



Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus

2019 Annual Meeting

Wyndham Grand Chicago Riverfront Hotel ♦ Chicago, Illinois
September 13-14, 2019

Agenda

Senator Ed Charbonneau (Indiana), GLLC Chair, Presiding

Friday, September 13

12 – 6 pm

Optional Pre-Meeting Site Visit

Attendees will visit sites that are central to the federal and state efforts to prevent the spread of Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species through the Chicago Area Waterway System. Stops will include Brandon Road Lock & Dam and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' electric dispersal barriers.

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Registration

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Opening Reception

Saturday, September 14

7 – 8:15 am

Executive Committee Meeting

Members and invited guests only

8 – 9 am

Registration



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8:30 – 10:15 am

GLLC Business Session

- Welcome (5)
Senator Ed Charbonneau (Indiana), GLLC Chair
- Welcome to Chicago (10)
Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton
- Chair’s Report (5)
Senator Charbonneau
- Director’s Report (5)
Lisa Janairo, Director, GLLC
- Report from the Task Force on Lead (5)
Senator Ann Rest (Minnesota), Past GLLC Chair
- Report from the GLLC Steering Committee for the Patricia Birkholz Institute for Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Policy (5)
Representative Michael Sheehy (Ohio), Birkholz Institute Steering Committee
- Report on the Great Lakes Commission’s Workshop on the Great Lakes Blue Economy (5)
Representative Rebekah Warren (Michigan)
- Presentation of Resolutions (5)
Representative Robyn Gabel (Illinois), GLLC Vice Chair
- Regional Roundtable (60)
Members of the GLLC Executive Committee

10:15 – 10:30 am

Break

10:30 – 11 am

The Economic Impact of Investments in Restoring the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River

Matt Doss, Policy Director, Great Lakes Commission

11 – 11:30 am

The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Collaborative: Aligning Government Science, Programs, and Investments

Mark Fisher, President and CEO, Council of the Great Lakes Region

Former Congresswoman Betty Sutton, President and CEO, Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

- 11:30 am – 12 pm** **Implementing the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact**
Peter R. Johnson, Deputy Director, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers
- 12 – 2 pm** **Luncheon Session**
- Federal Support for Great Lakes Restoration in the U.S.
Christopher Korleski, Director of the Great Lakes National Program Office, U.S. EPA Region 5
 - The Complicated, Ever-Changing, and Surprising Story of Draining Chicago
Richard Lanyon, author and former Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Mr. Lanyon will describe the 130-year history of public works by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to protect Lake Michigan, public health, and the environment, from reversing the flow of the Calumet and Chicago rivers in the early 1900s to building the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan to control combined sewer overflows. He is the author of three books in a four-book series that documents this topic. Mr. Lanyon retired from the district in 2010 after a 48-year career. Three years later, he was inducted into the National Association of Clean Water Agencies Hall of Fame.

There will be a book-signing opportunity at the conclusion of the luncheon.
- 2 – 2:15 pm** **Break**
- 2:15 – 2:50 pm** **Asian Carp: Potential Risk to the Great Lakes Fishery and Brandon Road as a Means for Stopping Them**
Dr. John Dettmers, Director of Fisheries Management, Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- 2:50 – 3:25 pm** **Too Much of a Good Thing: The Problem of Nutrient Pollution**
Nicole Zacharda, Program Manager, Great Lakes Commission

3:25 – 3:55 pm

Break

3:55 – 5:30 pm

Business Session resumes

- Resolutions (15)

Representative Gabel

- 2020 Committees and Task Forces (10)

Senator Charbonneau

- Focus for the 2021 Birkholz Institute (10)

Senator Charbonneau

- Open Discussion (45)

All Members

- Invitation to 2020 Annual Meeting in Detroit (5)

Senator Curt VanderWall (Michigan)

- Announcement of 2021 Location (5)

Speaker to be determined

- Closing Remarks (5)

Senator Charbonneau

5:30 pm

2019 Annual Meeting Adjourns