vice Chair	Cuyahoga River AOC Advisory Committee
Sharon	Jackson	Deputy General Counsel for Indiana Governor	State of Indiana
Edo	Jakupovic	International Relations Advisor	Ministère de l'Env. Lutte contre les changements climatiques, Faune et Parcs
LaToya	James	Public Affairs Specialist	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS)/DOT
John	Jamian	Director of Operations	Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority
Cynthia	Jarema	Chief Operations & Maintenance	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Detroit District
Erika	Jensen	Executive Director	Great Lakes Commission
Don	Jodrey	Director of Federal Relations	The Alliance for the Great Lakes
Peter	Johnson	Deputy Director	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
Ken	Johnson	Mayor	Muskegon, MI

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David	Kidwell		NOAA
Marshall	Kilgore	Director of Enagement	West Michigan Environmental Action Council
Collin	Knauss	project development manager	Great Lakes Protection Fund
Eric	Kogelschatz	Chief Strategy Officer	shark&minnow
Colby	Krug	District Commander	US Army Corps of Engineers
William	Kurtz	Director	Les Cheneaux Watershed Council
Jennifer	Lacey	Midcontinent Regional Director	U.S. Geological Survey
Michael	Laitta	Senior Physical Scientist-GIS Coordinator	International Joint Commission
Paul	Lamarre	Director	Port of Monroe
Cindy	Larsen	President	Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce
Erma	Leaphart	Great Lakes Community Organizer	Sierra Club Michigan Chapter
Frederic	Lecomte	Scientific Counselor	Ministère de l'Environnement, de la lutte aux CC, de la Faune et des Parcs
Deborah	Lee	Director and Great Lakes Regional Team Lead	DOC, NOAA, OAR, GLERL
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Joseph	Lewis	Pennsylvania Delegate	HOW Coalition / PennWest Edinboro University
Karlee	Liddy	Knauss Marine Policy Fellow	California Sea Grant
Bert	Liverance	Reeve	Township of the Archipelago, ON
Cindy	Lodge	Deputy Director - Operations	USGS
Kimberly	Longoria	Chief of Staff	US Army Corps of Engineers
James	Luke	GLRI Program Coordinator	US Army Corps of Engineers
Leo	Luong	Director	Great Lakes and Inland Water Branch
Sylvonica	Madlock	Exec. Officer	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (GLS)/DOT
Tom	Maillard	Director of Government Operations	Waukegan, IL
Justin	Mann	Lobbyist	Chamber of Marine Commerce
François	Marier	Director, International Marine Policy	Transport Canada
Samantha	Martin	Communications Manager	Cleveland Water Alliance
Gina	Mason	Policy Advisor	NOAA Fisheries
Cory	Mason	Mayor	Racine, WI
Brian	Masse	NDP Vice Chair	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Group
Sean	McBrearty	Michigan Director	Clean Water Action
Christopher	McClain	Commissioner	Great Lakes Commission
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Marie	McCormick	Executive Director	Friends of the Rouge
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Rebecca	Mellino	Ohio Climate and Energy Policy Associate	The Nature Conservancy
Eddie	Melton	Mayor	Gary, IN
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Ann	Mesnikoff	Federal Legislative Director	Environmental Law & Policy Center
John	Messner		Department of Energy
Paul	Miller	Lobbyist	Chamber of Marine Commerce
Adam	Mistler	National Outreach Manager	Ocean Conservancy
Gino	Moretti	Mayor	Saint-Anicet, Qc
Tom	Mrakas	Mayor	Aurora, ON
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Sheldon	Neeley	Mayor	Flint, MI
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Silvia	Newell	Director	Michigan Sea Grant
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James	Polidori	Program Specialist	Great Lakes Commission
Earl	Provost	Canadian Commissioner	Great Lakes Fishery Commission
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Laura	Rubin	Director	Healing Our Waters--Great Lakes Coalition
Nicolle	Rutherford	Environmental Scientist	NOAA
Joseph	Savage	Regional Programs Director	US Army Corps of Engineers
John	Schmidt	Program Manager	Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
Judith	Schofield	Senior Program Manager	GDIT
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Wade	Strickland	Director, Office of Great Waters	WI Dept of Natural Resources
Timothy	Stryker	Chief, Outreach & Collaboration Branch, NLI	U.S. Geological Survey
Mike	Sullivan	Director, Great Lakes Gateway	USDOT - Maritime Administration
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Lance	Yohe	Commissioner	International Joint Commission
Nicole	Zacharda	Program Manager	Great Lakes Commission
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Chiara	Zuccarino-Crowe	Great Lakes Regional Lead	NOAA Office for Coastal Management