

SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC COMMENTS (PDF FILES ATTACHED)
INDICATORS AND INFORMATION

- **Environmental Protection Agency:** The Environmental Protection Agency provided detailed comments on the Aquatic Invasive Species, Habitat/Species, Coastal Health, Areas of Concern/Sediments, Nonpoint Source, Toxic Pollutants, and Indicators and Information sections of the draft report.
- **Ohio DNR:** Chapter should set priorities for research.
- **Charlie Peters:** I disagree that additional observation and monitoring are needed for the open lakes; while implementation of IOOS and NEON may be appropriate it should not come at the expense of other ongoing monitoring programs; suggest that the proposed GLICC group would be the appropriate group to coordinate Great Lakes research; another priority for GLICC is how to get information to stakeholders in appropriate format; should consider the efforts of existing monitoring and research coordination entities when putting together the GLICC.
- **Rolando Raqueno, PhD., RIT:** I would like to see a stronger emphasis on mapping and remote sensing in the main report.
- **The Nature Conservancy:** In its comments, The Nature Conservancy includes general observations as well as specific comments on this Section of the report.
- **Crop Life America:** Enhanced data collection and use is important but the Plan needs to acknowledge and make use of the many monitoring, LAMP, and SOLEC programs currently in existence; monitoring and assessment program should include coordination of efforts with Canadian, US, state, and private organizations; maintenance of a key set of indicators; and a communications effort.
- **Council of Great Lakes Industries:** Plan does not accurately reflect the discussions held by I and I team members, especially regarding the discussion of addressing needs on pages 40-44 of the report; a coordinated Basin-derived monitoring and assessment program is essential.
- **Michigan Dune Alliance:** Submitted its 2005 Eastern Lake Michigan Coastal Conservation Plan which it feels is especially relevant to Habitat/Species, Sustainable Development, Indicators and Information, and Aquatic Invasive species teams.
- **Tug Hill Commission:** Comments include specific recommendations on the coastal health, habitat, indicator and information, non-point source, toxic pollutants, and sustainable development sections of the report.
- **Letter signed by 43 environmental groups (also submitted separately by Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council):** Information and indicators needed for potential synergistic, catastrophic developments; need to determine target flow regimes for major Great Lakes tributaries; rewrite needs to be more problem-oriented; make use of existing institutions/offices; direct 10% of new funds to independent research.

- **David D. Lonsdale:** Political influence must not interfere with research funding; need an integrated, coordinated research approach; need to develop a comprehensive Great Lakes database; need for research on potential impacts of global warming; urgent need for monitoring systems across the basin; science education effort needed.
- **(Richard Hyde) City of Waukegan:** Coastal communities could be employed as data samplers; education and inclusion of local communities needed.
- **EPA Waste, Pesticides and Toxics Division:** Factual errors with chemical data collection systems; several editorial suggestions; data is not the same as information; existing efforts should be mentioned; include data needs identified by other strategy teams.
- **Peggy B. Johnson:** Issue a Biennial Report on the progress being made under the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration.
- **Kenneth W. Fallows, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments:** TMDL monitoring data are needed for the Maumee River basin, a critical area for sediment loading.
- **Great Lakes Sea Grant Network:** The network provided a series of general recommendations and a set of comments based on a series of workshops held during the 2003-2004 Great Lakes Restoration Workshop Series; in addition the network provided more specific comments on each of the 8 issue areas contained in the Draft report.
- **Water Environment Federation:** In its comments, the WEF indicates the goals and recommendations it supports.
- **Ohio Environmental Council:** Need methods to characterize or classify wetlands based on altered hydrology; plan should include support for the development of credible protocols for measuring impact based no degree of altered hydrology (no pdf attached).
- **Izaak Walton League of America:** We strongly encourage development of educational materials for the general public.
- **Great Lakes Research Consortium:** Provided the results of a workshop on a research agenda for New York's participation in Great Lakes Restoration.
- **B. Huberty:** Add funds for remote sensing.
- **David Lonsdale:** Mr. Lonsdale included a comprehensive discussion that includes suggestions for addressing invasive species; increasing research, and improving the sustainable development section of the report.
- **Steve Hoin:** I was dismayed to see the term sound science in this section of the report.
- **Sharon Duerkop:** Don't ignore the public in trying to stretch research dollars.