

## *The Great Lakes*

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The Great Lakes are an important commercial and recreational resource for the people of Wisconsin and surrounding states. They also are the center of discussions about water supply, environmental protection, climate change, shipping, and Indian treaty rights. The following resources provide information on issues affecting the Great Lakes and its history.

**Advisor / Great Lakes Commission. 1999 to date. (Great/g) (library use only)** [www.glc.org/advisor](http://www.glc.org/advisor). The commission's general Web site has other resources. [www.glc.org](http://www.glc.org)

***Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region – Starting a Public Discussion: Summary Report / University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Program. 2008. (622.5/W7e)*** A summary of eight presentations held around Wisconsin in 2007.

***A Data Compilation and Assessment of Coastal Wetlands of Wisconsin's Great Lakes: Final Report / Bureau of Endangered Resources. 2002. (622.421/W7n)*** This final report contains important background information about the project but current data are on their Web site. [www.dnr.state.wi.us/wetlands/cw](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/wetlands/cw)

***Drilling in the Great Lakes: Background and Issues / U. S. Congressional Research Service. 2006. (CRS Report for Congress RL33455)***  
[www.ncseonline.org/NLE/CRSreports/06Jul/RL33455.pdf](http://www.ncseonline.org/NLE/CRSreports/06Jul/RL33455.pdf)

***Estimating Economic Benefits of Cleaning Up Contaminated Sediments in Great Lakes Areas of Concern / University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute. 2002. (623.3/W7r1)***

***“A Firm Hand on the Spigot: A Compact of Great Lakes States and Provinces Aims to Protect This Liquid Treasure from a Thirsty World” / Lisa Gaumnitz and Shaili Pfeiffer, Wisconsin Natural Resources, June 2007, p.9-13. (NatR/w/pt.11) (library use only)*** [www.wnrmag.com/stories/2007/jun07/compact.htm](http://www.wnrmag.com/stories/2007/jun07/compact.htm)

***Great Lakes Compact Law (2007 Wisconsin Act 227) : Executive Summary of the Act / Wisconsin Legislative Council. 2008. (Information memorandum 08-3) (622.2/W7c7)*** This is one information memorandum in a series explaining different aspects of Act 227. [www.legis.wi.gov/lc/publications/bysubject.asp](http://www.legis.wi.gov/lc/publications/bysubject.asp) Select “publications by subject” and the subject “Environment and Natural Resources.”

***Great Lakes Initiative – EPA and States Have Made Progress, But Much Remains to Be Done if Water Quality Goals Are to Be Achieved: Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, Committee on Transportation and***

***Infrastructure, House of Representatives, Statement of David Maurer / U.S. Government Accountability Office. 2008. (GAO-08-312T) (622.25/X11)***  
[www.gao.gov/new.items/d08312t.pdf](http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d08312t.pdf)

***Great Lakes Legacy and Great Lakes Connections: In Wisconsin Specials / Wisconsin Public Television. 2007. Two programs on 1 DVD. (ECB/g) (library use only)***

***Great Lakes Restoration Project – A Progress Report to Congress by The Great Lakes States: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin / Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. 2003. (333.15/W7b4)***  
[www.doa.state.wi.us/dir/documents/2003%20Great%20Lakes%20Restoration%20Book.pdf](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dir/documents/2003%20Great%20Lakes%20Restoration%20Book.pdf)

***The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact: Resource Kit / Council of Great Lakes Governors. [2006?]. (622.25/C83b)*** Includes background of the agreement, frequently asked questions, text of the compact, and other laws and agreements. [www.cglg.org/index.asp](http://www.cglg.org/index.asp)

***The Great Lakes Sewage Report Card: A Sierra Legal Report / Sierra Legal Defense Fund. 2006. (623.4/Si1)*** Sierra Legal Defense Fund, now called Ecojustice. [www.ecojustice.ca/publications/reports/the-great-lakes-sewage-report-card/attachment](http://www.ecojustice.ca/publications/reports/the-great-lakes-sewage-report-card/attachment)

***The Great Lakes Water Wars / Peter Anin. 2006. (622.25/An7)*** The author also maintains a Web site with links to water resources news: [www.greatlakeswaterwars.com](http://www.greatlakeswaterwars.com)

***Healthy Waters, Strong Economy: The Benefits of Restoring the Great Lakes Ecosystem / Brookings Institute. 2007. (622.25/B79)*** [www.healthylakes.org/site\\_upload/upload/GrtLakesCostBenefit.pdf](http://www.healthylakes.org/site_upload/upload/GrtLakesCostBenefit.pdf)

***National Parks of the Great Lakes: Resources Assessments of Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Isle Royale National Park, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore / National Lakeshore Conservation Association. 2007. (336.48/N21)*** [www.npca.org/stateoftheparks/great\\_lakes/greatlakes-072907.pdf](http://www.npca.org/stateoftheparks/great_lakes/greatlakes-072907.pdf)

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**“The Politics of Water” / Barbara Miner, *Milwaukee Magazine*, March 1, 2008.** “Cities such as Waukesha and New Berlin want Great Lakes water. Meanwhile the lakes have hit historic lows. Could we dry up the nation’s greatest fresh water resource?” (from introduction) [www.milwaukee.com/current/Issue/full\\_feature\\_story.asp?NewMessageID=18935](http://www.milwaukee.com/current/Issue/full_feature_story.asp?NewMessageID=18935)

