

State of Lake Michigan Meeting Program

Wednesday, November 4, 2026:

Plenary – 10:00am to 12:00pm

Concurrent Sessions – 1:00pm to 5:35pm Central

Aquatic Invasive Species in Lake Michigan: New Approaches for Management

Coastal Resilience Monitoring in the Great Lakes

Contaminants of Emerging Concern in the Lake Michigan Watershed

Habitat Heterogeneity in Lake Michigan: Implications for Food Webs, Fish, and Fisheries

Remediation, Restoration, and Revitalization at Great Lakes Areas of Concern

Poster Session and Networking – 5:45pm to 7:15pm Central

- Includes research posters and representatives from federal agencies that will be available to share information about their work in the Great Lakes.

Thursday, November 5, 2026

Concurrent Sessions – 8:00am to 5:30pm Central

Advancing Coastal Resilience in Lake Michigan: From Science to Practice

AI-Enabled Decision Support for Watershed Management and Conservation in the Lake Michigan Basin

Collaborating Across Research, Management, Outreach, and Education – Success in Partnership

Resilience: Exploring Multi-Scale Communities of Practice, Networks, and Collaborations in Lake Michigan Cooperative Science and Monitoring (CSMI) Efforts in Lake Michigan

Environmental Sensing

Habitat Heterogeneity in Lake Michigan: Implications for Food Webs, Fish, and Fisheries

Illinois Coastal Monitoring: Partnering for Success

Safer Shores, Stronger Partnerships: Advancing Water Safety on Lake Michigan

Science to Support Restoration of Instream and Nearshore Habitats

Friday, November 6, 2026

Field Trips – 9:00am to 12:30pm Central

From Inland Waters to Lake Michigan Shores: A Watershed Eco-Tour

Sands To Surf: A Guided Hike From Mount Baldy to the Shores of Lake Michigan

Resilient Illinois and Indiana Shorelines (RIIS) Network Meeting and Field Trip at Indiana Dunes State Park

Scanning the Shoreline: Fall Birding on Lake Michigan