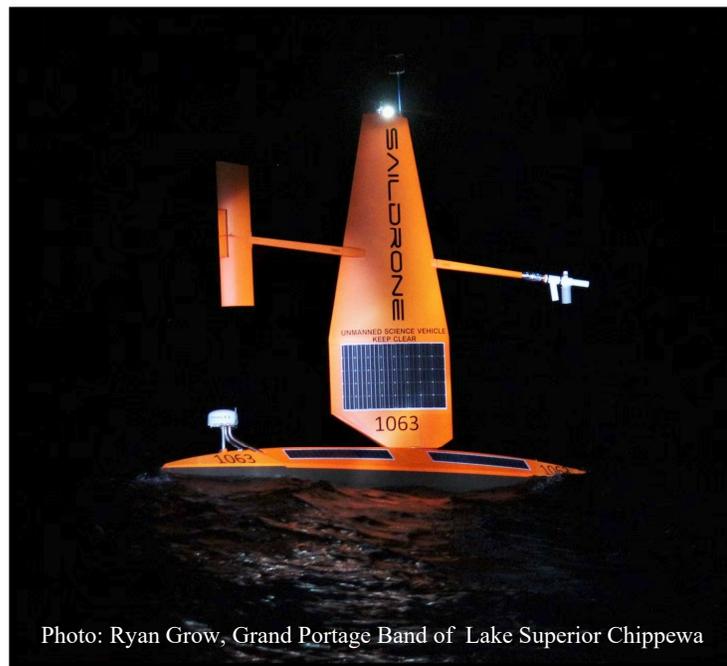


Agenda



2026 Lake Committee Meetings

March 23-27, 2026

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest

Ypsilanti, MI

LAKE MICHIGAN COMMITTEE

Monday, March 23

- 1:00 PM** **1. LMC Opening Remarks and Introductions**
- 1:05 PM** **2. Lake Trout in Lake Michigan**
Laura Schmidt (WDNR)
- 1:25 PM** **3. Salmon in Lake Michigan**
Ben Turschak (MDNR)
- 1:45 PM** **4. Sea Lamprey in Lake Michigan**
Jenna Tews (USFWS)
- 2:05 PM** **5. Prey Fish in Lake Michigan**
Ralph Tingley (USGS)
- 2:25 PM** **6. Lake Michigan Lower Trophic Levels**
Steve Pothoven (NOAA)
- 2:45 PM** **7. Great Lakes Pink Salmon: An Overlooked Invader**
Joe Langan (NOAA)
- 3:05 PM** **BREAK**
- 3:25 PM** **8. Telemetry - Lake Trout Movement**
Tom Binder (GLFC)
- 3:40 PM** **9. Telemetry - Lake Whitefish Movement**
Ben Breaker (USFWS)
- 3:55 PM** **10. Lake Whitefish Through The Ages**
Jason Smith (Bay Mills Indian Community), Ben Rook (MDNR)
- 4:15 PM** **11. Sparking Compassion, Curiosity and Conservation for Suckers in Lake Michigan**
Karen Murchie (Shedd Aquarium)
- 4:35 PM** **12. Where The Young Lake Trout Wander**
Sarah Patel (USFWS)
- 4:55 PM** **ADJOURN**

LAKE MICHIGAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 24

- 8:00 AM **13. Opening Remarks and Introductions**
- 8:05 AM **14. Great Lakes Mass Marking Program Updates on Lake Michigan Salmon and Trout**
Matt Kornis (USFWS)
- 8:25 AM **15. Using Technology to Detect AIS, The Use of Metabarcoding**
Brad Young (USFWS)
- 8:45 AM **16. LMC Close-Out**
Rod Edgell (INDNR)

