



Setting Ecological Endpoints and Restoration Targets

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The State of the Strait is a Canada-U.S. one-day conference held every two years that brings together government managers, researchers, students, environmental and conservation organizations, and concerned citizens to assess ecosystem status and provide advice to improve research, monitoring, and management. The theme for the 2013 conference is “Setting Ecological Endpoints and Restoration Targets”.

The 2006 State of the Strait Conference compiled available data on 50 candidate indicators for the Detroit River and western Lake Erie. This conference was very well received and recommended that greater emphasis should be placed on quantifying ecological endpoints and restoration targets. It has now been seven years since that meeting. The 2013 conference will focus on progress in setting ecological endpoints and restoration targets for the Detroit River and western Lake Erie. Talks will focus on candidate indicators that are data rich and have a sound scientific rationale for identifying quantitative targets and desired endpoints. Further, talks will focus on the quantitative targets and endpoints that are being used to guide management programs like the Detroit River Remedial Action Plan, the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, the Lake Erie Lakewide Management Plan, watershed management plans, and others. Each talk will also evaluate the current state of development of each proposed indicator against a set of criteria to assess its adequacy, utility, and relevance (e.g., scale/responsiveness, feasibility, standardized methods, responsiveness, etc.). The conference will conclude with a panel discussion of next steps from both a science and management perspective.

For more information about the State of the Strait conference, including registration and location, please visit www.stateofthestrait.org. Display space is available for conference sponsors and vendors.

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