

Who does what on the Great Lakes?

The “Parties”: Governments of US and Canada appoint

The International Joint Commission
to oversee boundary water issues (Advisory capacity)

Main offices in Ottawa and Washington DC

Regional office in Windsor (Regional Director: Saad Jasim)

Great Lakes Boards

Water Quality Board (Cochairs: Michael Gaufin, EC,
Susan Hedman, US EPA GLNPO;
Secretary: John Wilson)

Science Advisory Board (Cochairs, Bill Bowerman - Univ. Maryland;
William D. Taylor - Univ. Water
Secretary: Raj Bejankiwar)

Council of Great Lakes Research Managers (Cochairs:
Norm Granneman - USGS (Lansing);
John Lawrence - EC,
Secretary: Mark Burrows)

Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement - <http://www.binational.net>

Signed in 1977, revised several times; most recently 2012.

Various annexes explain responsibilities and goals including

Beneficial uses of the Great Lakes

Beneficial use impairments

Areas of Concern (originally 47 in the Great Lakes; 3 delisted)

Remedial Action Plans (for each Great Lake)

Lakewide Area Management Plans (LAMPs - one per Lake)

State of the Lake Environment Conference (SOLEC)

**Great Lakes Executive Committee (GLEC) (mainly Environment Canada
& US EPA)**

Agencies

Canada

Federal: Environment Canada (CCIW, Burlington)

**Responsibilities for Canada are negotiated
between federal government & the
Province through the Canada-Ontario Agreement (COA)**

Environment Canada

Fisheries & Oceans Canada

Provincial: Ontario Ministry of Environment (Toronto, London)

**Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (Peterborough, Port Dover,
Wheatley)**

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (Guelph)

Local: Conservation Authorities (Grand River CA, Cambridge
Upper Thames CA, London
Essex Region CA, Essex
others)

Agencies

US

Federal **US EPA GLNPO (and other offices, including Grosse Ile)**
US Fish & Wildlife Service (Grosse Ile; Lansing)
**US Geological Survey (Great Lakes Science Center, Ann Arbor,
Sandusky Lab, Sandusky, OH)**
National Ocean & Atmospheric Association (GLERL, Ann Arbor)
US Army Corps of Engineers (Buffalo, NY)

State Agencies (Indiana, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania)
**Environmental protection Agency or
Department of Environmental Quality (water and air quality)**

Department of Natural Resources (natural resources)
**Sea Grants (funded by NOAA; combination of applied research,
education and public outreach)**

Regional Municipal Councils

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG)

Other Organizations

Great Lakes Fishery Commission (binational)

Great Lakes Regional Collaboration (US) [to 2009]

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (US) (GLRI)

Great Lakes Commission (Ann Arbor; data management organization)

Council of Great Lakes Governors (US; Canadian observers)

Council of Great Lakes Municipalities

Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition

Great Lakes Regional Research and Information Network (GLRRIN)

Lake Erie Millennium Network (LEMN; one of the GLRRIN organizations)

International Assoc. for Great Lakes Research

The Nature Conservancy

Huron-Erie Corridor Initiative

Detroit River-Western Lake Erie Basin Indicator Project

Great Lakes Nutrient Initiative (GLNI)

Conferences

IAGLR	annual - June	http://www.iaglr.org
LEMN	biennial - April or Nov	http://www.lemn.org
SOLEC	biennial - Oct or Nov	http://binational.net
Great Lakes Week	annual - Sept	http://glweek.org/
Healing Our Waters	[with Great Lakes Week]	http://healthylakes.org/
Gt Lakes Res. Consortium	annual - Mar	http://www.esf.edu/glrc/

Annual National/International Scope:

Aquatic Toxicity Workshop	Oct	http://www.atw.ca
Water Research Board of Canada	Jan	
Society of Wetland Scientists	June	http://www.sws.org
Society of Freshwater Scientists	May/June	http://www.sfs.org

Granting opportunities

Binational	Great Lakes Fishery Commission	
	Fisheries; Sea Lamprey)	annual
US	GLRI (GLNPO)	annual (pending appr.)
	State Sea Grants	biennial cycles
	Great Lakes Fishery Trust	annual
	Great Lakes Protection Fund	open
Canada	Canada Great Lakes Sustainability Fund	annual (pending appr.)
	?Ontario MOE – innovation fund	
	Ontario MOE – Great Lake Guardian Fund	
	?Ontario OMAFRA – Great Lakes Program	

Collaborative Opportunities

- Lake Guardian (EPA)**
- Limnos and other vessels (Envir Cda & DFO; OMNR)**