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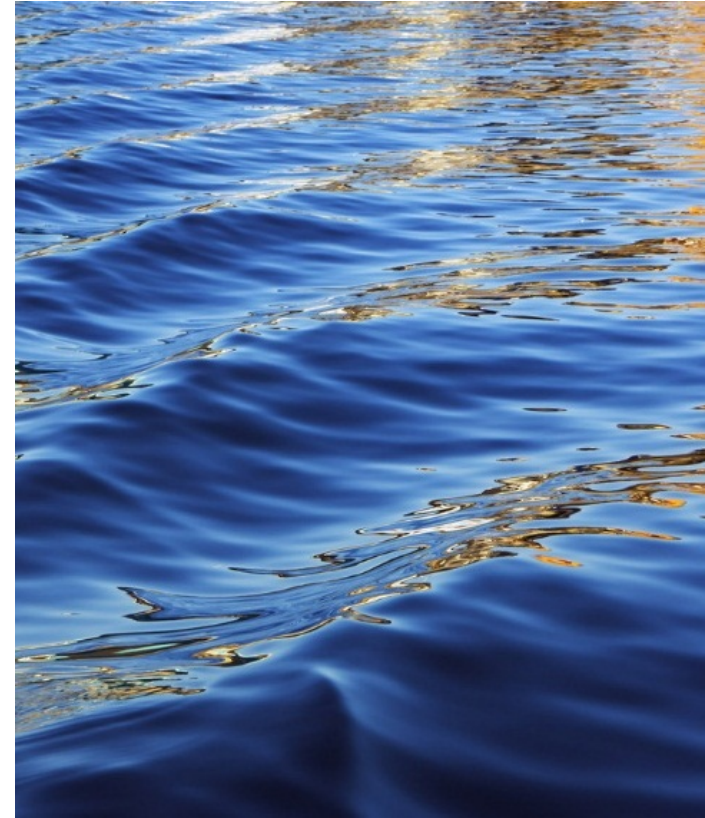
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GLLC Web Meeting

Federal Policy Developments and Prospects

February 19, 2021



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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
Robyn Gabel, GLLC Chair
- **Featured Presentation: Federal Policy Developments and Prospects**
Chad Lord, Policy Director, Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition
- **Business Session**
 - Chair's Report
 - Birkholz Institute Steering Committee Report
 - Task Force on Nutrient Management Report

About the GLLC

- The GLLC is a binational, nonpartisan group of state and provincial lawmakers from the Great Lakes region.
- Organized around the principle of assuring that the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River continue to provide a plentiful source of clean, affordable water to the region's residents, businesses, and industries.
- Legislators may enroll at [bit.ly/GLLCmember](https://greatlakeslegislators.org) (case sensitive). This link is available on the GLLC website:
<https://greatlakeslegislators.org>.

Featured Speaker



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Healing Our Waters – Great Lakes Coalition

Presentation to the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus

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Friday, February 19, 2021



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HOW Coalition State Leads

Minnesota State Leads:

Steve Schultz - *Clean Water Action*
Andrew Slade - *Minnesota Environmental Partnership*

Wisconsin State Leads:

Joe Fitzgerald- *Milwaukee Water Commons*
Ezra Meyer - *Clean Wisconsin*

Illinois State Lead:

Anna-Lisa Castle - *Alliance for the Great Lakes*

Indiana State Lead:

Katie Hobgood - *Save the Dunes*

Michigan State Leads:

Erma Leaphart - *Sierra Club*
Kyle Rorah - *Ducks Unlimited*

Ohio State Lead:

Pete Bucher - *Ohio Environmental Council*

New York State Leads:

Erin McGrath - *National Audubon Society*
Brian Smith - *Citizens Campaign for the Environment*



Success in 2020

- Passage of new, 5-year GLRI Authorization
- Enhanced focus on water infrastructure, access and affordability, due to COVID
- COVID assistance funds
- State by state Policy Roundtables
- Strong bi-partisan support for GLRI and Water Infrastructure
- Growing involvement from people of color and organizations working with people of color
- Great Lakes Day in Washington
- Great Lakes Seminar Series



