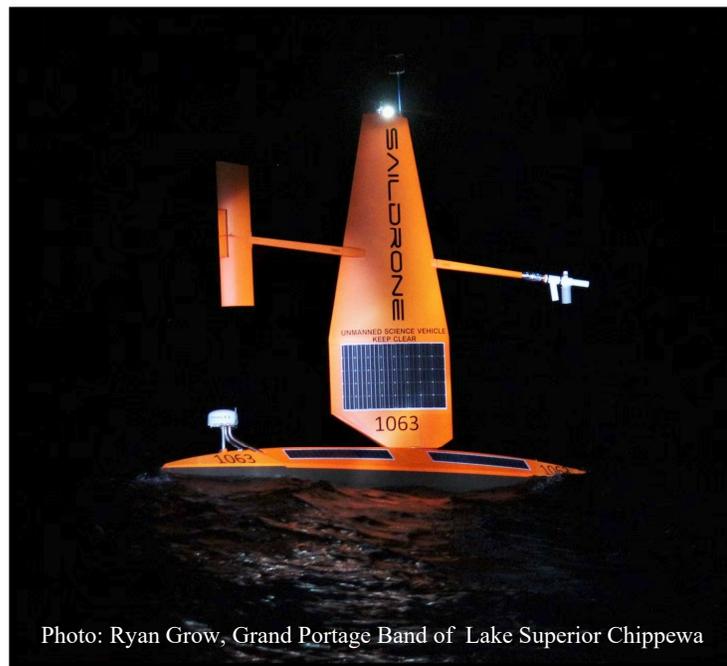


# Agenda



## **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**  
*Sara 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**

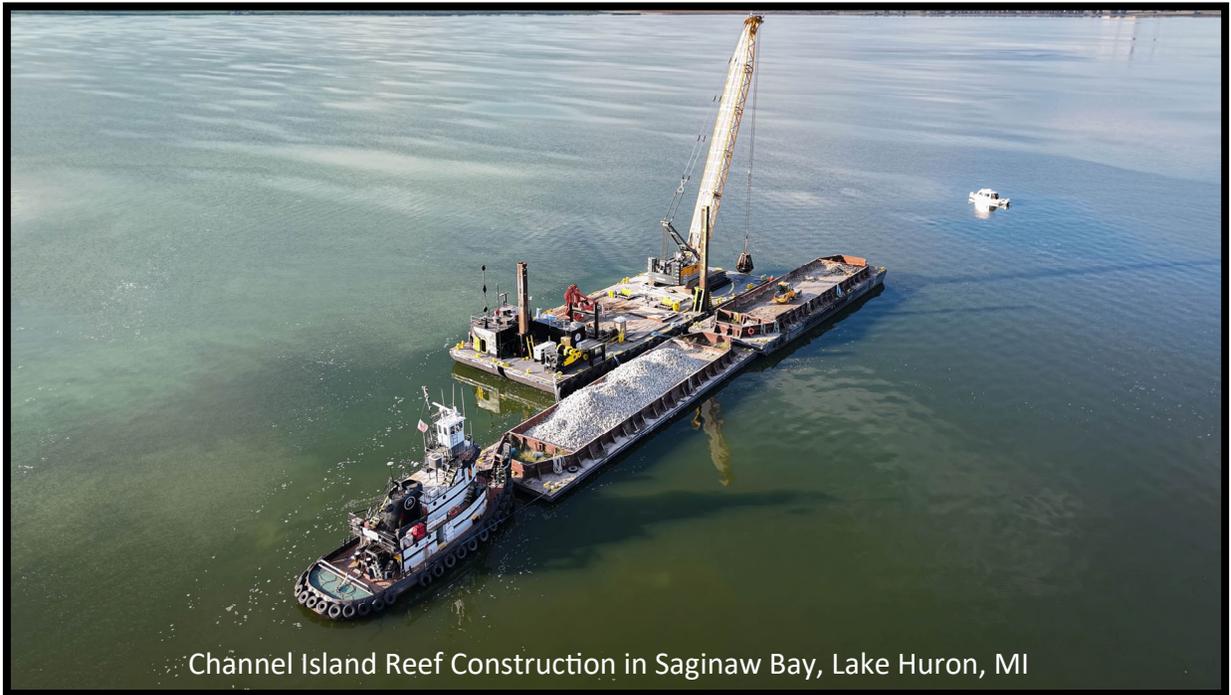
## Friday March 27

- 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