

Biographies

Tim A. Eder

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Tim Eder was appointed as the fifth executive director of the Great Lakes Commission on July 10, 2006. With more than 25 years of experience in natural resources policy development and advocacy, Eder is in charge of the Commission's day-to-day operations and advancing the shared interests of the Commission membership in the areas of natural resources management and advocacy. In nearly two decades with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Eder has headed a variety of programs that directly relate to Great Lakes issues. As NWF director of water resources, he led the formation of a nationwide coalition of taxpayer and conservation interests that forged bipartisan support in the U.S. House and Senate for legislation to protect and restore aquatic habitat. Prior to that, he served as director of the NWF's largest field office, the Great Lakes Natural Resource Center, dedicated to educating, mobilizing and assisting individuals and organizations in the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes. As a regional executive with NWF in the 1990s, he represented the organization's views before Congress, agencies, other opinion leaders and the media. He also coordinated and led a 10-year federal and multistate campaign to develop and adopt uniform pollution control standards to implement the purposes of the U.S.-Canadian Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Eder has served on the boards of the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the Washtenaw County (Mich.) Road Commission, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, the Michigan Aquatic Nuisance Species Advisory Council, and the Aquatic Invasive Species Team of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration. He holds a bachelor of science degree in resource development from Michigan State University.

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David Ullrich is the executive director of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative. His responsibilities include working with U.S. and Canadian mayors from across the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin to advance the protection and restoration of the resource. The Initiative leads many efforts to accelerate the work to become a more sustainable region by integrating the environmental, economic, and social activities to improve the quality of life and well being of its people. Prior to assuming his current position, Mr. Ullrich served for 30 years at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes regional office in Chicago, working on environmental issues in the six states of the upper Midwest. He worked in

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many capacities over the years, including Acting Regional Administrator, Deputy Regional Administrator, Waste Management Division Director, Deputy Regional Counsel, Air Enforcement Chief, and Water Enforcement Attorney. For six years, he was the U.S. Chair of the Water Quality Board for the International Joint Commission, and was a founding member and chair of the Midwest Natural Resources Group. He continues to serve on the Water Quality Board, and in 2006 was appointed by the President to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission where he serves as U.S. Section Chair. In 1986, he completed a six month executive exchange assignment with the German Interior Ministry. U.S. EPA recognized Mr. Ullrich for a number of his accomplishments during his public service career. Mr. Ullrich graduated from Dartmouth College in 1970 with a degree in English and received his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1973, with an emphasis in environmental law. He is a runner and outdoor sportsman. He was married for 39 years to the late Polly Ullrich, an art critic, curator, teacher and ceramic artist, and their son Eric is a student at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana majoring in environmental science.