



# Great Lakes Fishery Commission

PROTECTING OUR FISHERY

2025 Annual Meeting  
May 28-29, 2025  
Traverse City, MI

## Meeting Agenda

### Wednesday, May 28

- 1:30 pm      **Chair Introductions and Welcome**
- *Ethan Baker, GLFC Chair*
  - *Sandra Witherspoon, Chairwoman, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians*

### Perspectives on Connectivity

- 1:45 pm      **Whole River Restoration of the Ottaway-Boardman River**
- *Mark Wilson, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians*
  - *Brett Fessell, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians*
  - *Hank Bailey, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians*
- 2:30 pm      **The Connectivity Conundrum and FishPass**
- *Andrew Muir, Great Lakes Fishery Commission*
- 2:40 pm      **Dams, Connectivity, and FishPass: A North American Perspective**
- *Christopher Caudill, University of Idaho*
- 3:10 pm      **A Tribute to Former Commissioner Dave Ullrich**
- *Karen Diver, Commissioner; U.S. Section Chair*
- 3:20 pm      **BREAK**
- 3:35 pm      **Welcome from Premier Doug Ford (video)**
- 3:35 pm      **FishPass and Connectivity Conundrum Panel**
- *Gabe Schneider, Trout Unlimited*
  - *Christopher Caudill, University of Idaho*
  - *Jessica Mistak, Michigan Department of Natural Resources*
  - *Lisa Walter, Great Lakes Fishery Commission*
  - *Dan Zielinski, Great Lakes Fishery Commission (Moderator)*
- 4:35 pm      **A Tribute to Chris Vandergoot and Presentation of the Commissioners' Commendation for Extraordinary Service**
- *Travis Hartman, Ohio Department of Natural Resources*
  - *Kendra Wecker, U.S. Commissioner*
- 4:55 pm      **ADJOURN FOR RECEPTION AT ROTARY SQUARE**

## Thursday, May 29

- 9:00 am**      **Call to Order and Welcome**
- *Ethan Baker, GLFC Chair*
- 9:15 am**      **Technoscience**
- *Steve Cooke, Carleton University*
- 9:35 am**      **State of the Lakes Panel**
- *Dave Caroffino, Michigan Department of Natural Resources*
  - *Bruce Mighton, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources*
  - *Jay Wesley, Michigan Department of Natural Resources*
  - *Dave Nihart, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission*
  - *Chris Legard, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*
  - *John Dettmers, Great Lakes Fishery Commission (Moderator)*
- 10:45 am**      **BREAK**
- 11:00 am**      **A Tribute for Former Commissioner Charlie Wooley**
- *Shannon Estenoz, U.S. Commissioner*
- 11:10 am**      **Sea Lamprey Control Programs Update**
- *Mike Siefkes, Great Lakes Fishery Commission*
- 11:30 am**      **COVID Impacts on Sea Lamprey Control**
- *Ben Marcy-Quay, U.S. Geological Survey*
- 11:50 am**      **Committee of Advisors Reports**
- *Tom Whillans, Chair, Canadian Committee of Advisors*
  - *Denny Grinold, Chair, U.S. Committee of Advisors*
- 12:10 pm**      **Wrap-up and Adjourn**
- *Ethan Baker, GLFC Chair*