

GLC Overview

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What is the Great Lakes Commission?

- A public agency established by the Great Lakes Basin Compact in 1955
- In 1968, Congress passed an act authorizing its consent to the Compact and the interstate compact agency.
- Ontario and Québec officially joined as associate members in 1999
- Allows its Member states and provinces speak with a unified voice and to reach consensus on and advocate for the region's priorities





Who is the Great Lakes Commission?



- Commissioners: 3-5 from each of the 10 states and provinces
- Board of Directors: 1 from each state / province delegation
- Chair: Mary Mertz, Director, Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Professional Staff



Great Lakes Legislators appointed to the Commission

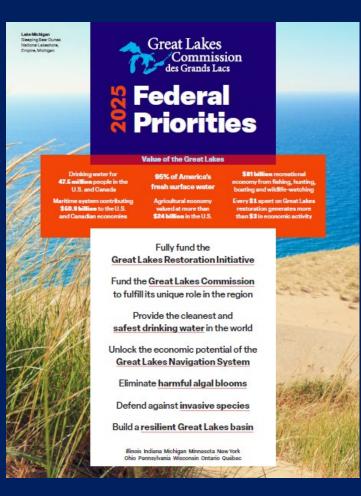
- Rep. Athena Hollins (MN)
- Rep. Paul Torkelson (MN)
- Sen. Ann Rest (MN)
- Sen. Karin Housley (MN)
- Rep. Jamie Callender (OH)
- Sen. Theresa Gavarone (OH)
- Rep. Patrick Harkins (PA)





2025 Federal Priorities

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
- New Soo Lock & PIDP
- Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs
- Aquatic Invasive Species
- Harmful Algal Blooms





Binational Commissions of the Great Lakes Region



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Thank you!

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