

# PROPOSAL



CONVENE A WORKSHOP/ROUNDTABLE  
TO ESTABLISH A SCIENTIFICALLY-  
DEFENSIBLE, QUANTITATIVE LAKE  
STURGEON MANAGEMENT TARGET  
FOR THE HURON-ERIE CORRIDOR AND  
DETROIT RIVER

- We have a long and effective history in binational cooperation to strengthen the science-management linkage – e.g., Conservation Vision, Soft Shoreline Engineering
- Need? – quantitative targets and benchmarks are lacking and much needed (*.....a high priority should be placed on quantifying targets and endpoints for indicators in order to clearly focus management efforts and track progress consistent with adaptive management*)
- What could we do? – convene a small workshop or roundtable to establish a scientifically-defensible, quantitative, lake sturgeon management target for the H-E Corridor and Detroit River

- Who? – scientists and managers with interest and responsibility for lake sturgeon
- How many involved? – small group, maybe 10-15
- What will be done at the workshop/roundtable?
  - ▶ review and summarize historical data and information on status and trends of lake sturgeon
  - ▶ reach agreement on a quantitative lake sturgeon target for the corridor and Detroit River (perhaps interim target, if necessary)
  - ▶ recommend a monitoring program to track progress (also identify roles and responsibilities for different agencies/organizations)

- What will this accomplish? – provide a much needed quantitative management target for management plans (e.g., Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, Detroit River Remedial Action Plan, Lake Erie Lakewide Management Plan, etc.); such targets help provide clear focus for management efforts, help track progress, help establish and set priorities, and help ensure that management efforts are both ecosystem- and cost-effective
- What will be delivered? – a relatively short document (10-15 pages) that summarizes above information for management agencies (science transfer; strengthening the science-policy linkage)

- Possible Timeframe? – group meets once or twice over next year and works through email to produce document by next H-E Corridor Meeting (one year effort – we should look at this as a short-term deliverable)
- Unique opportunity – We have a unique opportunity to strengthen the science-policy linkage and to help “walk the talk” of adaptive management

