



# 2026 Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting and Great Lakes Day

WASHINGTON, D.C. • MARCH 3-5, 2026



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## Draft Agenda – February 27, 2026

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Tuesday, March 3 – Semiannual Meeting		
<b>Great Lakes Commission Semiannual Meeting</b> Meeting Room: Capitol Ballroom		
12:30 p.m.	<b>Registration</b>	
1:00 p.m.	<b>Call to order and roll call</b>	James Jennings, Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Vice Chair, and Director, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1:15 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>○ Annual Meeting – Oct. 29-30, 2025</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Observer requests</li> <li>• Committee reports               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resolutions Review</li> <li>○ Climate Resiliency</li> <li>○ Plastic Pollution</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vice Chair Report</li> <li>• Executive Director Report</li> </ul>	James Jennings, GLC Vice Chair  Chris Smith, Commissioner, Indiana Marc Smith, Commissioner, Michigan Emily Finnell, Commissioner, Michigan James Jennings, GLC Vice Chair Erika Jensen, Executive Director
2:55 p.m.	<b>Invitation to GLC Annual Meeting</b>	Ontario Delegation
3:00 p.m.	<b>Closing remarks and adjournment</b>	James Jennings, GLC Vice Chair

Thursday, March 5 – Great Lakes Day	
<b>Great Lakes Day Congressional Breakfast Reception</b> Location: Cannon Caucus Room (Room 390), Cannon House Office Building	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Continental breakfast and networking</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> Erika Jensen, Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission  <b>Introduction of members of the Great Lakes Congressional Delegation</b> Eric Brown, Director of Policy & Government Affairs, Great Lakes Commission Alex Eastman, Great Lakes Program Manager, Northeast Midwest Institute  <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	