

# St. Marys River Binational Public Advisory Council (BPAC)

## Meeting Agenda

**Place:** Michigan Room, Cisler Center, LSSU  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

**When:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:30 – 8:30 pm

### 1. Call to order/introductions

### 2. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 – deferred to next meeting.

### 3. Business arising from previous minutes

- The Canadian Delisting Criteria have made it through the last round of edits. Corrina compiled the BPACs feedback on the Survey Monkey Poll, and worked with the Implementation Committee to answer all of the proposed questions / revisions. Corrina emailed the document to BPAC members on Tuesday, and has brought additional copies tonight. The Implementation Committee asks the BPAC to formally vote on the current delisting criteria as worded.

### 4. Presentations

- Lisa O'Connor / Tom Pratt from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be presenting the results from DFO's recent nearshore fish community survey; its application of the index of biotic integrity approach to assess overall health of the river's fish community, and potential next steps.

### 5. Office Reports

- BPAC Annual Report is available

### 6. Agency Updates

### 7. Memberships

- For new members, applications must be received & prospective members present for confirmation – standard procedure.

### 8. New Business

- New Great Lakes Protection Act has been proposed, comments are being accepted until April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
<http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca/ERS-WEB-External/displaynoticecontent.do?noticeId=MTI0NDM5&statusId=MTg3Mzc5&language=en>
- See this link on the Act as well: <http://www.news.ontario.ca/ene/en/2015/02/ontario-to-introduce-legislation-to-protect-the-great-lakes.html>
- Is BPAC interested in writing letters to consultants for the Port of Algoma, informing of AOC?

### 9. Public Comments

### 10. 2015 Executive Elections

Chairman – USA

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Canada

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – USA

Past Chair – Canada – auto

## **10. Next Meeting**

- Date around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March to be determined.