LAKE SUPERIOR COMMITTEE

- 9:00 AM **1. LSC Opening Remarks and Introductions**
- 9:05 AM **2. Status of Sea Lamprey in Lake Superior 2025**
Jess Barber (USFWS)
- 9:25 AM **3. 2025 Lake Superior Prey Fish Assessments**
Nicole Watson (USGS)
- 9:45 AM **4. Lake Superior Harvest Report**
Mike Seider (USFWS)
- 10:10 AM **BREAK**
- 10:20 AM **5. Co-development of an Atlantis Model for Lake Superior**
Joe Langan (NOAA)
- 10:40 AM **6. Assessing Potential Genomics Impacts of Splake on Lake Trout and Brook Trout in Lake Superior**
Ben Kline (Michigan State University)
- 11:00 AM **7. Identifying Movement Patterns of Atikameg (Lake Whitefish) in Whitefish Bay, Lake Superior, for Treaty Rights and Resource Protection**
Simon Freeman (Bay Mills Indian Community)
- 11:20 AM **8. Ontario Northshore Acoustic Telemetry- Lake Superior**
Fritz Fischer/Eric Berglund (OMNR)
- 11:40 AM **9. Apostle Islands Spawning Reef Surveys**
Ian Harding (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa) and Jamie Dobosenski (TNC)

LAKE SUPERIOR COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 24

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM 10. A whole-lake Acoustic Survey with Autonomous Uncrewed Vessels in the World's Largest Lake

Dan Yule (USGS)

1:50 PM 11. Zombies in the Abyss: Conditional Anomalies in Deepwater Siscowet

Shawn Sitar (MDNR)

2:10 PM 12. Assessing Population Structure and the Role of Burbot (Lota Lota) in Coupling Nearshore and Offshore Habitats of Lake Superior

Jill Olin (Michigan Tech University)

2:30 PM 13. Coasters in the Shallows: A Population Estimate of a Newly Observed Lake Spawning Coaster Brook Trout Population

Cory Goldsworth (MNDNR)

2:50 PM 14. LSC Close-out

Dave Caroffino (MDNR)

LAKE HURON COMMITTEE

3:00 PM 1. LHC Opening Remarks and Introductions

3:05 PM 2. Status and Trends of Prey Fish in Lake Huron

Robin DeBruyne (USGS)

3:25 PM 3. Lake Huron USFWS/DFO Aquatic Invasive Species Report

Kristen Towne (USFWS)

3:45 PM 4. Lake Huron Sea Lamprey Report

Shawn Nowicki (USFWS)

4:05 PM 5. Evaluation of Cisco Rehabilitation in Saginaw Bay/Lake Huron

Scott Koenigbauer (USFWS)

4:25 PM 6. Channel Island Reef Restoration Project Report

Jeff Jolley (MDNR)

4:45 PM 7. Life History Variation Among Lake Trout Strains Stocked in Lake Huron

Erin Dunlop (OMNR)

5:05 PM ADJOURN

LAKE HURON COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 25

- 8:20 AM** **8. Opening Remarks and Introductions**
- 8:25 AM** **9. Saginaw Bay Walleye Telemetry – Sources of Reproduction**
Dave Fielder (MDNR)
- 8:45 AM** **10. Ontario Waters Lake Whitefish Telemetry Report**
Erin Dunlop (OMNR)
- 9:05 AM** **11. US Waters Lake Whitefish Telemetry Report**
Tyler Funnell (USGS)
- 9:25 AM** **12. Lake Huron Lake Trout Restoration – Milestones and Potential Future Considerations**
Chris Davis (OMNR)
- 9:45 AM** **13. Spawning Whitefish and Invasive Mussels Project Update**
Andrew Honsey (USGS)
- 10:05 AM** **14. Updates on Investigations of Recruitment Constraints for Lake Whitefish During Their First Year of Life in Lake Huron**
Cory Brant (USGS)
- 10:25 AM** **15. LHC Close-Out**
Doug Schultz (MDNR)

COMMON SESSION

- 10:40 AM** **1. LAW Committee AIS Officer of the Year Award**
Rob Beirnes (DFO)
- 10:50 AM** **2. Technoscience Webinars Are Cool - Round 2 Coming Soon!**
Julie Hinderer (GLFC)
- 11:00 AM** **3. A New Index of Round Goby for Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Ontario**
Peter Esselman (USGS)
- 11:20 AM** **4. Informed Regional Substrate Mapping at high resolution**
Phillipe Wernette (Michigan State University)
- 11:40 AM** **5. Invasive Mussel Density Estimation**
Angus Galloway (Engineering Technologies Canada Ltd.)
- 12:00 PM** **LUNCH**

