



GREAT LAKES PROTECTION

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**20% of world's freshwater
40 million people
3rd largest economy
in the world**

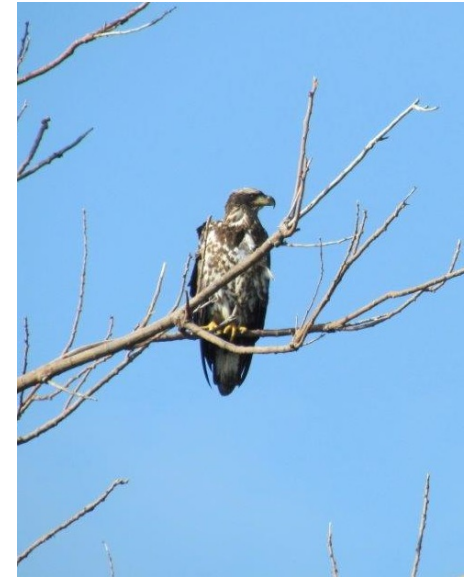


The GLWQA is the vital framework under which Canada and the U.S. cooperate to protect the Great Lakes



2012 GLWQA

- Purpose: *to restore and maintain Great Lakes water quality and ecosystem health*
- Guides binational efforts
- Long-term strategic commitments



More info:

www.binational.net

www.ec.gc.ca/grandslacs-greatlakes



Government of Canada approach to Great Lakes protection

- The protection of the Great Lakes is a federal priority.
- We deliver on our binational commitments under the GLWQA through:
 - National programs
 - Great Lakes-specific initiatives





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Looking forward

- Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health
- Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Collaborative Strategy
- Plastics
- Great Lakes Public Forum (June 2019, Milwaukee)

