

Registration Form

Please return your completed registration form

No later than August 12, 2004

For the August 16 Meeting

No later than August 23, 2004

For the August 30 Meeting

**YOU MAY REGISTER BY
MAIL, PHONE OR EMAIL.**



Mail to:

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council
426 Bay Street
Petoskey, MI 49770

- or -

Call:

Jill Kimble at 231-347-1181 ext 100 to register by phone

- or -

Email:

Jill Kimble at
jillk@watershedcouncil.org
to register by email

Training Meeting Agenda

(for both meetings)

6:30 p.m. *Introductions*

What concerns do you/your organization have regarding Great Lakes water supplies?

6:45 p.m. Jill Ryan

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

Regulating the Withdrawal and Diversion of Great Lakes Water

7:00 p.m. Cheryl Mendoza

Lake Michigan Federation

Cheryl's presentation provides a history of water quantity issues and water supply disputes within the Great Lakes Basin and demonstrates the vulnerability of Great Lakes water supplies to export and diversion, climate change, and shifting population. Cheryl will discuss the "Annex 2001" initiative undertaken by Basin states and provinces to reform water law so that it protects Great Lakes water quantity. She will highlight why water quantity regulations are needed to protect Great Lakes water supplies.

Great Lakes Basin Water Resources Compact

7:30 p.m. Erin McDonough

National Wildlife Federation

Erin will go through the strengths and weaknesses of the Great Lakes Basin Water Resources draft protections, the culmination of the "Annex 2001" process. The goal of this session is to provide citizens and organizations with the information they need to provide comments at public hearings being held throughout Michigan and the rest of the Great Lakes Basin. This discussion will provide participants with the opportunity to ask questions about and to provide their input regarding the protections. The Watershed Council, the Lake Michigan Federation, and National Wildlife Federation want to make sure that the Governors hear from Michigan citizens regarding these important new protections.

8:00 p.m. ***How to get involved:*** Jill Ryan

8:30 p.m. ***Adjournment***

Opportunity for organizations and individuals to write comment letters or sign onto sign-on letters.

Protecting the Waters of the Great Lakes: Why is your voice important?

The protection of Great Lakes water supplies and ecosystems is a critical issue in the Great Lakes Basin. Preventing exports and harmful diversions of water may be the most important issue facing the Great Lakes. Without our precious water, the residents of Michigan and the entire Great Lakes Basin lose not only our identity, but also our livelihood.

The threat of exports and diversions paired with careless water management prompted the eight Great Lakes Governors and the Premiers of Ontario and Quebec to sign a non-binding agreement detailing a plan to protect the Great Lakes from these increasing pressures. This agreement, often referred to as "Annex 2001," outlined precedent setting standards to protect the lakes and also called for the creation of a legally binding agreement by 2004 to protect the world's largest supply of fresh surface water- the Great Lakes.

A draft of the legally binding agreement—an interstate compact—has been created. The Governors and Premiers of the Great Lakes states and provinces have worked to create a document that could protect the lakes forever, but is it strong enough? Have the leaders of the Great Lakes created an agreement that we can feel secure placing the protection of our single greatest resource under?

That is for you, the concerned citizens and leaders of Michigan and the Great Lakes Basin, to decide. The document has been drafted, but it is not final. A 90-day public comment period is commencing, which will allow individuals and organizations to voice their opinions and concerns on the compact.

The purpose of these training meetings is to provide you with background information on the issue and process and to help you understand the provisions of the draft compact. **We hope to give you the tools necessary to comment on this process and to let the Governors and Premiers know that we, as residents of Michigan and the Great Lakes Basin, take the protection of our waters seriously.**

Training Meeting Information

(Learn how to comment on this proposal!)

Training Meetings (Hosted by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, Lake Michigan Federation, and National Wildlife Federation)

August 16th, **Traverse City**

(register by August 12)

6:30pm-8:30pm

Northwestern Michigan College
Great Lakes Campus, Room 112

August 30th, **Petoskey**

(register by August 23)

6:30pm-8:30pm

Location TBA (call for details)

Opportunities to have your voice heard:

Public Meetings (Held by the State of Michigan)

August 30, 2004, 6:00 p.m.

