

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

## **Meeting Agenda**

**Place:** Class Room BT 305 (Biosciences and Technology Convergence Centre, Algoma University)  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

**When:** November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

### **1. Call to order/introductions**

### **2. Approval of minutes**

August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011

### **3. Business arising from previous minutes**

### **4. Presentation**

- The first presentation will be given by Danielle Milani of Environment Canada and will cover the "Benthic Assessment of Sediment Toxicity (known as "BEAST") Study of the St. Marys River. The purpose of the fieldwork was to better delineate potentially problematic target areas located East of Bellevue Marine Park and through Lake George Channel (which were identified from previous studies).
- The second presentation will be given by Debbie Burniston of Environment Canada and will cover the findings from the collection and analysis of samples during the St. Marys River Sediment Coring Study. Porewater samples were also collected and analyzed to determine the water quality saturated within the sediment.

### **5. Public Comment**

### **6. Office Reports**

- Looking for ideas from members on the theme of the upcoming Environmental Summit.
- DEQ would like an amendment of current Benthos Delisting Criterion – need comments.

### **7. Agency Reports**

- 4 – Agency Update (discussion on Ontario fish-related delisting criteria, see attached)

### **8. Memberships**

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

### **9. New Business**

- Update from last SPAC meeting
- Update on Little Rapids Project
- Status of information needed for next year's Implementation Grant proposal on Ashmun Creek
- Develop our workplan for the upcoming year coming fall, winter, spring

### **10. Next Meeting**

- To be determined.

### **11. Adjourn**