***Preparing For a Changing Climate: The Potential Consequences of Climate Variability and Change; Great Lakes, a Summary by the Great Lakes Regional Assessment Group for the U.S. Global Change Research Program / University of Michigan, Great Lakes Regional Assessment Group. 2000. (622.5/M5a)*** [www.geo.msu.edu/glra/assessment/assessment.html](http://www.geo.msu.edu/glra/assessment/assessment.html)

***Realizing the Promise of the Great Lakes Compact: A Policy Guide for State Implementation / Midwest Environmental Advocates. 2006. (622.25/M58)*** Recommendations from the Midwest Environmental Advocates, “a not-for-profit environmental law center in Wisconsin” (from Web site). [www.midwestadvocates.org/media/publications/Realizing%20the%20Promise%20of%20the%20Great%20Lakes%20Compact.pdf](http://www.midwestadvocates.org/media/publications/Realizing%20the%20Promise%20of%20the%20Great%20Lakes%20Compact.pdf)

***Treaty Rights / Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission. 2006. (353.25/G791a)*** A guide to treaty rights of Ojibwe tribes of the Great Lakes region including details of treaty history, treaty rights on and off the reservation, and formation of the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission in 1984. [www.glifwc.org/publications/TreatyRights.pdf](http://www.glifwc.org/publications/TreatyRights.pdf)

***Wisconsin’s Cross-Planked Mosquito Fleet: Underwater Archaeological Investigations of the Scow Schooners Iris, Ocean Wave, and Tennie and Laura / Wisconsin Historical Society (State Archaeology and Maritime Preservation Program). 2005. (HistS/w) (library use only)*** “Scow schooners were vital to many Lake Michigan communities connecting them with regional markets through the lakeshoring trade.” (p. 8)

***Wisconsin Great Lakes Chronicle / Wisconsin Coastal Management Program. 2007. (333.15/W7b5)*** “The Chronicle is an annual publication highlighting current coastal management issues and initiatives in Wisconsin.” (from Web site) 2002 to current available for library use only (Admin/API/Coast/w) [www.doa.state.wi.us/category.asp?linkcatid=650&likid=65&locid=9](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/category.asp?linkcatid=650&likid=65&locid=9)

### Related Web Sites

**Council of Great Lakes Governors:** [www.cglg.org](http://www.cglg.org)

**Environmental Protection Agency**

- **Great Lakes:** [www.epa.gov/greatlakes](http://www.epa.gov/greatlakes) General site of the EPA with information on the Great Lakes and links to specific programs

- **Great Lakes Legacy Act:** [www.epa.gov/glnpo/sediment/legacy/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/sediment/legacy/index.html)
- **Great Lakes National Program Office:** [epa.gov/greatlakes/about.html](http://epa.gov/greatlakes/about.html)

**Freshwater Ecoregions of the World:** [www.feow.org](http://www.feow.org)  
Click on different parts of the map to read a description of fish, habitats, climate, and other information about the area.

**Great Lakes Economic Initiative from the Brookings Institute:** [www.brookings.edu/projects/great-lakes/GLEI-about.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/projects/great-lakes/GLEI-about.aspx)

**Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission:** [www.glifwc.org](http://www.glifwc.org)

**Great Lakes Information Network:** [www.great-lakes.net](http://www.great-lakes.net)

**Great Lakes Intertribal Council:** [www.glitc.org](http://www.glitc.org)

**Great Lakes Maritime History Project:** <http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/WI/subcollections/GreatLakesAbout.html>

**Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway System:** [www.greatlakes-seaway.com](http://www.greatlakes-seaway.com)

**Lake Carriers’ Association:** [www.lcaships.com](http://www.lcaships.com)

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory:** [www.glerl.noaa.gov](http://www.glerl.noaa.gov)

**Wisconsin Coastal Management Program:** [www.doa.state.wi.us/section.asp?linkid=65&locid=9](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/section.asp?linkid=65&locid=9)

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Office of the Great Lakes:** [www.dnr.wi.gov/org/water/greatlakes](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/water/greatlakes)

**Wisconsin Sea Grant:** [www.seagrant.wisc.edu](http://www.seagrant.wisc.edu) Wisconsin Sea Grant is a statewide program of research, education, and outreach and technology transfer.

**Wisconsin’s Great Lakes Shipwrecks:** [www.wisconsinshipwrecks.org](http://www.wisconsinshipwrecks.org)

**Wisconsin’s Water Library:** [www.aqua.wisc.edu/waterlibrary](http://www.aqua.wisc.edu/waterlibrary)  
An outreach project between Wisconsin Sea Grant and the University of Wisconsin Water Resources Library providing books, journal articles, and electronic resources to any resident of Wisconsin.

**Clippings:** Available for use in the library only.

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- Coastal/Shoreland Zoning and Management: 333.15/Z
- Lakes; Great Lakes; Great Lakes Commission: 622.25/Z

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- Diversion of Great Lakes Water Into Chicago Sanitary District Canal: 380.311/C43z
- Great Lakes/St. Lawrence Water Project: 622.241/Z