

# State of the Strait Conference

19 November 2019

University of Windsor, Vanier Hall



8:00-8:30 AM – Registration

8:30-8:45 AM – University of Windsor Welcome by Dr. Michael Siu, Vice President of Research and Innovation; First Nation Welcome by Russell Nahdee, Turtle Island of the Walpole Island First Nation; and Remarks by Consul Daniel Tremblay of the Consulate General of Canada

8:45-8:50 AM – Remarks by University of Windsor President Robert Gordon

8:50-9:05 AM – Opening Remarks by Ontario Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell

9:05-10:20 AM – Eutrophication and Algal Blooms Session – Overview talk by Steve Francoeur of Eastern Michigan University, followed by a panel discussion (Mike McKay and Catherine Febria, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, University of Windsor; Majid Khan, Great Lakes Water Authority; Laura Johnson, Heidelberg University; Katie Stammer, Essex Region Conservation Authority) on key findings and next steps relative to research, monitoring, and management

10:20-10:40 AM – COFFEE BREAK

10:40-11:55 AM – Climate Change Session – Overview talk by Claire Sanders of Essex Region Conservation Authority, followed by a panel discussion (Karina Richters, City of Windsor's Supervisor of Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change; Joel Howrani Heeres, Director of Detroit's Office of Sustainability; Nick Schroeck, University of Detroit-Mercy Law School; Patricia Galvão Ferreira, University of Windsor's Faculty of Law) on key findings and next steps relative to research, monitoring, and management

11:55-1:15 PM – LUNCH AND NETWORKING

1:15-2:30 PM – Biological Health Session – Overview talk by Jan Ciborowski of University of Calgary, followed by a panel discussion (Tammy Dobbie, Point Pelee National Park; Ed Roseman, U.S. Geological Survey; Ken Drouillard and Hugh MacIsaac, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research; Donna Kashian, Wayne State University) on key findings and next steps relative to research, monitoring, and management

2:30-2:50 AM – COFFEE BREAK

2:50-4:05 PM – Habitat Session – Overview talk by John Gannon, Scientist Emeritus with the International Joint Commission, followed by a panel discussion (Jacqueline Serran, Detroit River Canadian Cleanup; Annette DeMaria, Alliance of Rouge Communities; Doug Pearsall, The Nature Conservancy; Bob Burns, Friends of the Detroit River) on key findings and next steps relative to research, monitoring, and management

4:05-4:35 PM – Blue Accounting: Are we making progress towards ecological goals and a Blue Economy? – Doug Pearsall, The Nature Conservancy

4:35-5:00 PM – Concluding Remarks – John Hartig, Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research

5:00-6:30 PM – Reception – Courtesy of University of Windsor's Vice President of Research and Innovation



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