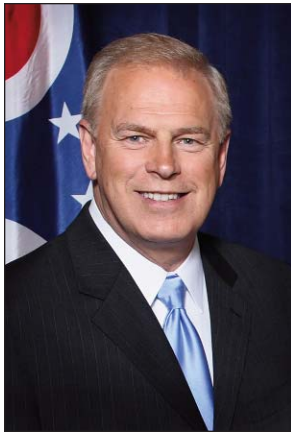


Co-Chair's Letter

On February 19, I was honored when my colleagues elected me as Co-Chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governors. Governor Doyle is doing



Ohio Governor
Ted Strickland

tremendous work, and I am eager to now work with him as Co-Chair to build on our recent successes. Even as we begin to see the signs of recovery, our region continues to face economic challenges. For this reason, it is more important than ever to invigorate our economic development efforts and speed up job creation.

Eighteen companies from our region recently returned from

the Council's export promotion mission to South America. In the coming months, these companies will be assisted by our team to convert leads into business partnerships, sales and ultimately jobs. Through its tourism program, the Great Lakes of North America, the Council leads one of the most aggressive regional marketing efforts of its kind. Most recently, our team showcased our tourist experience at the country's largest international travel trade show. As a result, we will be welcoming visitors from around the world to our Great Lakes resorts, hotels and restaurants. Redoubling our economic efforts and the protection and restoration of our Great Lakes are one and the same.

We appreciate all of your work in our shared efforts. I look forward to continuing to work with Governor Doyle, and with all of you.

—Ted Strickland

Co-Chair, Council of Great Lakes Governors
Governor, State of Ohio



Sleeping Bear Dunes, Michigan
Photo courtesy of U.S. EPA Great Lakes National Program Office

Governors Applaud Great Lakes Funding Bill

On May 5, the Great Lakes Governors expressed their support for the Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act of 2010 (HR 4755 and S 3073). The House and Senate bills, sponsored by Representative Ehlers (R-MI) and Senator Levin (D-MI), would authorize the President's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the federal Interagency Task Force, reauthorize the Great Lakes National Program Office, and create a new management structure to coordinate our collective Great Lakes efforts.

As Council Co-Chairs Governor Doyle and Strickland noted in their letter to Congress, "[t]he bills are a strong expression of Congressional intent to invest significant additional resources in Great Lakes protection and improvements, while seeking coordination throughout the region."

Congress approved \$475 million for the President's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative this year and important protection and restoration work is already underway as a result. A copy of the Governors' recent letter can be found at http://www.cglg.org/projects/priorities/docs/CGLG_S3073_and_HR4755_letter_to_Congress_5-5-10.pdf and further information on the Initiative is at www.greatlakesrestoration.us

Companies Find Opportunities During South America Trade Mission

From April 10-20, the Council led a 30-member trade delegation to São Paulo, Brazil; Santiago, Chile; and Lima, Peru. The delegation comprised 18 small to medium sized companies from Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin representing a variety of sectors including agriculture, automotive, construction, finance, machinery and equipment, oil and gas, plastics, water and wastewater. Seven of the 18 companies had participated in previous Council missions.

The Council's Trade Offices in Brazil and Chile provided companies with extensive market research



CGLG Brazil, Chile and Peru Mission Participants

reports and arranged customized appointment schedules with potential distributors, partners and end users. In addition, the

Council's team coordinated country business briefings, networking events and ground logistical support for hotels, transportation and interpreters.

Gary Ellerhorst, President/CEO of Crown Plastics located in Cincinnati, Ohio said, "The trip helped me identify various potential business development channels for South America, and educated me on the various pros and cons for doing business in each country. I also obtained some good general and legal enlightenment from the country business briefings. I am planning a return trip to the region within 6

months." Crown Plastics is a leading producer of thin gauge, high molecular weight polyethylene. They are a major supplier to the ski and snowboard industry and also provide material for countless industrial applications.



Mission participants attend a country business briefing in São Paulo, Brazil

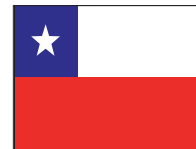
"For Safway Services, the mission was a great success," said Darrell Domokos, International Equipment Sales Manager for the company. "I think we have some

outstanding potential for real business in Brazil in the very near future. The meeting arrangements were great as well as all of the market research done for the Brazil market as it relates to our business." Safway Services, located in Waukesha, Wisconsin, is the premier provider of temporary work platforms for commercial and industrial products in North America.



CGLG Chile Trade Office Director, Veronica Medina, presents information on how to do business in Chile and Peru.