Looking Ahead to 2021 – HOW Campaign Plan

- Win Support for Robust Federal Funding and Programs for Restoring the Great Lakes Outlined in the 2021 Policy agenda
- Serve as a Critical Convener in Order to:
 - Unify and amplify Great Lakes NGO voices and success stories
 - Leverage the diverse membership to achieve our legislative goals
 - Learn and explore priorities for 2021 administration
- Foster Diverse Coalition Inclusion and Participation
 - Build stronger relationships and membership in communities that have historically been excluded
 - Strong, research-backed messaging about clean water priorities in an equity and justice frame
- Efficient, Effective & Equitable Great Lakes Policy and Spending
 - Equity practices in GLRI and water program implementation



Equity and Climate integration across all work

- Policy agenda
- Events and convenings
- Decision-making
- Policy Implementation
- Communications and materials



2021 Policy Agenda: New Congress and Administration

117th Congress

- Democratic House Majority (221-211)
- Split Senate (50-50)

Biden Administration

- Prioritizing
 - a. COVID-19
 - b. Economic Recovery
 - c. Racial Equity
 - d. Climate Change



2021 Policy Agenda

- Great Lakes Restoration Funding
 - Securing Increases to GLRI Appropriations
 - Working Towards an Equitable and Community Led Implementation
- Water Infrastructure
 - Responding to the COVID-19 Health and Economic Crisis
 - Reauthorizing and Increasing Federal Investment in Resilient and Affordable Drinking and Wastewater infrastructure
- Clean Water Protections
 - Strengthening the Clean Water Act
 - Establishing Strong Drinking Water Standards. Protecting Community Engagement and Environmental Review



- Invasive Species
 - Funding the Brandon Road Lock & Dam and Dedicated Invasives Programs
 - Implementing Strong Ballast Water Regulations
- Toxic Algal Blooms
 - Securing Agency and Programmatic Funding
 - Hosting Roundtables



Great Lakes Leadership

- Appropriations: Reps. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Betty McCollum (D-MN), Tim Ryan (D-OH), Mike Quigley (D-IL), David Joyce (R-OH), Mark Pocan (D-WI), John Moolenaar (R-MI), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI); Sens. Richard Durbin (D-IL), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Mike Braun (R-IN)
- Infrastructure: Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL); Reps. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), John Katko (R-NY), Mike Gallagher (R-WI), Pete Stauber (R-MN), Marie Newman (D-IL), Jan Schakowksy (D-IL), Angie Craig (D-MN)



Policy Prospects

- Narrow House and Senate Majorities
- 2022 Elections
- Redistricting
- 2020 Election Fall Out
- Covid



Questions

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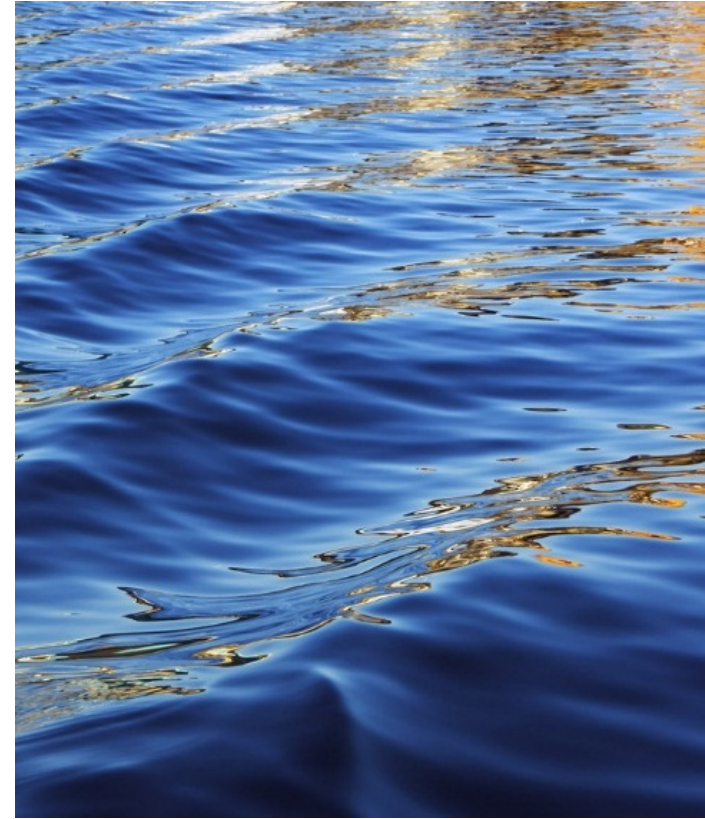
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