

AOC Strategy Team  
December 15, 2004 conference call  
2:00pm to 3:00pm Eastern

Call was convened by co-chair Dennis Schornack , Chairman of the U.S. Section of the International Joint Commission.

Co-chair Christopher Jones, Director of the Ohio EPA, has resigned his position effective January 7, 2005. The Executive Committee will need to take up the issue of appointing another co-chair for this group.

Dennis Schornack recommended that the group's writing team consist of John Nevin of the IJC and Patricia Madigan of Ohio EPA.

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The agenda for the call is:

Bibliography

Overarching Principles

Report Outline

Schedule

Bibliography: A bibliography of documents that may be useful to the group is attached. Anyone who has documents to be included on the bibliography should email the citation to John Nevin and Pat Madigan.

Overarching principles: The overarching principles are: human health; tribal interests and perspectives; and research and monitoring. Dennis Schornack asked for volunteers from the group to be the point person for each of these overarching principles. If you are interested in this assignment, contact John Nevin and Pat Madigan.

Report outline: The Executive Committee provided an outline for the groups to use in writing their section of the plan (also attached). The group reviewed a synopsis of the outline, and generally agreed to follow it. Several suggestions were made for elements that need to be in our chapter; it appears that these can be accommodated within the outline.

Matt Doss emphasized the importance of having EPA's report to Congress on the AOC's finalized and provided to this group to assist in the preparation of our chapter.

Schedule: The Executive Committee is proposing the following schedule for the completion of the Great Lakes Strategic Plan:

Conference calls every other week for strategy teams

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| Feb 21-22   | Meeting of strategy teams – location to be determined   |
| April 29    | Meeting of strategy teams – location to be determined   |
| July 11-12  | Summit I – draft of plan distributed for public comment   |
| October 3-4 | Meeting of strategy teams – location to be determined<br>Public comment to be reviewed and incorporated |
| Dec. 12-13  | Summit II – acceptance of final plan  |

Please save these dates on your calendars. Team members should be aware that everyone is responsible for their own travel expenses.

Dennis Schornack proposed that the group set a goal of having the following parts of the chapter drafted in time for the February 21-22 meeting:

Priority Area

- Problem Statement
- Causes
- Geographic Extent
- Implications of no action

Desired State

- General state of ecosystem
- Indicators of ecosystem health
- Performance-based goals
- Restoration objectives
- Formula for prioritizing actions
- Expected benefits

Assess Ongoing Efforts

- Actions Underway
- Who is doing them?
- Results?
- Costs?
- Meeting performance objective?

If you are interested in working on one or more of these issues, please let John Nevin and Pat Madigan know. Preparing the report will be a collaborative effort in which team members submit proposed content, white papers, and/or reference documents.

### Conference Call Schedule

Dennis Schornack proposed that the AOC strategy team meet by conference call every other Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern. The next call will be:

**January 12, 2005**

**2:00 p.m. Eastern (now changed to 3:00 p.m. Eastern)**

**Call in number: 866- 299-3188.**

**Web address: <http://www2.teleconferencingcenter.com>**

Please mark your calendar for every other Wednesday at 2:00 pm Eastern.

An agenda and relevant documents will be emailed in advance of each call.

The co-chair will develop procedural rules for the phone calls to help reduce the technical difficulties experienced on this first call. These will also be distributed to members before the next call.