

St. Marys River AOC BPAC Meeting Agenda

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

When: Wednesday June 5, 2019
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Call to order/introductions

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- March 11, 2019
- March 27, 2019

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Feedback on Conceptual Site Model

Presentations

- Little Rapids Monitoring – Ashley Moerke (LSSU)
- Removal recommendations for the *Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat* and *Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Populations* Beneficial Use Impairments from the US side of the Area of Concern – John Riley (EGLE)

Agency Updates

- Updates are provided on the back of this page.

New Business

- Ferrochrome smelter
- U of M Student AOC Report

Memberships

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

Public Comments

BPAC Elections

- Nominations for a U.S. Chair

Next Meeting

Four Agency Report to the St. Marys River BPAC Meeting

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Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) & Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

In May, ECCC and Algoma University signed a new contribution agreement to continue financial support for the local RAP Coordinator office.

ECCC and MECP continue to work toward an AOC sediment management strategy, and will be working with the local RAP Coordinator to implement opportunities for BPAC and public review and input in the second half of 2019.

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

No updates at this time.

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

Michigan's Areas of Concern program is no longer housed within the Office of the Great Lakes (OGL). The program was recently moved into the Surface Water Assessment Section of the Water Resources Division. This is where the program used to reside in 2010, before the move to OGL. With this change and the move from DNR to EGLE, the function and focus of the program remains unchanged. Staff contacts also remain the same.

The Annual Areas of Concern Conference is scheduled for September 11-12, 2019 in Cleveland, OH. Funding support for travel and expenses for a limited number of BPAC members may be available through the Great Lakes Commission. **Requests for travel support must be submitted to the GLC by June 28, 2019. For additional information, contact *Matt Doss, Policy Director, Great Lakes Commission, at mdoss@glc.org*.** There is a travel request form that must be completed as part of the process.