

June 15, 2015

Mr. David Ullrich
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Dear Mr. Ullrich:

The three combined GLAB subcommittees will submit the recommendations in time for sufficient review and approval at our next meeting of the whole. We believe the next meeting will be most efficient and constructive if other GLAB members have time to read the document and provide feedback on our recommendations prior to the meeting. To that end, we would ask that the full GLAB receive the document at least a week before the meeting and share any significant concerns with the subcommittees in writing at least a few days before the meeting begins so that the subcommittees have time to consider the feedback. This will ensure that the GLAB can fully discuss the document and decide at the meeting whether or not to forward the recommendations to the agencies.

As you will recall, those of us who participated on the original ad hoc Information Subcommittee have taken on many differing assignments over the past few GLAB meetings, often with little clear direction from the GLAB as a whole. These assignments are listed below:

- 1) The establishment of an Information Subcommittee which morphed into
- 2) The Information and Monitoring Subcommittee,
- 3) That was asked to prepare a “scope of work” for supporting information management (IMDS) and adaptive management,
- 4) Which then was asked to provide guidance on adaptive management in general,
- 5) Which was followed by addressing specific “Charge Questions,” and
- 6) Which finally was asked to combine several assignments into a “simple” document.

We members of the original Information Subcommittee sometimes have felt that these assignments were being crafted “on the fly.” Thus we would like to step back and ask the GLAB to clarify what need the subcommittee now is being asked to fill. We offer the following suggestions regarding how we could proceed.

- 1) We would like the larger GLAB to review, discuss, revise, and ultimately approve the recently completed subcommittee document – hopefully at the next meeting.
 - 2) We would like to submit the revised document to the larger group of federal agencies and seek input (and/or initiate a dialog) regarding the recommendations. The goal of this interaction is to craft an implementable Adaptive Management Action Plan.
 - 3) We are looking for open and transparent communication with the agencies as we assemble an Adaptive Management Action Plan for their input at the preliminary review step. We would like the opportunity to suggest/recommend/facilitate early agency input into the Adaptive Management Action Plan to assure that the program allows the agencies to work together to
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assemble and implement a meaningful adaptive management plan. Specifically, to assure an implementable Adaptive Management Action Plan, we would like the ability to interact directly with the agencies to clarify what the IATF and the individual agencies want from adaptive management.

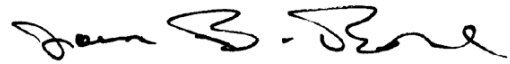
We would welcome a discussion with you and whomever you feel appropriate to help us understand how our efforts can best contribute to the restoration of the Great Lakes.

We thank you for considering our suggestions.

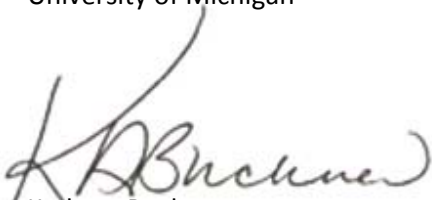
Sincerely,



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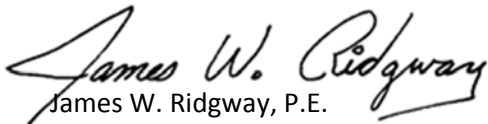
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