

# Journal of Great Lakes Research

## *Special Section Proposal Form*

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### **Submitting a proposal:**

To submit a proposal for a special section, please fill in the following fields and send a completed form to Drs. Bob Hecky and Stephanie Guildford at [editor@iaglr.org](mailto:editor@iaglr.org), along with a spreadsheet of expected submissions (titles/topics, expected first author, and suggested Guest Editor who would handle the submission).

## **Special section description**

**List of proposed Guest Editors** [include name and email address; aim for 3-4 depending on number of expected submissions]

**Submission window timeframe** [We strive for a three-month submission window, with an aim to have the peer review and revision process take six months beyond that. However, we understand that timeframes may change and extensions are available]

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