

**Great Lakes Water Quality Board
September Teleconference**

**Summary of Discussion
September 16, 2016**

Teleconference

U.S. Member Participants

Dave Ullrich (Co-Chair)
Sandy Bihn
Jessica Dexter
Marvourneen Dolor
Jane Elder
Frank Ettawageshik
Karl Gebhardt
David Mengebier
Michael Ripley
Karen Sands

Canadian Member Participants

Rob de Loë (Co-Chair)
Christopher Hilken
John Jackson
Dean Jacobs
Betty Matthews-Malone
Russ Powers
Mark Wales

Observers

Carolyn O’Neill – Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
Daniel Rokitnicki-Wojcik – Environment and Climate Change Canada
Jamie Shardt – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Commission Staff

Antonette Arvai – Great Lakes Regional Office

Commission Liaisons

Dave Dempsey – US Section
Cindy Warwick – Canadian Section

Secretariat

John Wilson – Great Lakes Regional Office

1. Welcome and Introductions (Co-Chairs)

The Co-Chairs welcomed everyone to the teleconference. Members and other participants identified themselves over the phone.

2. Update on Work Group Activities

Legacy Issues (J. Dexter)

An update was provided to members for the work group’s Lake Erie and PBDE projects. Members were informed that the work group has submitted its final work group report for the Lake Erie project to the Commission and will be holding a workshop in February. The work group will also be hosting a workshop as the next step for its PBDE project on November 15th and 16th.

Emerging Issues (M. Ripley)

Members were briefed on the status of the work group’s Fossil Fuels and Microbeads watching briefs. The work group’s climate change project was discussed in detail under agenda item 3.

Public Engagement (M. Mattson)

An update was provided on the work group's planning efforts for the Board's next in-person meeting that will be held in November in Thunder Bay, ON.

Indicators (D. Ullrich)

Members were provided a brief update on the Board's involvement in three Science Advisory Board led projects including: Communications Indicators, Identifying Future Improvements to Great Lakes Indicators, and Information Coordination and Flow.

3. Emerging Issues Work Group Climate Change Report (C. Hilkené & M. Ripley)

An executive summary for the work group's climate change project report was sent to members for review prior to the meeting. Members were briefed on the summary and were asked to consider some proposed next steps for the project which included submission of the executive summary to the Commission in advance of the Great Lakes Forum in October. The submission will also include a request that Commissioners publically release the first recommendation from the document at the Forum.

Members discussed the report and suggested some minor changes to the first recommendation. Following the discussion, member approved the executive summary for submission to the Commission in advance of the Great Lakes Forum. The Board also approved including a request with the submission that Commissioners consider publically releasing the first recommendation during the Forum.

ACTION ITEM: Board secretary to update the executive summary and specifically the first recommendation as discussed.

ACTION ITEM: Once the executive summary has been updated, the secretary will submit it to the Commission on behalf of the Board for its consideration. The submission will include a request that the first recommendation included in the executive summary be released publically during the Great Lakes Public Forum.

4. 2017 – 2018 Work Plan (R. de Loë)

Members discussed the draft 2017 – 2018 work plans that were submitted by each work group to the Board prior to the meeting. A number of comments and suggestions were made by members for each work group to consider. The work groups will work with staff to address any comments and will resubmit their work plans to the Co-chairs by October 7th. The updated workplans will be submitted to the Commission for their consideration during its Fall Semi-Annual Meeting to be held the week of October 24th.

ACTION ITEM: Work groups to work with staff to update draft work plans and submit to Co-chairs by October 7th.

5. Next Meetings (D. Ullrich)

The next meeting of the Board will be held on November 9th and 10th in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The draft agenda for the meeting was discussed and members were reminded that a Public Event will be held on the evening of November 9th.

6. Public Comments & Adjourn

No public comments were received and the meeting was adjourned with the Co-Chairs thanking members for their participation.