The Coastal Advisory Board provides a public forum for diverse stakeholders to assist with the implementation of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP) is seeking nominations for Coastal Advisory Board (CAB) Members. Current members are eligible for reappointment if they haven’t already served two consecutive terms, are renominated, and have shown regular attendance during past terms served. Appointments are for two (2) years. The current two-year term will run July 2021 – April 2023.

Nominations are due by Monday, May 31st, 2021. All nominees will be contacted in June regarding their appointment status.

Nomination Process:
Submit nomination to jeorsburn@dnr.in.gov that includes the following:
1. Name of stakeholder group for nomination (see list below)
2. Name of nominating organization and person
3. Contact information for nominating organization/person
4. Name of Nominee
5. Contact Information for Nominee
6. Brief paragraph describing why Nominee was selected to represent the stakeholder group

Membership
Voting Members of the Coastal Advisory Board are selected by the Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Nominations will be solicited every two (2) years for voting Board positions.

Voting Stakeholder Membership includes:
- Citizen member
- Youth Leadership Organizations – participant
- Lake County, City, Town Elected Official or Staff
- Porter County, City, Town Elected Official or Staff
- LaPorte County, City, Town Elected Official or Staff
- Tourism Agency – Staff or Board member
- Environmental Advocacy Organization – Staff or Board member
- Local Parks and Recreation – Staff or Board member
- Land Trust Organization – Staff or Board member
Membership Responsibilities:
The Coastal Advisory Board (CAB) performs several roles including:

- **Stakeholder Representation:**
  CAB members will provide a diverse perspective on coastal issues and serve as a close connection between the LMCP and local communities and citizens

- **Priority Setting:**
  CAB members will assist the LMCP in setting priorities for the Coastal Grants Program through Board meetings, public meetings, and by recommending grant program guidance and project evaluation criteria updates. CAB members will also provide input on applications to the Coastal Grants Program.

- **Public Involvement:**
  The CAB provides the public forum for input on the Coastal Grants Program, Program activities, and coastal issues.

**Board Structure:**
All Board members must either work or reside within the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Area. The positions of Chair and Vice-chair are nominated and elected from the Board membership. Officers serve a one-year term and are limited to no more than two terms per position. Board meetings are held quarterly. An orientation meeting will be held in June.

Coastal Advisory Board members represent specific stakeholder groups. As a stakeholder representative, it is expected that members will bring to the CAB and LMCP coastal related comments, input and issues affecting their stakeholder group. It is also expected that they communicate to the stakeholders they represent information regarding coastal related issues.

**If you have any questions regarding the CAB, please contact:**
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