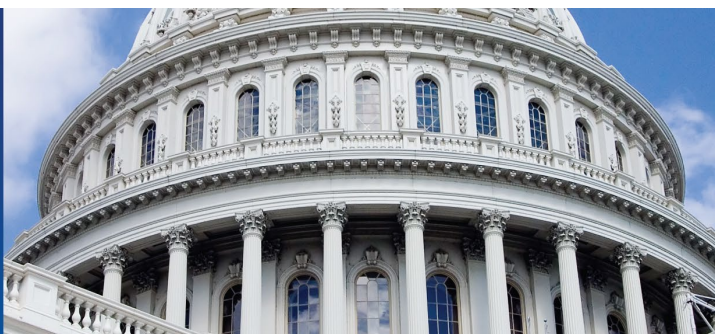


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# Agenda

## Tuesday, March 5 – Semiannual Meeting

*Open to all* | Location: Grand Hub Ballroom

12:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Buffet and Registration</b>	
1:00 p.m.	<b>Call to order and roll call</b>	Mary Mertz, Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Chair Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
1:10 p.m.	<b>Remarks from Tom Perez, Senior Advisor and Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	
1:30 p.m.	<b>Business of the Great Lakes Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approval of agenda</li> <li>• Approval of minutes               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2023 Annual Meeting – Oct. 3-5, 2023</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Report of the Chair</li> <li>• Presentation of resolutions and action items               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Observer request: Ontario Marine Council</li> <li>○ Resolutions Review Committee Report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Mary Mertz, GLC Chair          Marc Smith, Commissioner (MI)
2:00 p.m.	<b>Coordination and authorities for aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention and control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force</li> <li> </li> <li>• AIS Legislative efforts</li> </ul>	Debbie Lee, ANS Task Force Co-Chair, NOAA-Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab Susan Pasko, ANS Task Force Executive Secretary, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Connor Bevan, American Sportfishing Association
2:45 p.m.	<b>Remarks from Daniel Wolfish, Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Climate Change Canada</b>	
2:55 p.m.	<b>Break</b>	
3:15 p.m.	<b>Remarks from Janet McCabe, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b>	

3:45 p.m.	<b>Harmful algal bloom research and control</b>	Cindy Lodge, U.S. Geological Survey, Deputy Director for Operations David Kidwell, HABHRCA Interagency Work Group Co-Chair, NOAA-National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science
4:30 p.m.	<b>Recognition for John Flesher, Associated Press</b>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Adjourn for the day</b>	
<i>Following adjournment</i>	<b>Reception</b> Location: Grand Hub Ballroom	
<b>Wednesday, March 6 – Semiannual Meeting</b>		
<b>Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting</b> <i>Open to all</i>   Location: Grand Hub Ballroom		
7:30 a.m.	<b>Breakfast and networking</b>	
8:30 a.m.	<b>Call to order</b>	Mary Mertz, GLC Chair
8:35 a.m.	<b>Recognition for Senator Rob Portman (OH)</b>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Federal investments in clean/green maritime initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Great Lakes Green Shipping Corridor Network</li><li>Green Shipping Corridor Program</li><li>U.S. EPA Ports Initiative / Clean Ports Program</li><li>Biofuels and decarbonization in the maritime sector</li></ul>	Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation François Marier, Transport Canada Sarah Froman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Josh Messner, U.S. Department of Energy-Bioenergy Technologies Office
10:15 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
10:30 a.m.	<b>Recognition for Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)</b>	
10:55 a.m.	<b>Business of the Great Lakes Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resolutions and action items</li></ul>	
11:15 a.m.	<b>Invitation to GLC Annual Meeting</b>	New York Delegation
11:20 a.m.	<b>Break</b>	
11:30 a.m.	<b>Special session of the three binational commissions</b> <b>Great Lakes Commission   Great Lakes Fishery Commission   International Joint Commission</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remarks from Commissioners</li><li>Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding</li></ul>	
12:15 p.m.	<b>Closing remarks and adjournment</b>	Mary Mertz, GLC Chair
Afternoon	<b>Congressional office visits</b> <i>Scheduled independently</i>   Capitol Hill	

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Reception at the Embassy of Canada</b> <i>By Invitation</i>   Location: 501 Pennsylvania Avenue NW	
<b>Thursday, March 7 – Great Lakes Day</b>		
<b>Great Lakes Day Congressional Breakfast Reception</b> <i>Open to all</i>   Location: Gold Room, 2168 Rayburn House Office Building		
8:00 a.m.	<b>Continental breakfast and networking</b>	
8:40 a.m.	<b>Welcoming remarks</b>	<b>Erika Jensen</b> , Executive Director Great Lakes Commission
8:45 a.m.	<b>Introduction of members of the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation</b>	<b>Eric Brown</b> , Senior Advisor for External Relations Great Lakes Commission  <b>Alex Eastman</b> , Great Lakes Program Manager, Northeast Midwest Institute
8:50 a.m.	<b>Remarks from members of the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation</b>	
10:00 a.m.	<b>Closing remarks and adjourn</b>	
<b>Congressional office visits</b> <i>Scheduled independently</i>   Capitol Hill		