
Announcement
Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species
&
Baltic Sea - Great Lakes Workshop on Aquatic Invasive Species
April 26-29, 2004

Great Lakes Panel Meeting Overview

The next meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species will be held on April 26-27, 2004 at the Courtyard Marriott in Ann Arbor, Mich. The meeting highlights include Great Lakes Panel activities, federal and regional updates as well as committee work with a focus on priorities documents. See the attached agenda for more information on the agenda items.

Baltic Sea – Great Lakes Workshop on Aquatic Invasive Species - INVITATION ONLY!

We are also pleased to invite you to participate in the international initiative *Baltic Sea – Great Lakes Workshop on Aquatic Invasive Species Aquatic* scheduled for April 27-29, 2004 at the same location in Ann Arbor, Mich. The workshop, planned by the Great Lakes Commission, under sponsorship of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), will address aquatic invasive species (AIS) issues and related opportunities for collaboration between the Baltic Sea and Great Lakes regions (see attached agenda). Workshop participants will include specialists and government officials from North America, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Nordic countries.

The establishment of international cooperation on the AIS issue has been a major theme of the Great Lakes - Baltic Sea Fellowship Program under the Northern European Initiative (NEI). To further efforts on international collaboration, the workshop will identify funding opportunities to advance AIS prevention and control efforts on an inter-regional basis involving Baltic and Great Lakes regions. Such efforts could, for example, promote the development of early detection and monitoring regimes, vulnerability assessment tools, rapid response planning as well as identify other areas for collaboration on scientific and management issues.

Registration and Additional Information

Please complete and return the attached registration form and return it by March 31, 2004 to: Great Lakes Commission, ATTN: Kevin Walters, 2805 South Industrial Hwy., Suite 100, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6791. Phone: 734-971-9135, ext. 136, Fax: 734-971-9150.

For additional information please contact Kathe Glassner-Shwayder (email: shwayder@glc.org, phone: 734-971-9135, ext. 108) or Kevin Walters (email: kwalters@glc.org, phone: 734-971-9135, ext. 136).

Logistics/Hotel Accommodations

The workshop will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Courtyard is located at 3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48108, off I-94 at State St., Exit 177 (www.marriott.com). Hotel rooms are available to participants at the discounted rate of \$75 (plus tax) per night. To ensure this special pricing and room availability you should make your reservations by April 2, 2004. Reservations can be made by contacting the Courtyard at 734-995-5900 or 1-800-321-2211. Be sure to ask for the Great Lakes Commission rate. The nearest airport is Detroit Metropolitan Airport, located 25 miles east of Ann Arbor - about a 40 minute car ride. Commuter shuttle information is available at www.umich.edu/~info/airport-transportation.html.

Registration

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**April 26-29, 2004
Courtyard Marriott-Ann Arbor
3205 Boardwalk**

Name: _____

Organization/Affiliation: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

I will attend (check one or both):

_____ ***Meeting of the Great Lakes Panel on Aquatic Nuisance Species***
Meeting begins Monday, April 26 at 1 p.m., and adjourns April 27 at 3:15 p.m. with a reception following at 6:30 p.m. A joint session with the Baltic Sea Great Lakes Workshop will begin at 3:30 p.m. We encourage all Panel members to stay for this important event.

_____ ***Baltic Sea - Great Lakes Workshop on Aquatic Invasive Species***
Workshop begins Tuesday, April 27 at 3:30 p.m., and adjourns April 29 at 4 p.m.

Please note that participants from both events are invited to attend a joint reception being planned, highlighting Baltic Sea – Great Lakes Partnerships on Tuesday evening, April 27 at 6:30 pm. Details to follow.

Questions or comments? Contact Kathe Glassner-Shwayder (shwayder@glc.org) or Kevin Walters (kwalters@glc.org), Great Lakes Commission.

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