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Great Lakes National Program Office Role in Developing a Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS)

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Integrated Ocean Observing System

- Global Ocean Observing System
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - World Meteorological Organization
 - United Nations Environment Program
 - International Council for Science
- U.S. GOOS
- Integrated Ocean Observing System
- Great Lakes Component

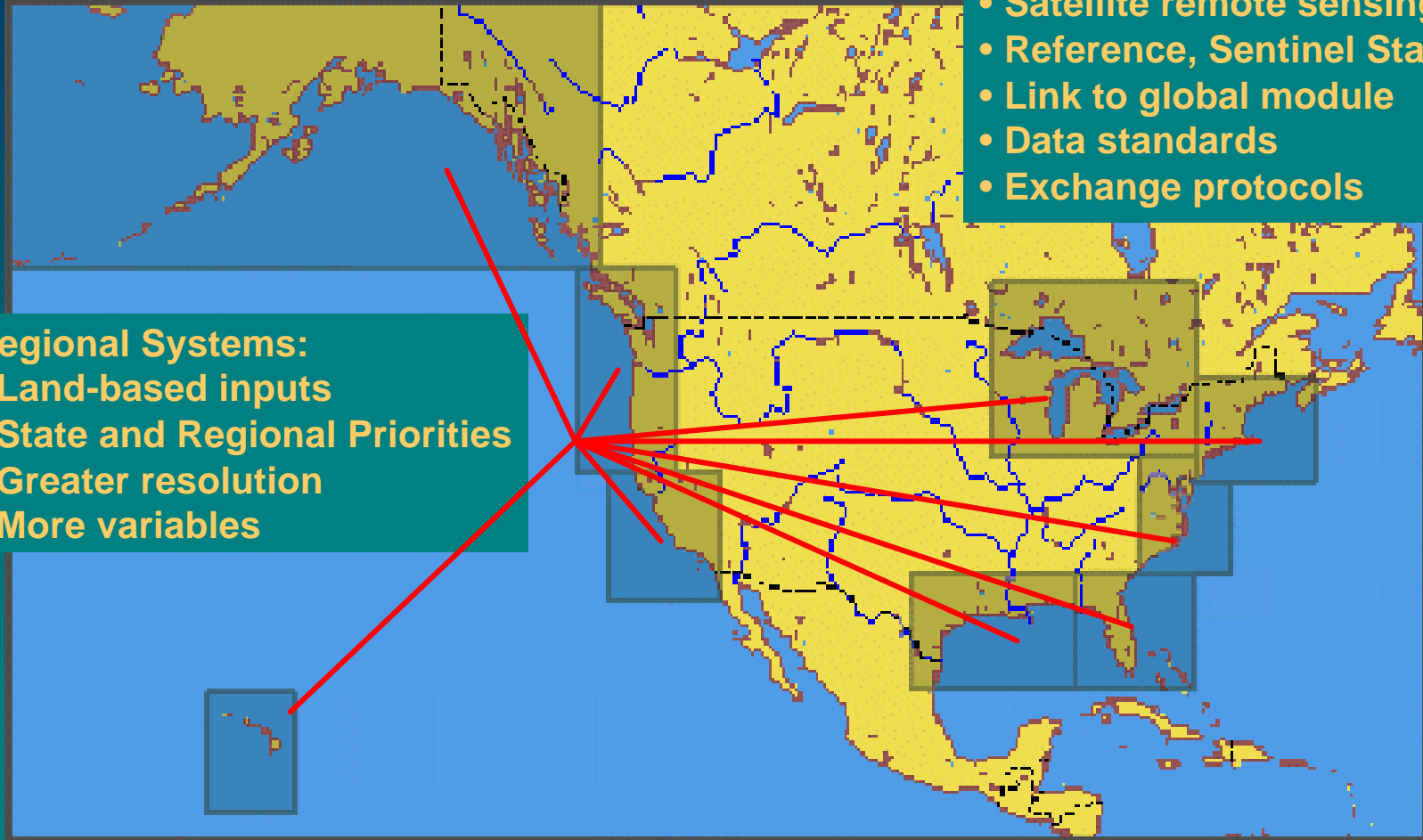
National Federation of Regional Systems

National System:

- Satellite remote sensing
- Reference, Sentinel Stations
- Link to global module
- Data standards
- Exchange protocols

Regional Systems:

- Land-based inputs
- State and Regional Priorities
- Greater resolution
- More variables



Integrated Ocean Observing System

Observations will be needed to produce products and services required by a broad community of users for:

- **Detecting and predicting open water components of climate variability**
- **Facilitating safe and efficient marine operations**
- **Ensuring national security**
- **Managing resources for sustainable use**
- **Preserving and restoring healthy ecosystems**
- **Mitigating natural hazards**
- **Ensuring public health**

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- Global component (climate, marine services, security and defense) will be federally funded
- Regional enhancements will be locally driven
- Products and services will be developed by a wide range of entities

