



Great Lakes Water Resource Managers Initiative Workshop

January 13-14, 2010
Ambassador East Hotel
1301 N. State Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Expected Outcomes

- Introduce and demonstrate the first edition of the “Water Resource Managers’ Toolkit”—the first of its kind for State/Provincial managers charged with implementing programs pursuant to the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement and Compact.
- Enhance understanding of flow change and water use impacts on the physical, biological, and chemical response components of Basin water resources.
- Demonstrate cutting-edge assessment tools, models and case studies for individual and cumulative impact analysis.
- Engage with colleagues and experts about designing and implementing successful water management programs.
- Identify regional priorities for decision support including data, information and research needs.

Wednesday, January 13

a.m.	Participants arrive
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Opening Luncheon Welcome and Introductions, Review of Expected Outcomes <i>David Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors</i>
	Overview of Agreement and Compact Provisions, State and Provincial Statutes and Regulations <i>Peter Johnson, Council of Great Lakes Governors</i>
12:30 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Introduction to Principles of Environmental Flow Response in the Great Lakes Region <i>Scott Sowa, The Nature Conservancy</i>

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- 1:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. **Introduction to Decision Support Information**
- 1:15 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **Streamflow and River Types**
Jim Nicholas, U.S. Geological Survey;
Rich Bowman, The Nature Conservancy
- 2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **Water Use Information**
Jim Japs, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- 2:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m. **Biological Resources and Responses to Flow Changes**
Scott Sowa, The Nature Conservancy
- 3:15 p.m.-3:45 p.m. **Chemical and Other Responses to Flow Changes**
Scott Sowa, The Nature Conservancy
- 3:45 p.m.-4:15 p.m. **Overview of Regional Informational Resources**
Rich Bowman, The Nature Conservancy
- 4:15 p.m.-5:15 p.m. **Principles of ELOHA**
Eloise Kendy, The Nature Conservancy
- 5:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m. **Break**
- 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. **Dinner**
P.J. Clarke's
1204 N. State Pkwy.

Thursday, January 14

- 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
- 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Introduction to Using the Information**
- 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. **Case Study: Michigan**
Dave Hamilton, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
- 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. **Case Study: Pennsylvania**
Michele De Philip, The Nature Conservancy
- 10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **Creating an Action Plan for Decision Support**

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Workshop faculty will facilitate and lead a roundtable discussion to identify regional priorities for data, information and research that is needed to assist future work.

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Luncheon: State and Provincial Roundtable

Water resource managers from each State and Province will discuss their programs, challenges and needs. This discussion will help frame next steps and future work.

1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Questions, Discussion and Closing Comments

David Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors

1:30 p.m.

Workshop concludes

