

Lower Lake Committees Meetings

March 27-28, 2018

Hilton Toronto Markham Suites Hotel

Markham, Ontario

DRAFT AGENDA

Lake Ontario Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 27

- 10:00 am** **1. LOC Introductions**
- Andy Todd (*OMNRF*), Steve LaPan (*NYSDEC*)

Session 1: Progress toward FCOs

Nearshore Fish Community – Moderator: Alastair Mathers

- 10:10 am** **2. Nearshore Fish Assessments**
- Jim Hoyle (*OMNRF*)
- 10:30 am** **3. Nearshore Fish Community Management Perspectives**
- Steve LaPan (*NYSDEC*)

Offshore Pelagic Fish Community – Moderator: Chris Legard

- 10:40 am** **4. Offshore Prey Fish Assessment**
- Jeremy Holden (*OMNRF*)
- 10:55 am** **5. Chinook, Coho, Steelhead, Atlantic and Brown Trout Report**
- Jana Lantry (*NYSDEC*)
- 11:15 am** **6. Offshore Pelagic Fish Community Management Perspectives**
- Andy Todd (*OMNRF*)

Offshore Benthic Fish Community – Moderator: Alastair Mathers

- 11:25 am** **7. Lake Trout Restoration Update**
- Brian Lantry (*USGS*)
- 11:40 am** **8. Sea Lamprey Control in Lake Ontario**
- Bruce Morrison (*DFO*)
- 11:55 am** **9. Offshore Benthic Fish Community Management Perspectives**
- Steve LaPan (*NYSDEC*)

12:00 pm LUNCH

Session 2: Lake Ontario Technical Committee Reports

Lake Ontario Food Web Dynamics – Moderator: Chris Legard

1:30 pm 10. Lake Ontario Food Web Dynamics
- Tim Johnson (*OMNRF*), Lars Rudstam and Jim Watkins
(*Cornell*)

Fish Community Restoration – Species / Area Profiles – Moderator: Chris Legard

2:00 pm 11. Hamilton Harbour Fish Community
- Colin Lake (*OMNRF*), Susan Doka and Christine Boston
(*DFO*)

2:15 pm 12. Lake Sturgeon Update
- Dmitry Gorsky (*USFWS*)

2:30 pm 13. Atlantic Salmon Restoration – Adult Assessment Updates
- Marc Desjardins, Michael Yuille (*OMNRF*), James McKenna
(*USGS*)

2:50 pm 14. Cisco and Bloater Update
- James McKenna (*USGS*)

3:10 pm BREAK

3:30 pm 15. Lake Trout Report
- Brian Lantry (*USGS*)

Cooperative Research and Fisheries Assessment – Moderator: Alastair Mathers

3:45 pm 16. Lake-wide Cooperative Prey Fish Assessment
- Jeremy Holden (*OMNRF*)

4:00 pm 17. CSMI Plans for 2018
- Jake LaRose (*OMNRF*)

4:15 pm 18. Acoustic Telemetry – What’s Happening in Lake Ontario
- Brian Metcalfe (*OMNRF*)

4:25 pm 19. Bloater – Early Results and Plans for RAEON
- Tim Johnson (*OMNRF*) and Aaron Fisk (*University of
Windsor*)

- 4:40 pm** **20. Walleye in the Bay of Quinte and eastern Lake Ontario**
- James Hoyle and Erin Brown (*OMNRF*)
- 4:50 pm** **21. Acoustic Telemetry in Western Lake Ontario**
- Jonathan Midwood (*DFO*)
- 5:00 pm** **ADJOURN**

Wednesday, March 28

Session 3: Lake Ontario Committee Initiatives

- 9:00 am** **Welcome**
- 9:05 am** **22. LOC Fish Habitat Priorities**
- Jake LaRose (*OMNRF*)
- 9:30 am** **23. LOC Fisheries Management Science Priorities**
- Andy Todd (*OMNRF*)
- 9:40 am** **24. LOC Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement**
- Steve LaPan (*NYSDEC*)
- 9:55 am** **25. LOC Management Summary**
- Andy Todd (*OMNRF*) and Steve LaPan (*NYSDEC*)
- 10:00 am** **ADJOURN**

