

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

**Place:** Cisler Center (Lake Superior State University)  
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan

**When:** May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013  
6:00– 8:00 p.m.

## 1. Call to order/introductions

## 2. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

## 3. Business arising from previous minutes

- Followup: Letter of Support to revive Bill 6 (formerly Bill 100)
- Followup: Meeting with EDC to discuss Deep Water Port
- Followup: Contact Blair McLaughlin of the local MOE regarding Essar's activities (ie. renewal of certificate to dispose of wastes in slag piles).
- Followup: Should BPAC schedule a meeting with the Sailing Club to discuss their plans?

## 4. Presentations

- Little Rapids update

## 5. Office Reports

- Update on the Letter of Support for Bill 6, Great Lakes Protection Act 2013  
[http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills\\_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet=&BillID=2718](http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet=&BillID=2718)

## 6. Agency Updates

## 7. Public Comments

## 8. Memberships

- Update BPAC Contact List – BPAC Members and Agency Representatives

## 9. New Business

- Sault Tribe Environmental Department is hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Honoring Mother Earth Fair on Saturday June 1<sup>st</sup>, all are encouraged to check it out. Haley will be sharing information with the public at the BPAC booth.
- Update on the USGS biomonitoring of trees swallows in the St. Marys River AOC
- If you haven't had a chance, check out the Lake Superior News shipping map <http://lakesuperiornews.com/Shipping/LakeSuperior.aspx> as well as the Great Lakes & Seaway Shipping Online AIS Passage Map <http://ais.boatnerd.com/#>
- Should BPAC ask the US Army Corps. about the proposed dredging to take place in 2014? <http://www.saultstar.com/2013/04/11/29-million-for-soo-locks>
- Reminder that the IJC is inviting comments on the Air Quality Agreement Progress Report 2012 until September 27<sup>th</sup> [http://www.ijc.org/en\\_/blog/2013/04/08/comment\\_2012\\_air\\_quality\\_progress\\_report](http://www.ijc.org/en_/blog/2013/04/08/comment_2012_air_quality_progress_report)
- Tall ships will be sailing through the St. Marys River July 19-21, 2013. Would BPAC like to display a booth at this event? <http://algoma1812.com/Home.aspx>

## **10. Next Meeting**

- Date to be determined for June meeting – How does everyone feel about the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>?

## **11. Adjourn**