



GLBA

Great Lakes *Beach Association*

*Working together to improve recreational beach water quality*

# Update and 2017 Annual Meeting

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# What is GLBA?

- Purpose: Working together to improve recreational beach water quality
- Mission:
  - Pursuit of healthy beach water conditions in the Great Lakes area
  - Develop and encourage collaboration and maximize resources to achieve our purpose
- About Us:
  - Made up of individuals from across US and Canada
  - Local, county, provincial, and state public health, regulators, coordinators, researchers and environmental groups are among those involved
  - **GLBA began in 2001 in response to the need for a forum to discuss beach issues and share ideas for achieving cleaner beaches.** The GLBA is an informal organization. There are no membership dues.
- Annual Meeting
- Members: >1100 members worldwide
  - People interested in beaches!
- Beachnet Listserve: <https://glc-lists.merit.edu/sympa/subscribe/beachnet>

# GLBA Annual Conference

- 2016 - Marquette, Michigan

- 2015 - Traverse City, Michigan

- 2014 - Toronto, Ontario

- 2013 - Sheboygan, Wisconsin

- 2012 - Mackinac Island, Michigan

- 2011 - Michigan City, Indiana

- 2010 - Preque Isle, Pennsylvania

- 2009 - Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- 2008 - Porter, Indiana

- 2007 - Grand Traverse, Michigan

- 2006 - Niagara Falls, New York

- 2005 - Green Bay, Wisconsin

- 2004 - Parma, Ohio

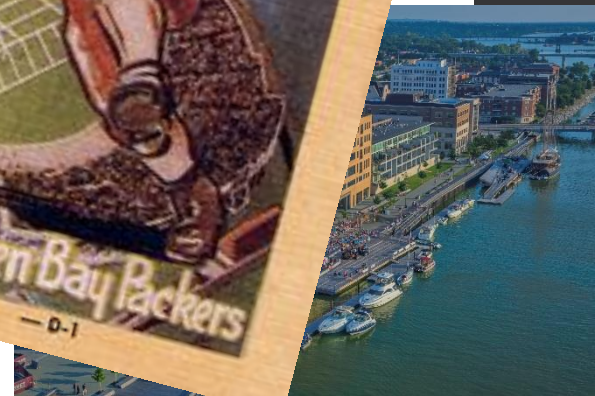
- 2003 - Muskegon, Michigan

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# Great Lakes Beach Association 17th Annual Conference



# Great Lakes Beach Association (GLBA) State of Lake Michigan (SOLM) International Association of Great Lakes Research (IAGLR)

**Register EARLY in  
case the Packers are in  
town!!**

Connecting research, management, education, and extension  
Nov. 6-9 2017, Green Bay, Wisconsin



IAGLR Presents the  
**2017 State of Lake Michigan Conference**  
November 6-9, 2017 | Green Bay, Wisconsin

IAGLR will host a series of State of Lake conferences starting with Lake Michigan in 2017. These events will blend elements from IAGLR's annual Conference on Great Lakes Research and the biennial State of Lake Michigan Conference organized under the Lake Michigan LAMP Forum for nearly two decades and held in conjunction with the Great Lakes Beach Association annual meeting.



**Goal:** These conferences aim to facilitate interactions between researchers and managers on diverse topics related to issues relevant for a specific lake. The State of Lake Michigan Conference does not replace IAGLR's annual Conference on Great Lakes Research, but rather seeks to bring together Lake Michigan-specific research, policy development, management, education, and nonprofit organizations to broaden the discussion and provide diverse interaction among stakeholders.

# Preliminary Agenda

- November 6-9, 2017 Green Bay, WI
  - Day 1 – Meetings/Workshops
    - Networking social
  - Day 2 – Plenary and concurrent sessions
    - Poster/Networking
  - Day 3 – Concurrent sessions and mobile workshops (tours)
    - Networking
  - Day 4 – Meetings/workshops (i.e. Wisconsin Beach Meeting)

# Expanding our Mission

- Being inclusive of all aspects of beach health
  - HABs, beach hazards, economics
- Targeting young professionals in various roles
  - i.e. local health departments, land and water conservation, academia
- Engaging more involvement with our Canadian partners
- Establishing objectives on a yearly basis for GLBA to work towards



# How does Wisconsin align with GLBA?

- WCBWG provides a communication forum between professionals, researchers, and funders involved in managing and improving Wisconsin's 200+ Great Lakes beaches.
  - Information Sharing
  - Coordination & Leveraging
  - Stakeholder Input
  - Research Guidance
  - Funding Connections
- Annual Meeting



See you in Green Bay!

