

CAWS STEERING COMMITTEE  
CONFERENCE CALL  
MEETING NOTES AND ACTION ITEMS  
October 20, 2020 AT 8:30 A.M.

Call Participants: Anna-Lisa Castle, Matt Doss, Lisa Frede, Robert Hirschfeld, Kay Nelson, John Quail, Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, and Candice Eklund.

Discussion Items:

- Kathy Luther announced the 13 organizations that agreed to be signatories on the GLRMIS letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers. The organizations are listed below:
  - Alliance for the Great Lakes
  - Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
  - Friends of the Chicago River
  - Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative
  - Great Lakes Fishery Commission
  - Jack Darin, Director, Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter
  - Metropolitan Planning Council
  - Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association
  - National Wildlife Federation
  - Northwest Indiana Forum
  - Prairie Rivers Network
  - Save the Dunes
  - Shedd Aquarium
- The letter to the USACE will be sent via email and mailed through the postal service to each of the recipients. Kathy will contact Felicia Kirksey for the recipient's direct email addresses.
- Kathy Luther contacted Loren Wobig and John Rogner for updates from the IDNR. The status of the PED agreement has not changed since their report at the webinar on August 21, 2020, discussions with the state of Michigan's funding have resumed, and the spending request will occur after the PED agreement is signed.
- Kathy raised the question of whether to host a virtual meeting with the CAWS Advisory Committee in the fall or early 2021. The group agreed there was no value in holding another virtual meeting until there were answers to their ongoing questions. Lisa Frede noted the Technical and Policy Committee would not meet again in 2020. It was agreed the next meeting would not be held until early 2021.

Action Items:

- Per John Quail's suggestion, Candice Eklund will add the Friends of the Chicago River organization as a signatory on the letter to the USACE.
- Candice Eklund will mail the letter to the USACE on October 20, 2020.
- Kathy Luther will contact Felicia Kirksey to obtain the email addresses of the recipients on the letter.
- There will not be a virtual meeting with the CAWS Advisory Committee until 2021.
- The next meeting with the Steering Committee will be held on November 17 at 8:30 a.m. CST.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.