

Great Lakes Interstate Early Detection and Rapid Response Annual Surveillance Planning Meeting

February 23-25, 2026

Great Lakes Commission
1300 Victors Way Suite 1350
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Desired outcomes

- Learn outcomes from 2025 surveillance efforts
- Understand recent advances or knowledge that advances surveillance effort
- Agree on surveillance priorities for 2026

Agenda

All times Eastern

Day 1: Monday, Feb 23

12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Lunch (Provided)

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Interstate EDRR Program Update		
Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 p.m.	Welcome - Agenda review - Housekeeping - Attendance	Sam Tank, Great Lakes Commission
1:15 p.m.	U.S. FWS Great Lakes Early Detection and Monitoring program updates (Combined) - Ashland FWCO (Lake Superior) - Green Bay FWCO (Lake Michigan) - Alpena FWCO (Lake Huron) - Detroit Substation (Lake Erie) - Lower Great Lakes (Lake Erie/Lake Ontario)	Nick Frohnauer, USFWS
1:50 p.m.	Discussion on FWCO findings	All
2:10 p.m.	Break	
2:30 p.m.	Tench • USFWS early detection efforts in the St. Lawrence • DFO early detection efforts in the St. Lawrence	Zy Biesinger, USFWS Lower Great Lakes FWCO Greg Koebel, DFO (<i>virtual</i>)

2:50 p.m.	USFWS ERSS Methods update to Update on the Great Lakes horizon scanning	Kate Wyman-Grothem, USFWS (<i>virtual</i>)
3:10 p.m.	Invert sampling – survey results	Nick Frohnauer, USFWS
3:50 p.m.	Watchlist update	Lindsay Chadderton & Andrew Tucker, TNC
4:10 p.m.	Questions/ Discussion	

In house happy hour

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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Day 2: Tuesday, Feb 24

Morning Session

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Jurisdictional updates		
Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and review agenda	Lindsay Chadderton, TNC
9:10 a.m.	Michigan aquatic plant surveillance program	Kevin Walters, MI EGLE
9:30 a.m.	Ohio's invasive plant EDRR and control	Anthony Casey, Cleveland Metroparks
9:50 a.m.	Water soldier – 2025 results / distribution	Robert McGowen, OFAH (<i>virtual</i>)
10:10 a.m.	New York surveillance update	Cathy McGlynn, NY DEC (<i>virtual</i>)
10:30 a.m.	<i>U/va</i> update	Amy Kretlow, WI DNR
10:50 a.m.	Break	
11:10 a.m.	Prickly water lily update	Garrett Miller, MN DNR (<i>virtual</i>)
11:20 a.m.	Marbled crayfish	Brook Schryer, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (<i>virtual</i>)
11:40 a.m.	Red Swamp crayfish	Kathleen Quebedeaux, MI DNR
12:00 p.m.	Hydrilla in Illinois	Claire Snyder, IL DNR
12:20 p.m.	Discussion/end session for lunch	

Lunch (Provided)

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Federal updates		
Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 p.m.	Morning recap discussion over lunch	Lindsay Chadderton, TNC
1:10 p.m.	Notable new detections in USGS-NAS <u>outside</u> the Great Lakes	Matt Neilson, USGS (<i>virtual</i>)
1:30 p.m.	Notable new detections in GLANSIS <u>within</u> the Great Lakes	Rochelle Sturtevant, NOAA-GLANSIS
1:50 p.m.	Grass carp drone surveillance	Annick Drouin, Quebec MFFP (<i>virtual</i>)
2:10 p.m.	DFO 2025 surveillance activities and plans for 2026	Maude Tremblay & Alex Price, DFO (<i>virtual</i>)
2:30 p.m.	Break	
2:50 p.m.	Lake Erie grass carp update	Justin Bopp, MI DNR
3:10 p.m.	IJ eDNA inland lake project	Jared Homola, MSU
3:30 p.m.	Discussion - New, emerging, or evolving AIS threats to the basin - Future annual meeting format	Lindsay Chadderton, TNC

Group Dinner

5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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3140 Packard St

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Day 3: Wednesday, Feb 25

Morning Session

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. EST

eDNA updates		
Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 a.m.	USFWS eDNA Update - Metabarcoding results - Future plans for 2026 (eDNA and Traditional sampling)	Nick Frohnauer, USFWS
9:40 a.m.	U.S. FWS Metabarcoding update	TBD, USFWS
10:00 a.m.	GLEC plant priorities	Julianne Heinlein, GLEC (<i>virtual</i>)
10:10 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	eDNA Updates from New York	Steven Pearson, NYSDEC (<i>virtual</i>)
11:00 a.m.	eDNA Updates from Ontario	Chris Wilson, OMNR
11:30 a.m.	FY26 State GLRI grants changes	Nathan Evans, USFWS (<i>virtual</i>)
11:45 a.m.	Golden mussels in California update	Thomas Jensen, CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife (<i>virtual</i>)
12:00 p.m.	TNC metabarcoding surveys	Andrew Tucker, TNC (tentative)
12:15 p.m.	Discussion	All

Lunch (Provided)

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Afternoon Session

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Core Team meeting Communications plan update		
Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 p.m.	Overview of communications plan update	Sam Tank, GLC
1:20 p.m.	Canadian prioritization inclusion – tentative	Lindsay Chadderton, TNC
1:40 p.m.	Inland Lake map update	Amanda Grimm, GLC
2:00 p.m.	Model comparison	Taaja Tucker-Silva, GLC
2:10 p.m.	FWS Communications plan update	Nick Frohnauer, USFWS
2:30 p.m.	Scenarios	Nick Frohnauer, USFWS / Lindsay Chadderton, TNC
4:00 p.m.	Closing	