

## Canadian RAP Updates November to January 2013

### Highlights (please contact the RAP Coordinator for more information):

- A professionally-created video was produced by the Detroit River Canadian Cleanup initiative and the City of Windsor to educate the residents of Windsor about the journey of their wastewater. Using stunning graphics, the video highlights where the water goes, tips on what you should and shouldn't put down the drain, and how our wastewater gets treated before being released into the Detroit River. [View it here!](#)
- Work plans for the 2013-2014 fiscal year have been drafted by respective work groups and will be reviewed by the Steering & Implementation Committee on February 5.
- A Delisting Context Report (Delisting Strategy) is being drafted.
- Awaiting feedback on two BUI Assessment Reports on the *Tainting of Fish and Wildlife Flavour* (BUI#2) and *Degradation of Phytoplankton and Zooplankton* (BUI#13) from the Canada-Ontario Agreement Annex 1 Implementation Committee (COA-AIC)
- Comments received from the Four Agency Work Group are being considered for revising the *Beach Closings* report before finalization.
- The DRCC finalizing its informational brochure. Copies will be available in February.
- The federal Great Lakes Sustainability Fund request for proposals was sent out; applications are due January 25, 2013.
- Various outreach and education projects were completed (or are in progress with the PAC). Most of the items are available on our website.
  - DRCC brochure
  - Signage at a Native Plant Garden at the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research
  - Hosting the 4th Annual Film Screening event.
- Planning activities are underway for a joint US-Canada binational project to construct another Lake Sturgeon spawning reef project at Fighting Island. Partners include USGS, USFW, MNR, DFO, GLSF, University of Michigan, and University of Windsor, and others.
- When the recommendation to re-designate the *Tainting of Fish and Wildlife Flavour* BUI (#2) is officially approved, the DRCC and the U.S. PAC will work together to plan an official, binational re-designation celebration (Spring 2013).
- Planning underway for our Annual Detroit River Evening (June 2013)

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### Canadian PAC Updates

PAC continues to advocate for the protection and enhancement of the Windsor Airport Provincially-Significant wetlands.

PAC continues to advocate for the naturalization / restoration of ~15 ha of lands along the new Windsor-Essex Parkway (Hon. Herb Grey Parkway project).

PAC continues to lobby for Canadian lands to be added to the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge (through the recently signed Western Lake Erie Watersheds Priority Natural Areas).

## Status of BUIs for the Detroit River Canadian Area of Concern as of January 2013

Please note that there are a few BUIs that are currently listed as 'impaired' but are either being assessed by a Work Group or reviewed by the COA AIC and awaiting approval. See the footnote below the table for more information.

GLWQA #	BUI Name	Status
1	Restrictions on Fish and Wildlife Consumption	Impaired for fish
2	Tainting of Fish and Wildlife Flavour	Requires further assessment*
3	Degraded Fish and Wildlife Populations	Impaired
4	Fish Tumours and other Deformities	Impaired
5	Bird or Animal Deformities or Other Reproductive Problems	Impaired
6	Degradation of Benthos	Impaired
7	Restrictions on Dredging Activities	Impaired
8	Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae	Not Impaired
9	Restrictions on Drinking Water Consumption or Taste and Odour Problems	Not impaired
10	Beach Closings	Impaired**
11	Degradation of Aesthetics	Impaired†
12	Added Costs to Agriculture or Industry	Not impaired
13	Degradation of Phytoplankton and Zooplankton Populations	Requires further assessment‡
14	Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat	Impaired

\* Proposed re-designation in 2011; awaiting COA approval

\*\* Proposed re-designation in 2013; Four Agency comments being addressed in BUI assessment report

† Awaiting completion of assessment report

‡ Proposed re-designation in 2012; awaiting peer review comments before going to COA-AIC