



## OHIO COASTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Robert Heath, Chair  
Vince Urbanski, Vice Chair



*Mission: To advise the Director of ODNR on the Ohio Coastal Management Program and to promote, protect, enhance, and encourage the wise use of Lake Erie's coastal resources and its watershed.*

### AGENDA – Thur. May 1, 2014

**Location: National Museum of the Great Lakes, 1701 Front Street, Toledo OH**

#### **10:00 am – Call to Order by Chair Robert Heath**

- Welcome/Opening Remarks/Housekeeping Items
  - Roll call of council members and introduction of special guests
- Motion for approval of February 2014 meeting minutes
- Council membership/appointments – status update by OCM Chief Scudder Mackey
- Executive Committee Report

**10:20 am – Summary of marine projects ODNR Division of Watercraft is funding/partnering on along Lake Erie by Division of Watercraft Chief Gary Obermiller (handout to be provided).**

**10:30 am – Ohio Clean Marinas Program to Expand (Obermiller/Mackey)**

#### **10:40 am – Office of Coastal Management (OCM) Quarterly Update**

- Written report provided to council members.

**10:50 am – Cuyahoga River Bed Load Harvesting presentation by Mr. James White of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority (CCPA)**

- *As an alternative to dredging, the CCPA has been studying the bed load that flows down the Cuyahoga River to see if it can be harvested for refuse before it enters the shipping channel. Mr. White will provide details on the CCPA's modeling on the volume of harvestable bed load and what that material could be used for. (20 minutes + Q/A/feedback).*

**11:20 am – Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Update by Joe Cappel of the Port of Toledo**

- The Lake Erie Port of Toledo, Ohio, is a multi-modal transportation hub with heavy waterborne, rail and highway activity. Mr. Cappel will provide council a summary of port activity and projects they are undertaking. [www.portoftoledo.org](http://portoftoledo.org) (20 minutes + Q/A/feedback).

**11:50 am – Perspective on challenges experienced by Ohio's certified Clean Marinas and successes in addressing those challenges by Ms. Sarah Orlando of the Ohio Clean Marinas Program**

**12:00 pm - Public Comment:** Guests wishing to make comments will be asked to state their full name, community of residence and group or organization affiliation, if any, before beginning their comments. Guests are asked to limit their comments to five minutes unless otherwise scheduled.

- **Mr. Dick Taylor of East Harbor State Park Beach Aid** - 15 minutes to discuss the interest of his group in restoring stretches of East Harbor State Park Beach and opening up additional areas of the shore for water access. <http://beachaideastharbor.com>

**12:20 pm – Lunch** (discussions may continue through lunch)

**12:50 am – Old Council Business**

- **Cleveland Harbor Dredging:**
  - **CRAC letter** – Signed by members sent to ODNR who forwarded letter to Ohio EPA.
  - Ohio EPA issued 401 WQC for CDF disposal only. OCM issued Conditional Federal Consistency Certification contingent upon: Ohio EPA’s 401 WQC and ODNR Division of Wildlife in-water work restrictions. The Division of Wildlife Waiver for in-water work granted only if all material disposed in CDF. USACE agreed to dredge this year with all CDF disposal.
  
- **Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program (HSCRGP)**
  
- **Great Lakes Mississippi River Interbasin Study** <http://glmris.anl.gov/>
  - April 1 – comment period closed.
  - April 16 [The Great Lakes and Mississippi River Interbasin Study Newsletter Volume 4, Issue 1](#) states, “currently evaluating the comments submitted and preparing a report summarizing the content of opinions expressed (930 minutes of testimony and 600 meeting attendees plus those who wrote in). This summary report, plus a searchable database of comments offered, will be available on the GLMRIS website this May.”
  - Asian Carp eDNA discovered in Muskingum River: 10 out of 222 samples tested positive in a project connected by the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD), The Nature Conservancy, Central Michigan University, and the ODNR Division of Wildlife. A positive test was collected as far as 80 miles upstream from the river’s confluence with the Ohio River. The concern is that connections located about 100 river miles from the most upstream positive result could provide a pathway for the carp to enter Lake Erie.
  
- **Great Lakes water levels, evaporation and ice cover wrap-up**
  - [NOAA Tides and Current Interactive Map](#) - <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/map/index.shtml?type=PreliminaryData&region=Lake Erie>

**1:15 pm – New Council Business**

- **Council members’ community updates** (please limit to a few minutes each)  
*(Written updates can be emailed to coastal staff to be shared and added to minutes)*
- **Coastal NOAA Budget Proposal for 2015 by Chief Mackey**

**1:50 pm – Next Meeting Dates/Final Comments**

- Executive Committee conference calls (if needed)
  - 9:30 am Thursday May 8 if needed for follow-up items from council meeting
  - 9:30 am Thursday June 19
  - 9:30 am Thursday July 24 to finalize agenda, et. al. for August meeting.
- Full council meeting – Thursday August 7 at TBA

**2:00 pm – Adjourn.** Council members can explore the museum