

# St. Marys River AOC BPAC Meeting Agenda

**Place:** CC202, Essar Convergence Centre, Algoma University  
Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario

**When:** January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

## 1. Call to order/introductions

## 2. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## 3. Business arising from previous minutes

- The Draft Dredging Administrative Controls Document for the Canadian side of the AOC was provided to the BPAC for comment and review. This document outlines the approvals process and requirements for proponents of dredging projects, the roles and responsibilities of various parties involved in reviewing and approving dredging projects.

## 4. Presentations

- Jerry Suurna (Suurna HSE Consulting) will be presenting on the Port of Algoma.

## 5. Office Reports

- RAP Office (Ontario) updates:
  - submitted application to the GLSF to continue RAP Coordinator position for another year.
  - Corrina Barrett will be back as acting coordinator on February 1, 2016.
  - Exploring options for designing an updated version of the Implementation Annex and hiring a student to help with a side project for ~ 2 months.
- Annual AOC Conference, March 2-3 in Dearborn, Michigan.
- SPAC update

## 6. Agency Updates

- Agency updates will be provided during the meeting

## 7. Memberships

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

## 8. New Business

## 9. Public Comments

## 10. Next Meeting

**Four Agency Report to the St. Marys River BPAC  
Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
January 25, 2016**

**Environment Canada (EC)**

***Bird/Animal Deformities or Reproductive Problems BUI***

- On January 22, EC and the MOECC sent a letter to the International Joint Commission confirming the change in status of this BUI to *not impaired*. BPAC voted in support of this measure in February 2015. The letter is attached.

***Great Lakes Sustainability Fund*** [www.ec.gc.ca/raps-pas](http://www.ec.gc.ca/raps-pas)

- EC received one application pertaining to the AOC. It was from AlgomaU seeking a one-year extension of funding for the local RAP Coordinator office.
- EC is now reviewing this and all other applications, with funding decisions anticipated before May 2016.
- The MOECC has been identified as the other proposed funder, and will undertake its own review process.

**Ontario Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change (MOECC)**

- MOECC, EC and the RAP Coordinator are revising the RAP Implementation Annex for the Canadian side of the AOC. It will account for activities and accomplishments in 2015, and identify work items for 2016. The updated copy will be circulated to BPAC.