



Virtual Meeting

Summary

Attendees:

Members: Rebecca Rooney, Chris Winslow, Carl Platze, Dale Hoff, Michael Twiss, Sergio Paulo, Ram Yerubandi, Val Klump, Eric Boisvert, Jason Borwick, Debbie Lee

Staff: Heather Stirratt, Lyne Sabourin, Jo Werba, Rachel Wyatt, Matthew Child, Mark Burrows, Antonette Arvai

1. Welcome, Roll Call, Acknowledgement of Last Meeting Summary, and Approval of Agenda

- All committee members were welcomed and recognized by the Canadian Co-Chair.
- The October 23rd RCC and SAB meeting summaries were acknowledged
- The draft agenda was approved with the addition of IJC letters of support

2. 2024 Approved Projects Update

Members were informed by the GLRO Director that all three projects selected by the board co-chairs to be put forward for funding during this fiscal year were approved by Commissioners shortly after the Fall Semi Annual meeting. These projects included the SAB's Great Lakes Early Warning System (GLEWS) Pilot as well as the HPAB's Knowledge Transfer and Wild Rice projects. SAB project co-leads Michael Twiss and Lucinda Johnson have worked with GLRO staff to revise the statement of work for the GLEWS project and it has been submitted to the US section office and Department of State to begin the contracting process.

Michael Twiss also provided an update on the GLEWS Pilot project and informed members that the workgroup had recently held its first steering committee meeting and is hoping to begin work once a contract is in place. Members of the steering committee include representatives from the WQB, SPC, RCC and HPAB. While the work group has identified a number of different experts to assist with the project, they are still looking for additional experts in biogeochemistry and waterborne antimicrobial resistance.

- *Action Item:* Members to send suggestions on potential GLEWS work group members with expertise in biogeochemistry or waterborne antimicrobial resistance to Michael as soon as possible.

3. New Project Process, GLASS and CSMI Updates

Members were informed that the Co-chairs will be meeting with the Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Executive Director, GLRO Director and appropriate staff members to discuss the Great Lakes Association of Science Ships (GLASS) and the RCC's role going forward. The GLRO and

GLC have been partners in supporting GLASS for many years and they are very interested in the review that the RCC is planning. An update will be provided to members during the next meeting.

The co-chairs will also be setting up a meeting with the GLRO Director and staff to discuss the RCC's role with the Cooperative Science and Monitoring Initiative (CSMI) and next steps in terms of the committee's review.

Members discussed an updated version of the New Project Process document that was provided prior to the meeting by the US co-chair. Suggested changes were discussed and members were asked to provide additional feedback and comments following the meeting. Staff will post the document on the IJC's external SharePoint site for review.

- *Action Item:* Staff to post the updated New Project Process documents on the IJC's external sharepoint site and provide the link to members.
- *Action Item:* Members to review and provide input and comments on the revised New Project Process documents by January 10th, 2025 once they are posted.

4. On-going Projects Updates

Brief updates were provided to members for the following ongoing RCC projects:

- Microplastics Monitoring and Risk Assessment
- Great Lakes Winter Science
- Great Lakes Science Plan
- Great Lakes Community Science
 - *Action Item:* During the update for the Science Plan Project, Jason Borwick offered to work with the project staff lead, Matthew Child, to coordinate a meeting with Ontario provincial agencies and the workgroup as part of the next round of convenings.

5. Other Topics

- **GLRO Communications Update**

GLRO staff member, Rachel Wyatt, provided a brief update on upcoming communications activities and informed members that a review of SAB communications activities will be discussed at the next in-person meeting of the board.

- **ECCC Chemical Mixtures Project**

Matthew Child briefed members on a chemical mixtures project that Environment and Climate Change Canada is just beginning. The project leads have asked if any SAB members might be interested in participating in the project.

- *Action Item:* Members to reach out to [Matthew Child](#) if they are interested in the project.

- **Next RCC Meeting – February 2025**

The next meeting of the RCC will be held virtually the week of February 17th.

- *Action Item:* Staff to send out a poll to members to find a date and time for the next RCC meeting the week of February 17th.

- **Next In-person Meeting**

Members were informed that the SAB co-chairs are currently discussing the dates and locations of the next in-person meeting. Details will be provided to members once they are available.

- **IJC Letters of Support**

Due to a lack of time this item will be addressed during the next RCC meeting in February.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm