



International Joint Commission Public Input Webinar Perspectives on Working with Great Lakes Fish

February 24, 2026
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm ET





Greetings from the Great Lakes

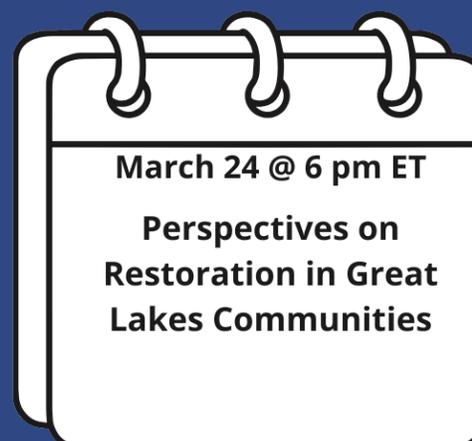
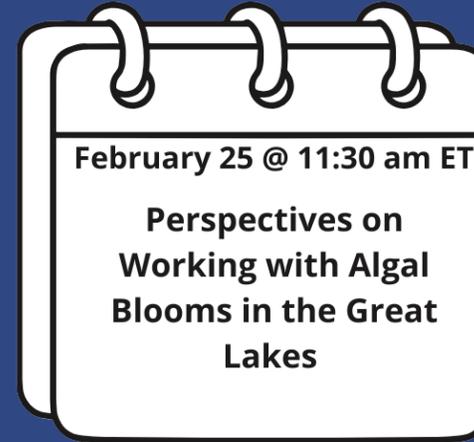
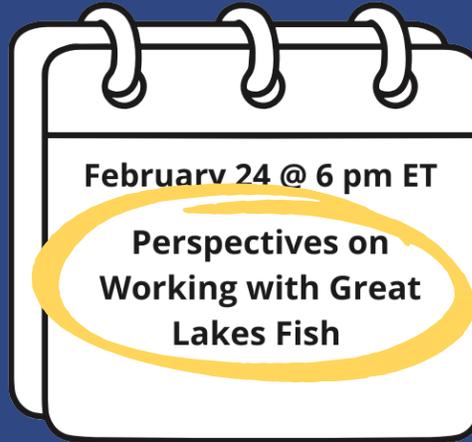


Welcome

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IJC Public Input Webinar Series





Agenda

About the IJC

Video: Assessing Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement Progress

Invited Talks

Travis White

Keweenaw Charter
Fishing Co.

Michigan Technological
University



Jason Smith

Bay Mills Indian
Community

Public Input: Share Your Perspectives

Closing Remarks (~7:30 pm ET)





Many Ways To Comment

April 3, 2026

Online Platform:
GLperspectives.ijc.org



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4. Coming soon: IJC survey to evaluate the governments' progress report

Question Prompt

When sharing your Great Lakes perspectives, consider including:

- How have changes to water quality impacted the way you live, work, play and engage with the Great Lakes?
- If you had a magic wand, what would you choose to achieve progress on Great Lakes water quality?
- Three years from now, how do you hope changes to Great Lakes water quality will have changed the way you live, work, and play in the Great Lakes?

Submission Formats

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2025 Progress Report of the Parties released [Read the report](#)

3 February, 2026

Public Comment Period opens Share your input

5 February, 2026

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19 February, 2026

Many Perspectives Broadcast Details coming soon

24 February, 2026 to 25 March, 2026

Public Comment Webinars Register to share your input with the IJC. [it](#)

4 April, 2026

Public Comment Period closes







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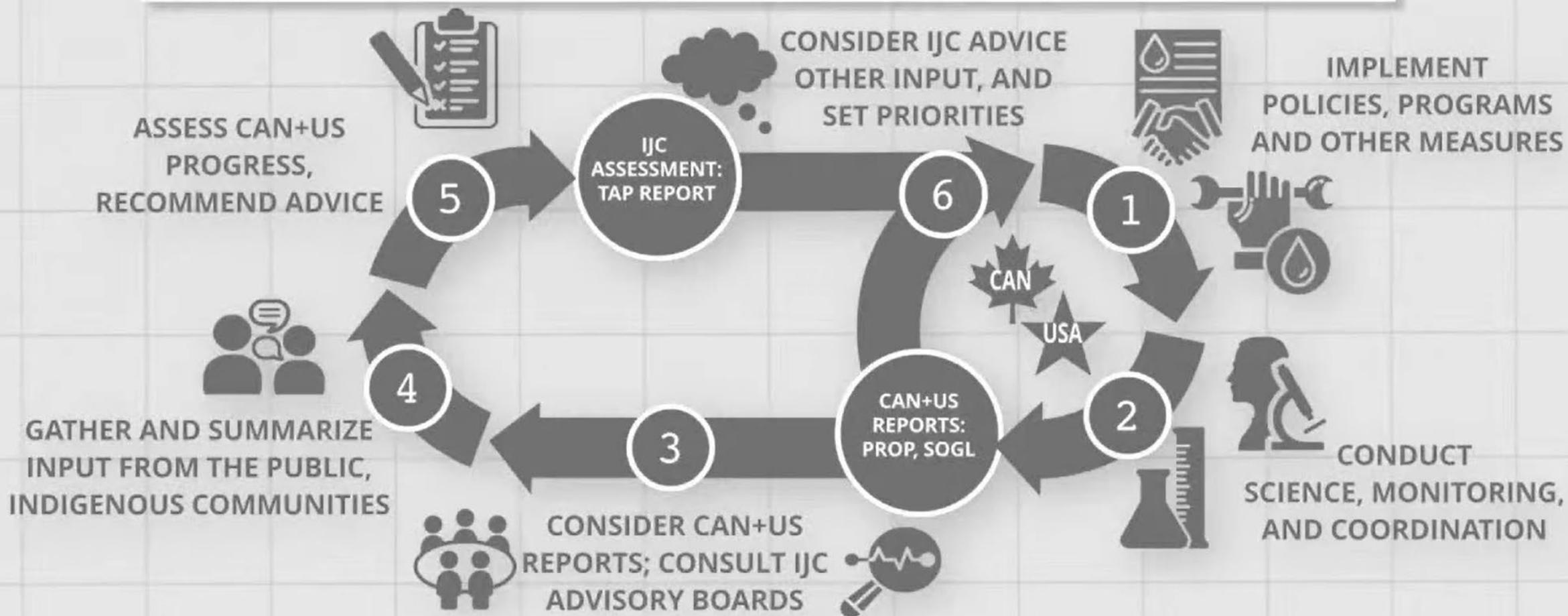
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The Great Lakes Water Quality

Agreement Assessment Cycle



Poll Results



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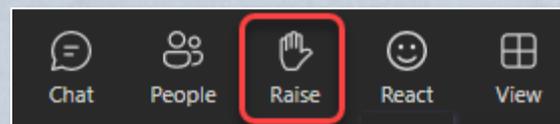
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Public Input Logistics

- Webinar is being recorded and will be publicly shared
- State your first and last name
- Specify when speaking on behalf of an organization/government
- Chat comments may be read aloud
- Raise your hand to be added to the speaker queue
- You will be “promoted” to turn on audio and video
- Keep comments to around 5 minutes



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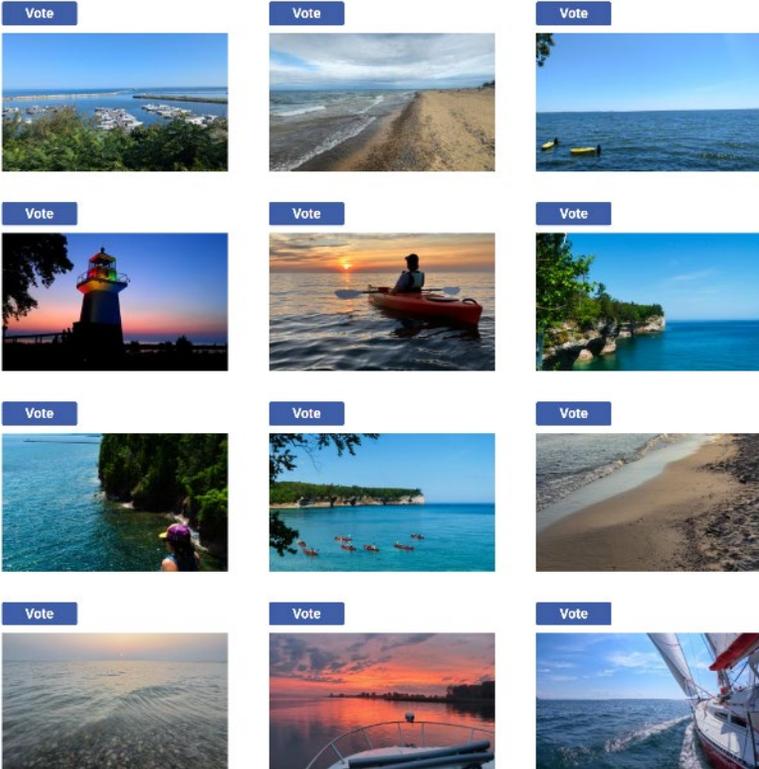
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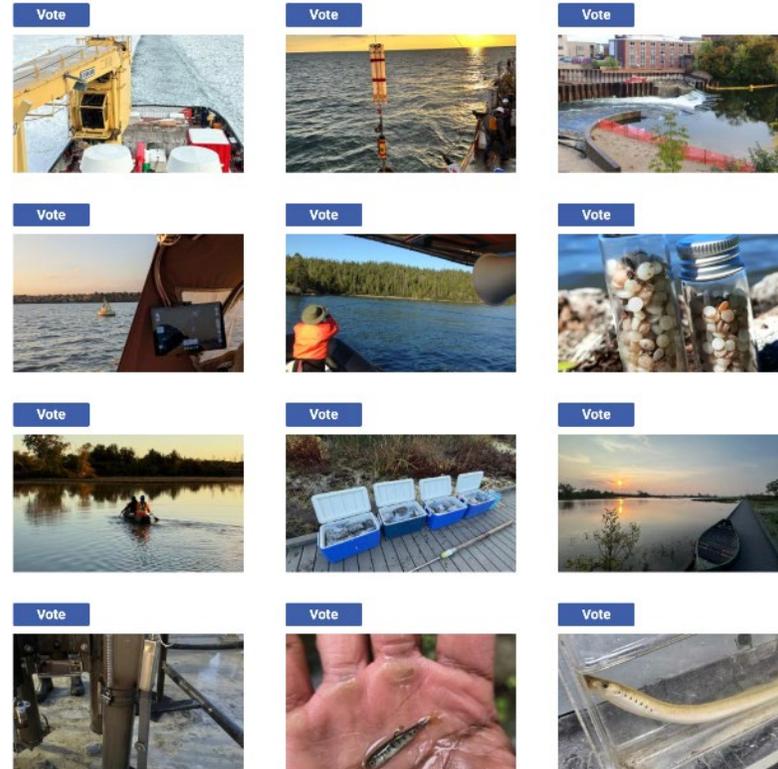


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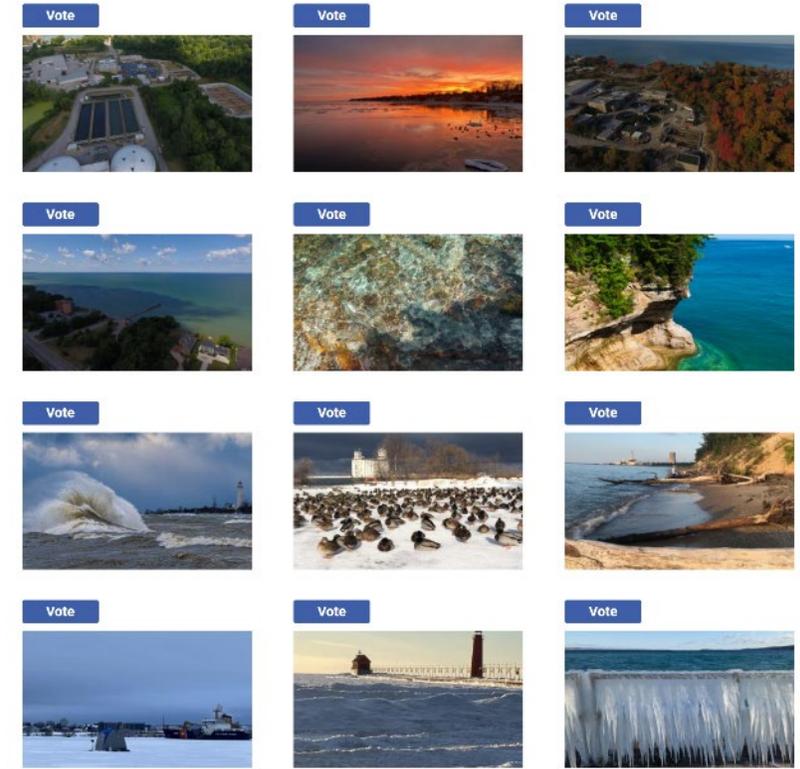
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Cast Your Vote: Research, Education and Science



Cast Your Vote: Great Lakes Water in Action



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