



**Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



**Resolution 24-03: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO
ESTABLISH A CANADIAN VERSION OF THE GREAT LAKES
RESTORATION INITIATIVE AS PART OF CANADA’S WORK
TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL FRESHWATER ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors applauds the March 2023 announcement of \$420 million over ten years to accelerate the restoration and protection of the Great Lakes, as part of Canada’s announcement of \$650 million in the Freshwater Action Plan to protect and restore freshwater bodies of national significance;

WHEREAS, the Canadian government has a public commitment to dedicate additional fiscal resources and policy focus over the next ten years to Great Lakes and freshwater protections;

WHEREAS, Great Lakes priorities under Canada’s Freshwater Action Plan are intended to support the delivery of Canada’s commitments under the Canada–United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement and the Canada–Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health;

WHEREAS, the Government of Canada is currently engaged in determining ways in which to best spend the allocated resources on Great Lakes priorities;

WHEREAS, the Canadian government has expressed a desire to create a broader Great Lakes Restoration Initiative-style program in Canada as part of the National Freshwater Action Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors call upon the Government of Canada to work with stakeholders such as the GLFC to ensure that a cohesive and comprehensive strategy for the creation of a GLRI-style program be established as part of the National Freshwater Action Plan; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the U.S. and Canadian Committees of Advisors urge the Government of Canada to find any additional resources needed to ensure the newly established GLRI-style program and the National Freshwater Action Plan be adequately equipped to fully address the identified needs of the Great Lakes protection and restoration goals identified.

Passed unanimously
U.S. and Canadian Committee of Advisors
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