St. Clair Shores

City Hall – Chambers

27600 Jefferson Circle Drive

St. Clair Shores, Michigan

August 31, 2004, 2:30 p.m.

Cheboygan County Building

Commissioner's Room (Rm 119)

870 South Main

Cheboygan, Michigan

September 1, 2004, 9:00 a.m.

DeFant Building

Room 274, 200 W. Spring Street

Marquette, Michigan

September 2, 2004, 10:00 a.m.

Annis Water Resources Institute

Grand Valley State University

Lake Michigan Center

740 W. Shoreline Drive, Muskegon, Michigan

Public Hearing (Held by the State of Michigan)

September 14, 2004, 2:00 p.m.

Michigan Library and Historical Center

The Forum Conference Room

702 W. Kalamazoo Street

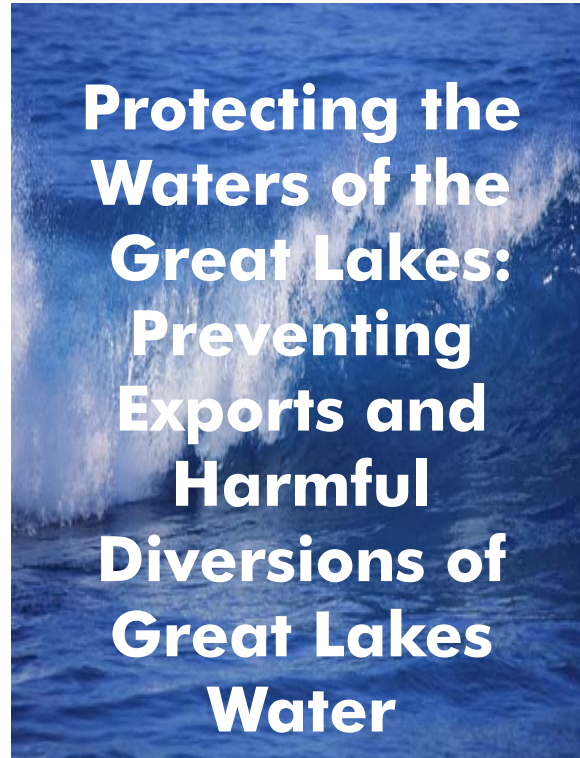
Lansing, Michigan





LAKE MICHIGAN FEDERATION

Present



August 16th & August 30th, 2004

Two Key Training Meetings to Help You Speak for Great Lakes Water

Funding for this workshop generously provided by: the Oberweiller Foundation

To view the most current information on the process designed to protect our Great Lakes waters from harmful withdrawals and diversion, visit www.speakongreatlakes.org.



Lake Michigan Federation

The Lake Michigan Federation works to restore fish and wildlife habitat, conserve land and water, and eliminate pollution in the watershed of country's largest lake. We achieve these through education, research, law, science, economics, and strategic partnerships.

National Wildlife Federation

The mission of the National Wildlife Federation is to educate, inspire, and assist individuals and organizations of diverse cultures to conserve wildlife and other natural resources and to protect the Earth's environment in order to achieve a peaceful, equitable and sustainable future.

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

The mission of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council is to protect our lakes, streams, wetlands, and ground water through respected advocacy, innovative education, technically sound water quality monitoring, and thorough research. We work locally, regionally, and throughout the Great Lakes Basin to achieve our goals.

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State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: () _____
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E-mail: _____

Meeting you will attend: August 16 August 30

These events are free and open to the public. We are committed to having as many Great Lakes Basin environmental interests and citizens represented at the state-sponsored meetings and hearing as possible. Please consider attending one of these training meetings or sending another representative from your organization to give you the tools you need to participate. Please tell your family and friends who are interested in protecting the Great Lakes!

Who should attend this meeting:

- ◆ Citizens interested in the Great Lakes
◆ Environmental organizations
◆ Citizen-based watershed groups
◆ Basin-based environmental organizations
◆ Academia



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