COMMON SESSION

Wednesday, March 25

- 1:30 PM** **6. Estimating Vessel Avoidance in Lake Superior**
Dan Yule (USGS)
- 1:50 PM** **7. Estimating Vessel Avoidance in Lakes Huron and Michigan**
Tim O'Brien (USGS)
- 2:10 PM** **8. Estimating Vessel Avoidance in Lake Erie**
Mark DuFour (USGS)
- 2:30 PM** **9. Upper Acoustic Blind Zone Estimation for Lakes Superior and Michigan**
Hannah Blair (Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences)
- 2:50 PM** **BREAK**
- 3:10 PM** **10. Diel Variation in Acoustically Detected Fish and Mysid Distributions**
Lars Rudstam (Cornell University)
- 3:30 PM** **11. Mysis Dark Refuge Hypothesis**
Kayden Nasworthy (Cornell University)
- 3:50 PM** **12. Live Sonar, Lake Trout, and GLATOS: Evaluating Post-Release Mortality**
Cory Goldsworthy (MNDNR)
- 4:10 PM** **13. From Pixels to Populations: Fish Counters and Rise of the Machines**
Mike Yuille (OMNR)

LAKE ONTARIO COMMITTEE

- 4:35 PM** **1. LOC Opening Remarks and Introductions**
Erin Brown (OMNR)
- 4:40 PM** **2. Status of Lake Ontario Lower Trophic Levels**
Jim Watkins (Cornell University)
- 5:00 PM** **ADJOURN**

LAKE ONTARIO COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 26

- 8:00 AM** **3. Opening Remarks and Introductions**
- 8:05 AM** **4. Preyfish Stock Status and Research Update**
Brian Weidel (USGS)
- 8:25 AM** **5. Trout and Salmon Recreational Fisheries**
Michael Connorton (NYSDEC)
- 8:50 AM** **6. Eastern Basin and Nearshore Fisheries**
Sarah Beech (OMNR)
- 9:15 AM** **7. Summary of the 2026 Lake Ontario Walleye Science Workshop: Stock Status, Ecology, and Opportunities for Future Collaboration**
Jessica Goretzke (NYSDEC)
- 9:35 AM** **8. Status of Lake Ontario Lake Trout, Research Update and Future Priorities**
Brian O'Malley (USGS) and Dimitry Gorsky (USFWS)
- 9:55 AM** **BREAK**
- 10:15 AM** **9. Update on Lake Trout Telemetry**
Alex Gatch (USGS)
- 10:35 AM** **10. Status of Sea Lamprey Control in Lake Ontario**
Bruce Morrison (DFO)
- 10:55 AM** **11. Coregonine Stock Status and Research Update**
Brian Weidel (USGS)
- 11:10 AM** **12. St. Lawrence Management Perspectives**
Erin Brown (OMNR)
- 11:20 AM** **13. St Lawrence Status of Fish Communities**
Michael Yuille (OMNR)
- 11:45 AM** **14. LOC Close-Out**
Chris Legard (NYSDEC)
- 12:00 PM** **LUNCH**

LAKE ERIE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 26

- 1:30 PM** **1. LEC Opening Remarks and Introductions**
Jim Francis (MDNR)
- 1:35 PM** **2. STC Report**
Todd Wills (MDNR)
- 1:50 PM** **3. Status of Coldwater Species**
Pascal Wilkins (NYSDEC)
- 2:15 PM** **4. Sea Lamprey Control in Lake Erie**
Chris Eilers (USFWS)
- 2:40 PM** **5. Status of Forage Fish in Lake Erie**
Zak Slagle (ODNR)
- 3:05 PM** **BREAK**
- 3:20 PM** **6. Habitat Projects and Assessment**
Corbin Hilling (USGS)
- 3:45 PM** **7. Status of Walleye Stocks in Lake Erie**
Matt Faust (ODNR)
- 4:15 PM** **8. Status of Yellow Perch Stocks in Lake Erie**
Mike Hosack (PA Fish & Boat Commission)
- 5:00 PM** **ADJOURN**