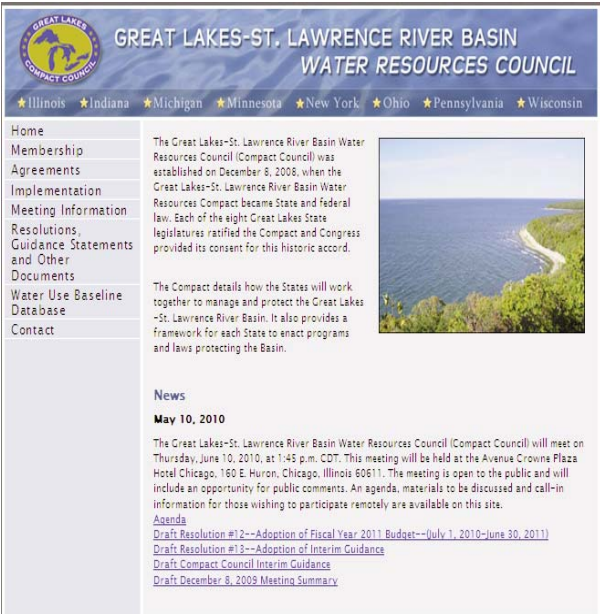

Several other mission companies are close to finalizing sales and distributor agreements as a result of the trip. More success stories are expected in the coming weeks and months. Further information is available at www.cglg.org/projects/trade/index.asp



South America Mission Delegates

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Compact Council and Regional Body to Meet June 10 in Chicago



The screenshot shows the website for the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council. The header includes the council's name and the states it represents: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The main content area features a navigation menu on the left and a central text block. The text block contains information about the council's establishment in 2008 and its purpose. A news section below the main text announces a meeting on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 1:45 p.m. CDT, held at the Avenue Crowne Plaza Hotel in Chicago. An agenda is also provided, listing draft resolutions for the adoption of the 2011 budget and interim guidance.

The Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council (Compact Council) and the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body (Regional Body) will hold public meetings this week in Chicago. At that time, they will consider new interim guidance and procedures; next year's budget; and hear from the public. Further information is available on the Regional Body's website at www.glslregionalbody.org. Information is also available on the Compact Council's website which just recently went live at www.gslcompactcouncil.org. In addition to meeting information, the Compact Council site includes resolutions, guidance statements and other records. The site also includes a searchable water use baseline database that will be used for future decision-making. The Council of Great Lakes Governors serves as Secretariat to the Compact Council and Regional Body.

Conference Advances Great Lakes Science Strategy

Since the signing of the Great Lakes—St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement in 2005, the Council of Great Lakes Governors has helped to coordinate a series of actions to help advance the region's science strategy. Most recently, on May 19, the Council again participated in the International Association of Great Lakes Researchers conference. Laura Seaman of the Council staff presented a session, "Assessing and Managing Water Use Impacts in the Great Lakes Basin" at the conference held in Toronto, Ontario. Other presentations addressed other science issues related to the Agreement and the companion "Great Lakes Compact." Further information on the Council's work including a Resource Kit showcasing decision support information is available on the Council's website at <http://wrmitoolkit.cglg.org/>.



Laura Seaman at the IAGLAR Conference in Toronto, Canada

Council Engages European Union Officials



David Naftzger with Jackie de Oliveira, Program Organizer, European Union Visitors Program

From April 26-30, David Naftzger, Council of Great Lakes Governors Executive Director, participated in the European Union Visitors Program in Brussels, Belgium. During the one-week program, Naftzger met with senior water policy and economic development officials.

Naftzger learned how the framework the organization uses to manage major river basins could apply in the Great Lakes. He also learned about innovative programs the organization is using to promote regional economic development. And, Naftzger shared his experiences from the Great Lakes region with

his European counterparts.

Naftzger said, "The program was fascinating. We are confronting many of the same challenges, and we have a lot to learn from one another. Through this program, we have created a dialogue to build on in coming years."

The EU hosts about 15 Americans each year for its policy-focused program. Follow-up activities are already taking place.

Further information on the Council's efforts related to water management and economic development is available at <http://www.cglg.org>



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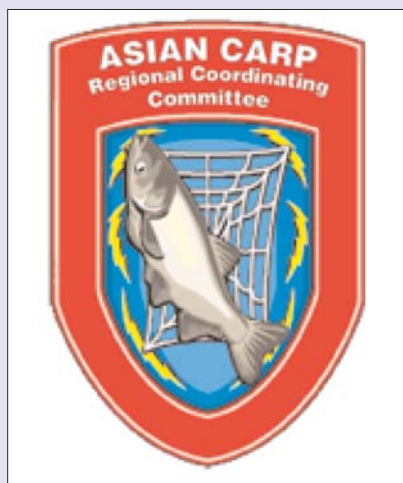
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Asian Carp Hunt Continues in Chicago-Area Waterways



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and partners, known as the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee (RCC), recently applied fish poison (rotenone) in the Little Calumet River. The RCC are working to identify the fish in this area and whether Asian Carp are present upstream of the electrical barriers designed to deter them. The results from this effort, further information and current news on the RCC may be accessed at: www.asiancarp.org