

Great Lakes Ballast Water Collaborative

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Revised Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

Articles

- I. Definitions
- II. Purpose, Principles and Approaches
- III. General and Specific Objectives
- IV. Implementation
- V. Consultation, Management, Review
- VI. Notification and Response
- VII. The International Joint Commission
- VIII. Commission Boards and Regional Office
- IX. Existing Rights and Obligations
- X. Amendment
- XI. Termination

Annexes

1. Areas of Concern
2. Lakewide Management
3. Chemical Substances of Concern
4. Nutrients
5. Discharges from Vessels
6. Aquatic Invasive Species
7. Habitat and Species
8. Groundwater
9. Climate Change Impacts
10. Science

What is being improved/enhanced?

Annex on Ship Source Discharges

Protect the Great Lakes Ecosystem from ship source discharges that could affect the chemical, physical or biological integrity of the Great Lakes:

- *Ballast water discharge programs*
- *Compatible goals and targets*
- *Science-based decision-making*
- *Analysis of technology or alternative solutions*

Consistent with goals of
GLBWC

Details can't be released until new agreement signed – When? – “imminent”

Let's get underway !

Questions?