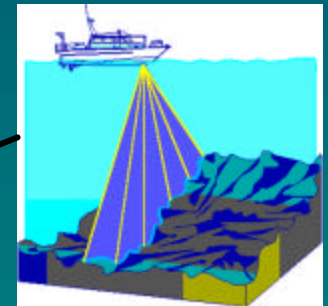
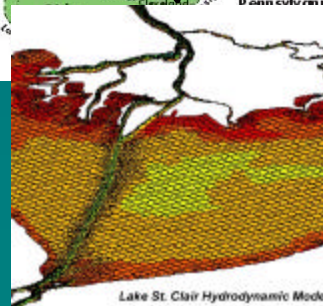
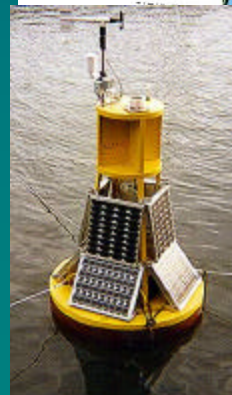
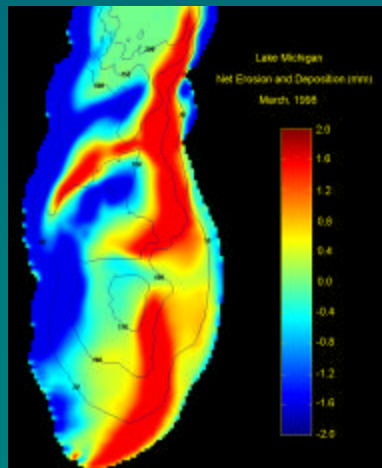
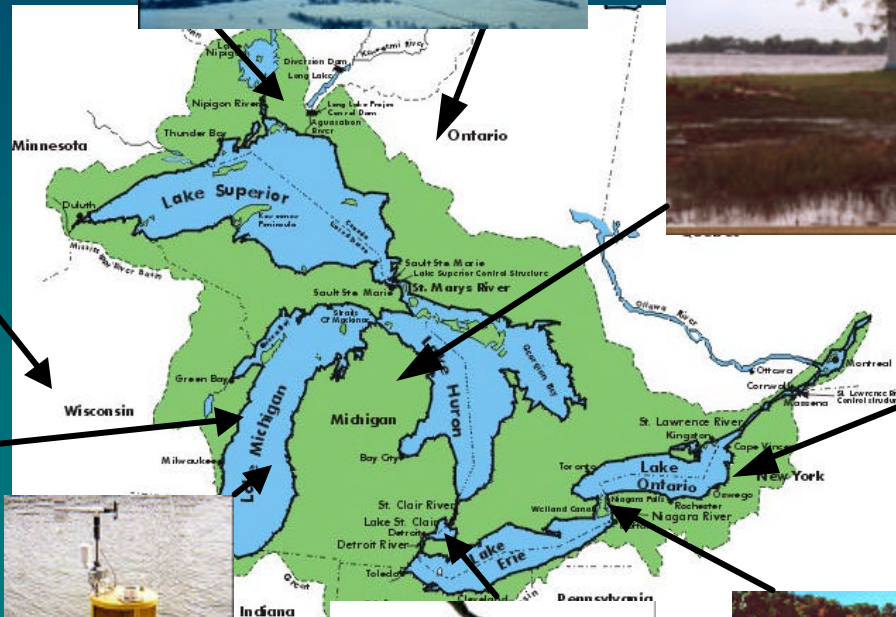


