

PUBLIC BRIEFING

Restoring the Natural Divide: Separating the Great Lakes and Mississippi River Basins in the Chicago Area Waterway System

Project description: The Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, with support from six funders, embarked on a project in July 2010 to identify engineering options for Chicago's waterway system that will prevent interbasin movement of aquatic invasive species, including Asian carp. The expedited study, now completed, also examines potential improvements to the waterway's roles in commercial navigation, recreational boating, flood and stormwater management, and water quality.

Embargo: The report and all supporting materials are embargoed and will be released at 12:01 a.m. EST Jan. 31.

Public Briefing: A teleconference briefing will be held at 4 p.m. EST, Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Speakers:

- Tim Eder – Executive Director, Great Lakes Commission
- David Ullrich – Executive Director, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

Remote Access: Real time participation will be available via webinar (for slide images) and via a moderated teleconference (for audio). Q/A will follow the presentation.

To access teleconference: **(800) 791-2345, code = 36155**

To access webinar: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/427003286>

Note: pre-registration is encouraged. Please visit the webinar link to register at least 15 minutes prior to the 4 p.m. EST start time.

The report is the product of a collaborative project of the Great Lakes Commission in Ann Arbor, Mich., and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative in Chicago, Illinois. Funders include the Joyce Foundation, C.S. Mott Foundation, Great Lakes Fishery Trust, Wege Foundation, Great Lakes Protection Fund, and the Frey Foundation.