



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Great Lakes Advisory Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on behalf of the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Task Force agencies, announces a public teleconference of the Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB). The purpose of the teleconference is for the GLAB to discuss its draft recommendations that will inform the development of a draft Great Lakes Restoration Initiative FY 2015 – 2019 Action Plan.

DATES: The public teleconference will be held on October 1, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m Central Daylight Time. The teleconference number is 877-744-6030. Due to budgetary uncertainties, EPA is announcing this meeting with less than 15 calendar days public notice.

ADDRESSES: The public teleconference will take place by telephone only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Any member of the public wishing further information regarding this teleconference may contact Rita Cestaric, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), GLAB, by telephone at (312) 886-6815 or email at cestaric.rita@epa.gov. General information on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the GLAB can be found on the GLRI website at <http://www.glri.us>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The GLAB is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. EPA established the GLAB in 2013 to provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator in his or her capacity as Chair of the federal Great

Lakes Interagency Task Force. The GLAB conducts business in accordance with FACA and related regulations.

The GLAB consists of 18 members appointed by EPA's Administrator. Members serve as representatives of state, local and tribal government, environmental groups, agriculture, business, transportation, foundations, educational institutions and as technical experts.

The GLAB held meetings on May 21-22, 2013 and July 23, 2013 (as noticed in 78 FR 26636 – 26637 and 78 FR 42944) as well as a teleconference on June 12, 2013 (noticed in 78 FR 32645 – 32646) to discuss the development of a draft FY 2015 - 2019 GLRI Action Plan. The purpose of the October 1, 2013 teleconference is for the panel to discuss their draft recommendations.

Availability of Teleconference Materials: The agenda and other materials in support of the teleconference will be available on the GLRI website at <http://www.glri.us> in advance of the teleconference.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Federal advisory committees provide independent advice to federal agencies. Members of the public can submit relevant comments for consideration by the GLAB. Input from the public to the GLAB will have the most impact if it provides specific information for the GLAB to consider. Members of the public wishing to provide comments should contact the DFO directly.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at this public teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, subject to the number of people wanting to comment. Interested parties should contact Rita Cestarcic, DFO, in writing (preferably via e-mail) at the contact information noted above by September 30, 2013 to be placed on the list of public speakers for the teleconference.

Written Statements: Written statements must be received by September 30, 2013 so that it may be made available to the GLAB for consideration. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail. Commenters are requested to provide two versions of each document submitted: one each with and without signatures because only documents without signatures may be published on the GLRI Web page.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Rita Cestaric at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least 10 days prior to the teleconference, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: September 7, 2013.

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