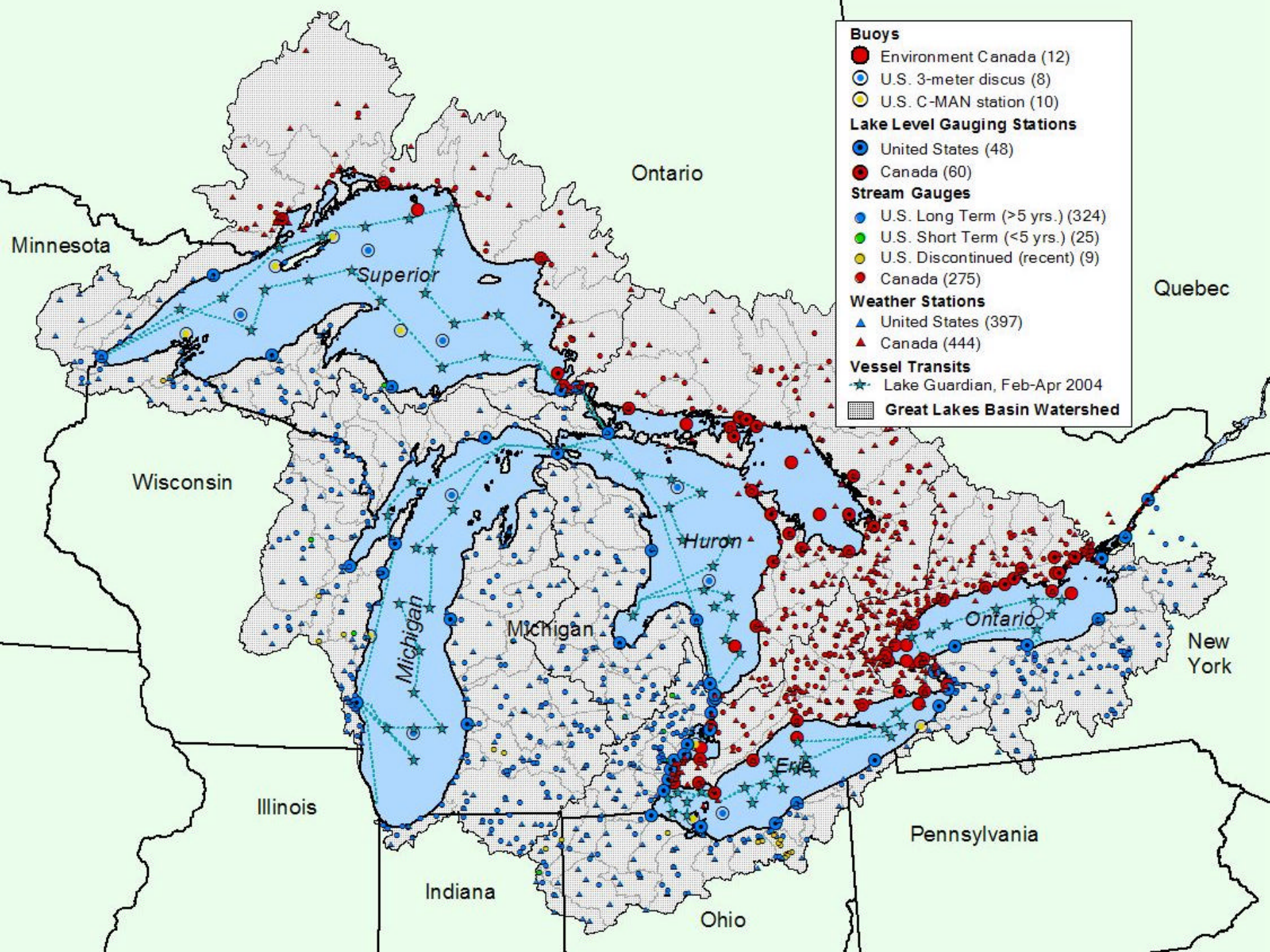
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Data Components

- Buoy systems
- Coastal and riverine sensors
- Satellite observations
- Field measurements
- Ship observations
- Aerial observations

Meteorologic, Hydrologic, Hydraulic, Chemical and Biological Data





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User Community

Provide input on data and product needs

- Commercial Shipping Industry
- Commercial and Sports Fishing
- Recreational Boaters
- Emergency Responders
- National Security
- Restoration Management
- Coastal Research
- Other Affected Interest Groups

Great Lakes Observing System

The system will focus on:

- Coordination of data collection between U.S. and Canada
- Integration of large, distributed data holdings
- Interoperable data archives
- Easy data discovery, evaluation and access
- Development of improved products
- Interface to national information backbone
- Improved public access to information



Business Plan Development for the Great Lakes Observing System

Objective:

Develop the organizational infrastructure for a Regional Observing System node to coordinate data collection, modeling and product development for the Great Lakes, their Connecting Channels and the St. Lawrence River



Time-Line:

One year - began in October 2003

Business Plan Development for the Great Lakes Observing System

The Business Plan will focus on:

- Governance for the regional association
- Coordination of binational programs
- Coordination of large, distributed data holdings
- Integrated archival systems
- Easy data discovery, evaluation and access
- Standardization of value-added products
- Integration of agency web pages
- Interface to NOAA-DMAC
- Improved public access to information



Business Plan Development for the Great Lakes Observing System

Project Steering Committee Members:

- International Joint Commission (CGLRM)
- Federal (NOAA, USCG, FWS, EPA, USACE, Sea Grant)
- Canadian (EC, DFO-MEDS)
- Academic (Wisconsin, Ohio State, Minnesota – Duluth)
- NGOs (GLC)
- Consultants

Business Plan Development for the Great Lakes Observing System

Anticipated Regional Associates

Provide data, system component management, long-term system support

- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- U.S. Coast Guard
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Homeland Security
- U.S. Geological Survey
- St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
- St. Lawrence Seaway Authority
- Environment Canada
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Canadian Coast Guard
- States and Provinces
- Sea Grant Institutions
- Academia



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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Business Plan Development for the Great Lakes Observing System

Major Tasks – Year One

- **Convene Project Steering Committee**
- **Identify Regional Associates and User Community**
- **Develop and Update GLOS Web Page**
- **Draft GLOS Business Plan**
- **Conduct GLOS Conference**
- **Finalize GLOS Business Plan**

Building a Great Lakes Observing System

Proposed Major Tasks – Year Two

- **Develop MOUs for Regional Associate commitments**
- **Implement data synthesis demonstration**
- **Implementation planning**
- **Advance communications**
- **Address sustainability issues**

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Questions for You !!!!

1. *Where do you think that we should put specific focus on in the business plan?*
2. *What information content should we insure is incorporated?*
3. *What benefits would GLASS like us to stress?*