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Tuesday, March 4 – Semiannual Meeting		
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Roundtable on the Great Lakes Priorities <i>Invitation Only</i> Meeting Room: Potomac Invitees: Great Lakes Commissioners, State and Provincial Federal Affairs/DC Liaisons	
Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting <i>Open to all</i> Meeting Room: Potomac		
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Montpelier Room	
1:15 p.m.	Call to order and roll call	Mary Mertz, Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Chair, and Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
1:30 p.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and approval of agendaApproval of minutes<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Meeting – Oct. 9-11, 2024Report of the ChairClimate Resilience Committee ReportPresentation of resolutions and action items<ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolutions Review Committee ReportObserver requests	Mary Mertz, GLC Chair
2:00 p.m.	Introduction to proposed GLC Observers <ul style="list-style-type: none">American Great Lakes Ports AssociationSt. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation	Brian Oszakiewski Jim Athanasiou
2:15 p.m.	IJC's work on Microplastics and the State of the Science	Heather Stirratt, International Joint Commission
2:35 p.m.	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Overview	Branko Kerkez, University of Michigan
2:55 p.m.	Break	

3:15 p.m.	AI Applications for the Great Lakes Region <ul style="list-style-type: none">Optimizing marine shippingRobotic ecosystem monitoringHyFi and intelligent stormwater managementGreat Lakes AI Lab Moderated discussion with speakers	Louis-Pierre Trottier, CSL Group Angus Galloway, Engineering Technologies Canada Ltd. Branko Kerkez, University of Michigan Dani Jones, Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research Moderator: Dave Rankin, Great Lakes Protection Fund
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn for the day	
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Reception Constitution Room Co-Hosted by the Government of Québec	
Wednesday, March 5 – Semiannual Meeting		
Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting <i>Open to all</i> Meeting Room: Potomac		
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast and networking Montpelier Room	
8:30 a.m.	Call to order	Mary Mertz, GLC Chair
8:35 a.m.	Executive Director’s Report	Erika Jensen, GLC Executive Director
8:50 a.m.	Sustainability and environmental considerations related to AI <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sustainable solutions for data centers and AI: Positioning the Great Lakes region in the new economyData centers in Virginia	Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois Chicago Joao-Pedro Ferreira, Weldon Cooper School of Public Policy at the University of Virginia
9:40 a.m.	Break	
10:00 a.m.	New technologies and innovations in the water sector <ul style="list-style-type: none">AFFF takeback programCleveland Water AllianceGreat Lakes ReNEWGreat Lakes gener8tor Moderated discussion with speakers	Anne Vogel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Bryan Stubbs, Cleveland Water Alliance Alaina Harkness, Current and Great Lakes ReNEW Soham Balal, gener8tor Sustainability Moderator: Elizabeth Cisar, The Joyce Foundation
11:35 a.m.	Business of the Great Lakes Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Resolutions and action items	

11:55 a.m.	Invitation to GLC Annual Meeting	Minnesota Delegation
12:00 p.m.	Closing remarks and adjournment	Mary Mertz, GLC Chair
Afternoon	Congressional office visits <i>Scheduled independently</i> Capitol Hill	
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Great Lakes Day Reception at the Embassy of Canada <i>By Invitation</i> Location: 501 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Hosted by the Embassy of Canada and the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition	
Thursday, March 6 – Great Lakes Day		
Great Lakes Day Congressional Breakfast Reception <i>Open to all</i> Location: 325 Russell Senate Office Building (Kennedy Caucus Room)		
8:15 a.m.	Continental breakfast and networking	
8:30 a.m.	Welcoming remarks Erika Jensen, Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission Introduction of members of the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation Eric Brown, Senior Advisor for External Relations, Great Lakes Commission Alex Eastman, Great Lakes Program Manager, Northeast Midwest Institute Remarks from members of the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation	
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