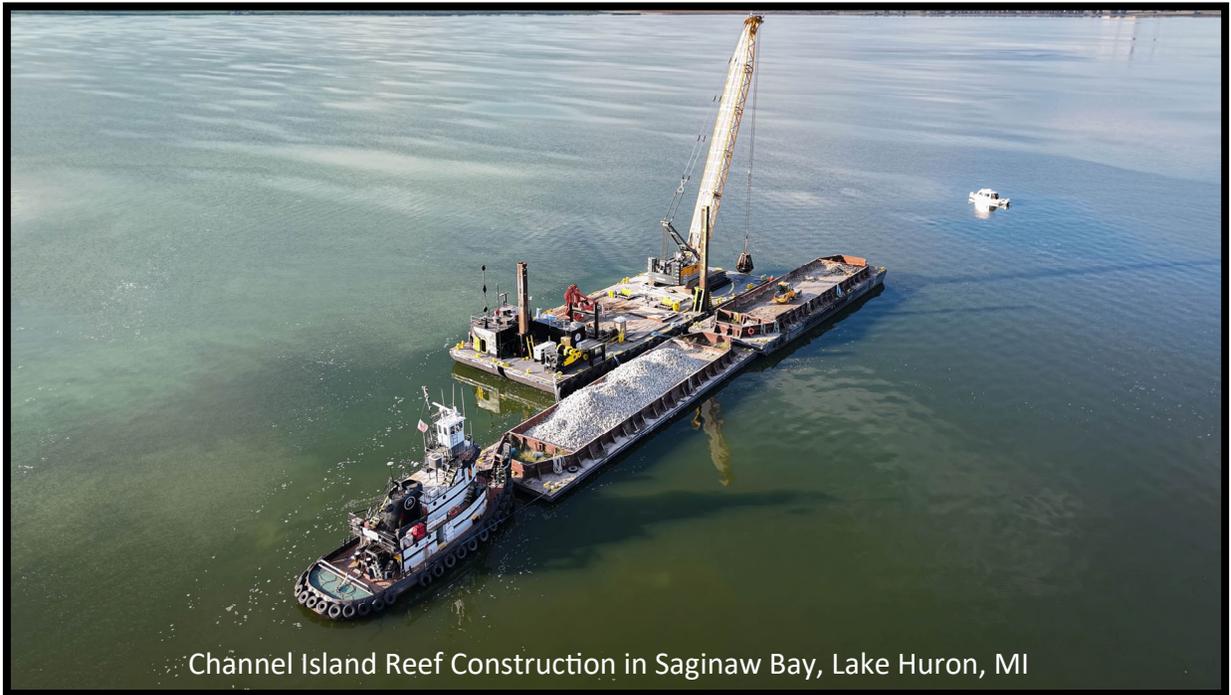
Friday March 27

- 9:00 AM** **9. Opening Remarks and Introductions**
Jim Francis (MDNR)
- 9:05 AM** **10. 2024 TAC Announcement**
Jim Francis (MDNR)
- 9:10 AM** **11. 50 Years of Smallmouth Bass Monitoring in Lake St. Clair**
Jan-Michael Hessenauer (MDNR)

LAKE ERIE COMMITTEE

Friday, March 27

- 9:40 AM** **12. Removing Invasive Grass Carp from Lake Erie**
Chris Mayer (University of Toledo)
- 10:10 AM** **BREAK**
- 10:30 AM** **13. Genetic Variation of Lake Erie Lake Whitefish**
Joe Schmitt (USGS)
- 11:00 AM** **14. Experimental Offshore Habitat Rehabilitation**
Pascal Wilkins (NYSDEC)
- 11:30 AM** **15. Lake Sturgeon Status and Reintroduction Efforts in Lake Erie**
Jason Fischer (USFWS)
- 12:00 PM** **16. Closing Remarks**
Jim Francis (MDNR)
- 12:05 PM** **ADJOURN**



Channel Island Reef Construction in Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron, MI