Common Session of the Lower Lake Committees

Wednesday, March 28

- 10:20 am** **1. Sea Lamprey Stream Selection and Entry Timing in Lake Erie Tributaries**
- Christopher Holbrook (*USGS*)
- 10:50 am** **2. FishLamp: Exploring the Lake Trout – Sea Lamprey Connection**
- Jean Adams (*USGS*)
- 11:20 am** **3. Adult Sea Lamprey Population Assessment Transition**
- Gale Bravener (*DFO*)

- 11:50 am** **4. Human Dimensions and the Environment**
 - Carena van Riper (*University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*)
- 12:00 pm** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 pm** **5. Impediments to Effective Sea Lamprey Control Treatment**
 - Shawn Nowicki (*USFWS*)
- 2:00 pm** **6. Panel Discussion – Connectivity: Weighing Risk Management and Ecosystem Benefit**
 - Chris Freiburger, Jeff Tyson, Lisa Walter (*GLFC*)
- 3:00 pm** **BREAK**

Lake Erie Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 28

- 3:15 pm** **1. Welcome and Introductions**
 - Brian Locke (*OMNRF*)
- 3:20 pm** **2. LEC Structure and Overview of FCGOs**
 - Rich Drouin (*OMNRF*)
- 3:35 pm** **3. Status of Sea Lamprey in Lake Erie**
 - Kevin Tallon (*DFO*)

Status of Coolwater Species

- 3:50 pm** **4. Status of White Bass**
 - Mike Thorn (*OMNRF*)
- 4:05 pm** **5. Status of Walleye**
 - Stephen Marklevitz (*OMNRF*)
- 4:20 pm** **6. Status of Yellow Perch**
 - Megan Belore (*OMNRF*)
- 4:35 pm** **7. LEPMAG Update**
 - Chuck Murray (*PA FBC*)
- 4:50 pm** **8. Stakeholder Comments**
 - Moderator: John Dettmers
- 5:05 pm** **ADJOURN**

Thursday, March 29

- 9:00 am** **9. Welcome and TAC Announcement**
- Brian Locke (*OMNRF*)

Status of Lower Food Web

- 9:10 am** **10. Lower Trophic Indicators**
- Eric Weimer (*ODNR*)

- 9:25 am** **11. Status of Forage Fish**
- Eric Weimer (*ODNR*)

Status of Coldwater Species

- 9:40 am** **12. Status of Coldwater Predators**
- Jim Markham (*NYSDEC*)

- 9:55 am** **13. Cicso Impediments Document Overview and LEC Position**
- Tom MacDougall (*OMNRF*) and Brian Locke (*OMNRF*)

- 10:10 am** **14. Status of Lake Whitefish Populations**
- Andy Cook (*OMNRF*)

10:30 am **BREAK**

Habitat and Restoration

- 10:45 am** **15. Priority Management Areas**
- Stephen Marklevitz (*OMNRF*)

- 10:00 am** **16. Restoring Celeron / Stony Islands**
- Cleyo Harris (*MDNR*)

- 11:15 am** **17. Lake Sturgeon Overview**
- Rich Drouin (*OMNRF*)

- 11:30 am** **18. Habitat Projects in the Upper Niagara River**
- Joad Durst (*OMNRF*)

- 11:45 am** **19. Lake Erie GLATOS Overview**
- Matt Faust (*ODNR*)

12:00 pm **LUNCH**

Threats and Research

- 1:00 pm** **19. Export of Larval Whitefish from the Detroit River**
 - Ed Roseman (*USGS*)
- 1:35 pm** **20. Effort and Response to Grass Carp**
 - Travis Hartman (*ODNR*)
- 1:55 pm** **22. Closing Remarks**
 - Brian Locke (*OMNRF*)
- 2:00 pm** **ADJOURN**