

ST. CLAIR DETROIT RIVER SYSTEMS INITIATIVE

10 years of Progress

21 February, 2024

Ojibway Nature Centre, Windsor ON

Agenda Items

- 9:30am - 10:00** Registration and Networking
(coffee/tea and snacks)
- 10:00 – 10:15** Welcome
- 10:15 – 11:00** Chemicals of Mutual Concern
Abby Hendershott, MI EGLE
Michigan's PFAS Action Response Team: Actions to Date
Scott Hopkins, University of Waterloo
Quantifying PFAS in Canadian Water Systems
- 11:00 – 11:20** Monitoring, Surveillance and Preventative Strategies for Non-Native species
Trisiah Tugade, DFO
- 11:20 - 11:40** River Spawning Habitat
Jason Fisher, US Fish and Wildlife
Functional river spawning habitat for native lithophilic species in the SCDRS
- 11:40 – 12:00** Critical Habitat
Justin Chiotti, US Fish and Wildlife
Identifying & protecting critical habitat areas for rare native species in the SCDRS
- 12:00 – 12:45** Lunch (provided)

- 12:45 – 1:15** Wetland Connectivity
Jan Ciborowski, University of Calgary
Matthew Cooper, Coastal Wetland Monitoring Program
- 1:15 – 2:00** Updates from St. Clair River and Detroit River AOCs
April White, ECCC
Jackie Serran, DRCC
Melanie Foose, MI EGLE
- 2:00 – 2:20** Harmful Algal Blooms and Nutrient Loading
Katie Stammer, ERCA
- 2:20 – 2:30** Coffee/Tea Snack Break
- 2:30 – 2:45** Proposed National Urban Park
Claire Sanders, Parks Canada
- 2:45 – 3:00** University of Windsor Nation Urban Park Hub
Catherine Febria, University of Windsor (GLIER)
- 3:00 – 3:20** Future of Connecting Channels
Robin DeBruyne, USGS
- 3:20 – 3:45** Open discussion on the future of the SCDRS
- 3:35 – 4:00** Closing remarks
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