



## Great Lakes Fishery Commission

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### **GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION HONORS DR. CHUCK MADENJIAN FOR HIS CAREER-LONG CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO GREAT LAKES FISHERY SCIENCE**

**OTTAWA, ONTARIO**—The Great Lakes Fishery Commission, during the 2024 annual meeting earlier this month, honored Dr. Chuck Madenjian with the Jack Christie/Ken Loftus Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions toward Understanding Healthy Great Lakes Ecosystems. The award recognized Dr. Madenjian for his dedication, passion, and tireless efforts to preserve and enhance the Great Lakes fishery over more than three decades.

The award, which the Commission presents annually to those who have made major scientific contributions to Great Lakes ecosystems, honors the legacy of Jack Christie and Ken Loftus, two eminent fishery scientists from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Commissioner Bob Hecky presented the award to Dr. Madenjian, who's nomination in 2019 was accompanied by more than 20 letters of support from tribal, state, federal, and academic institutions—a record in the history of the award.

“Chuck has been a visionary in Great Lakes science, with his scholarly contributions forming the bedrock of our understanding of the complex dynamics of Great Lakes ecosystems,” said Commissioner Hecky. “He is not only a brilliant scientist; he also has the ability to explain complicated science to a variety of audiences and fosters an environment for collaboration across diverse groups.”

Dr. Madenjian pioneered research on native species restoration and invasive species biology, and additionally has shaped the understanding of contaminant dynamics within Great Lakes fishes. He has 169 peer-reviewed publications which have been cited more than 4,800 times. Further, His leadership roles within esteemed organizations such as the American Fisheries Society and the International Association of Great Lakes Research underscore his stature as a respected figure in the scientific community.

Dr. Madenjian—as an adjunct professor at University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and Ohio State University—has a passion for mentorship, aiming to guide future generations of scientists and inspire them to pursue careers in aquatic ecology. He has a



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natural ability to convey complex, science-based information in a way that helps in the crafting of policy. Moreover, Chuck's collaborative spirit has been instrumental in fostering partnerships across diverse stake- and rights-holders.

"The impact Chuck has had, and will continue to have, on the Great Lakes community is nothing short of astonishing. We are fortunate to have a passionate, brilliant, and dedicated individual who works hard to advance and improve Great Lakes science," Hecky concluded.



Great Lakes Fishery Commission Commissioner Bob Hecky (left) presents Dr. Chuck Madenjian with the 2024 Jack Christie/Ken Loftus Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions toward Understanding Healthy Great Lakes Ecosystems. The award was presented to Dr. Madenjian on June 5, 2024, during the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's annual meeting held in Ottawa, Ontario. Photo: Z. Allan, GLFC.

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*The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is an international organization established by the United States and Canada through the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries. The commission has the responsibility to support fisheries research, control the invasive sea lamprey in the Great Lakes, and facilitate implementation of A Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries, a provincial, state, and tribal fisheries management agreement.*



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