



## CALL FOR PAPERS

*Journal of Great Lakes Research* special section titled “Great Lakes Connecting Waters”

Open for Submission

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## Topic and description

### **Great Lakes Connecting Waters**

This special section will highlight interjurisdictional and multidisciplinary approaches to research and management of natural resources in Great Lakes connecting waters (i.e., St. Marys River, Straits of Mackinac, St. Clair-Detroit River System, Niagara River, and St. Lawrence River). Historically, these systems possessed pristine water quality and resources that supported Indigenous Nations communities and offered numerous archipelagoes, reefs, embayments, wetlands, and tributaries that provided vast amounts of functional habitat for fish and wildlife. The riparian lands adjacent to these channels were desirable to European settlers who required water for transportation and industry. Over time, this led to degraded water quality and habitat due to development, urbanization, industry and associated pollutants, barriers and flow regulation, and channel modification. Healthy relationships with resources in connecting waters involves interjurisdictional cooperation and collaboration. This special section will contain papers presented at the 2024 IAGLR Conference on Great Lakes Research in the “Water Quality, Ecosystem Services, and Beneficial Uses of Great Lakes Connecting Waters” session and other relevant submitted papers from the Great Lakes connecting waters to provide the scientific community with updates on status and concerns of water quality, contaminants, foodwebs, fish populations, habitats, as well as socio-economic, physical, and biological assessment manuscripts. This special section will highlight the research and management activities related to restoration successes and provide suggestions for continued recovery efforts.

## Article types

- Full length articles represent original research results.
- Reviews are in depth reviews of a particular topic or field.
- Short communications are short articles that report on brief but complete projects, significant observations, or are preliminary findings of continuing projects that warrant rapid publication.
- Comments, in the form of letters or essays, are informational or opinion papers relevant to large lakes research, or reflections on previously published papers. For commentaries on published papers, the original author will be allowed to reply. Review of commentaries will be at the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief.

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