

Great Lakes Ballast Water Collaborative Meeting

**August 2nd and 3rd, 2012
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FINAL AGENDA 07/31/2012

Day ONE: August 2, 2012

8:30 - 9:00	Introductory Remarks	SLSDC IJC
9:00 - 9:30	IMO Update, re-opening of G8 guidelines, including Q&A.	Chris Wiley, DFO & TC
9:30 - 10:00	USCG Final Rule Update and Q&A.	CDR Ryan Allain/Dr. Rich Everett, USCG
10:00 - 10:20	Transport Canada Update and Q&A.	Paul Topping, TC
10:20 - 10:50	Break	
10:50 - 11:20	EPA Draft 2013 VGP, including a discussion of comments submitted to date, an update on post NRC Study activities, and Q&A.	Juhi Saxena, EPA
11:20 - 11:50	GSI Update including Q&A.	Allegra Cangelosi, GSI
11:50 - 12:40	Status of, and conditions in, State 401 Certifications and other State Activities Updates including Q&A.	Jeff Stollenwerk, MN PCA Susan Sylvester, WI DNR Roger Eberhardt, MI DEQ
12:40 - 1:00	Start of Working Lunch	Provided by Minnesota Sea Grant
1:00 - 1:20	American Steamship Company Update including Q&A.	Noel Basset, ASC
1:20 - 1:40	Fednav Update including Q&A.	Marc Gagnon, Fednav
1:40 - 2:15	Advanced Filtration and Secondary Risk Transfer Pilot Project	Kirk Jones, CSL Robert Lewis-Manning, CSA
2:15 - 2:30	BWMS Installation Guide and shipowner experiences to date.	Bill Lind, ABS
2:30 - 3:00	Break	
3:00 - 5:00	Presentation and Moderated Q&A: Information on how the USCG will implement the Alternate Management System provision outlined in the Final Rule. Presentation and Q&A will also cover other topics from the Final Rule.	CDR Ryan Allain/Dr. Rich Everett, USCG
6:00 - 8:00	Optional GSI Mesocosm Lab Field-trip w/snacks from the grill; followed by optional no-host dinner at a local restaurant.	Hosted by Allegra Cangelosi, GSI

Day TWO: August 3, 2012

8:30 - 9:00	Isle Royale National Park Ballast Water Management update.	Phyllis Green, NPS
9:00 - 12:00	USCG Type Approval Overview Panel Discussion: How do we get Ballast Water Management Systems (BWMS) on ships transiting the Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System? - What needs to be addressed in terms of determining appropriate BWMS for the Great Lakes within the USCG Type Approval framework? - What do BWMS need to be able to accomplish for use on the Great Lakes: biological testing, engineering, etc.? - How will BWMS be evaluated? - What are the regulatory and market factors? - Do we know how to go about determining whether a system meets the relevant requirements, and do we have the infrastructure needed to make this determination? - How will we establish compatible goals between Canada, the U.S. and the States, for acceptance of BWMS that are suitable for the cold, fresh, waters of the Great Lakes? - Point for consideration by the States: How to achieve consistency in State Regulations on residual chemicals in discharged ballast water. - Independent Laboratory Relationships: Fitting into the regulatory structure. - Vendor Perspectives from their Research and Development teams.	CDR Ryan Allain/Dr. Rich Everett, USCG Moderator: Chris Wiley, DFO & TC Allegra Cangelosi, GSI; Kevin Dunn, Dalhousie University Jim Cosman, Trojan; Gernot Seebacher, RWO
Note: There will be a break from 10:00 - 10:30.		
12:00 - 12:30	Start of working lunch	Provided by Minnesota Sea Grant
12:30 - 2:00	Moderated Q&A session on information presented during Panel Discussion - where to go from here.	Moderator: Chris Wiley, DFO & TC
2:00 - 2:15	Wrap-up and Action Items	Craig Middlebrook, SLSDC
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