

St. Marys River AOC BPAC Meeting Agenda

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

When: Thursday January 30, 2020
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Call to order/introductions

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes

- November 13, 2019

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Status of *Restrictions on Dredging Activities* BUI on the Canadian side of the AOC – update
- Update on Algoma Steel's 2019 dredging campaign
- Whitefish Township Clean-Up Site update
 - Mike discussed the situation with the dump site in Whitefish Township with the Lake Superior LAMP Partnership and there is interest in learning more about the site and the possibility of getting funding to prevent further contamination. Liz LaPlante from EPA thinks there may be some funding available through GLRI. Would you be able to share the powerpoint you showed BPAC last month? I would then share this with the LAMP chemical committee.

Presentations

- New Lock at the Soo Project Update - Andrei Sawruk, USACE

Agency Updates

- Updates will be provided at the meeting

New Business

- Landfill expansion project for City SSM – Soo Today article (<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/city-to-spend-215-million-on-five-year-landfill-expansion-project-1763644>)

Standing Action Items

- Ferrochrome smelter

Memberships

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

Public Comments

Next Meeting

Agency Report to the St. Marys River BPAC Meeting

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Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)

- On January 21, ECCC launched a call for applications to its various environmental funding programs, including funding under the Great Lakes Protection Initiative. ECCC is welcoming project applications that involve action at the local level to restore water quality and ecosystem health in AOCs. Applications are now being accepted until March 3, 2020. Help get the word out, and let Lisa Derickx know if you're aware of a possible project that will be appropriate for the St. Marys River. More info:
www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/great-lakes-protection/funding
- ECCC, MECP and the local RAP Coordinator have been working to draft delisting criteria for the Degradation of Benthos BUI for the Canadian side of the AOC. Proposed options will be discussed with BPAC at the March meeting, with materials sent out in advance.

Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

- The MECP and Algoma University now have a funding agreement in place that accounts for RAP Coordination Services from November 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020. This will help supplement funding already secured from ECCC to coordinate stakeholder involvement and the implementation of priority actions for Stage Two of the St. Marys River RAP and conduct associated stakeholder involvement and communication activities to raise local and regional awareness.