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The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation is a registered non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to the conservation and wise stewardship of Lake Huron's coastal ecosystems. Our environmental priorities include water quality, biodiversity, coastal processes and climate change.

Our mission is to provide leadership and expertise, in collaboration with partners, to achieve a healthy coastal ecosystem.



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The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation

Is the Coast Clear?

A One-day Conference on Lake Huron's Coastal Environment

Friday, May 18, 2012

CAW Conference Centre

Port Elgin, Ontario

Registration begins at 8:00 am

Program from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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“Is the Coast Clear?”

“Is the Coast Clear?” is a one-day conference, held biennially, to bring those people together who are interested in learning more about the state of our lake's coastal environment. With past conferences held in Goderich, Port Franks, Grand Bend and this year in Port Elgin, the Coastal Centre's goal is to take this event to different communities along Lake Huron to make important information about the coastal environment accessible to as many as possible. This year's conference will be of interest to cottagers, farmers, municipal staff and Councilors, public agencies, industry, environmental NGO's and anyone else interested in the future of Lake Huron's environment.

The Lake Huron coast has been showing signs of stress. Beach postings warning of risks to swimmers, algae fouling of beaches, invasive species, loss of habitat and degradation of important coastal ecosystems are some of the indications that we might be heading down a path that may be difficult, and expensive, to pull back from. Intensive farming, intensive cottage development and increased demands on coastal resources have been some of the changes to the Lake Huron watershed over the past twenty years.

Taking preventative actions now can help to avoid a further downward trend in environmental quality. This requires an informed coastal community to come together to plan and execute actions toward coastal conservation. This conference is intended to bring people and ideas together to build on this process.



Beaches of the community of Southampton, Saugeen Shores

Conference Theme:

“Stormy Weather”

Keeping up with a Changing Environment

9:00 am Opening (Assembly Hall)

Keynote Address

The Goderich Tornado Extreme Events on Lake Huron



Geoff Coulson
Extreme Weather
Meteorologist
Environment Canada

And



Deb Shewfelt
Mayor of Goderich

10:50 am Break

Snacks and Refreshments in the exhibit reception area

11:20 am Concurrent Session 1

Session Talk 1 Changing Climate

Adapting to Changing Climate:
Challenges with Stormwater Runoff

Dr. Brian Luinstra
Huron Geosciences

Session Talk 2 Emerging Issues

Plastisized beaches: Could this be the effect of plastics pollution along the Great Lakes?

Dr. Patricia Corcoran
Western University

Session Talk 3 Aquatic Health

Lake ecology: The Status of Fisheries in Lake Huron

Arunas Liskauskas
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

12:00 pm Lunch (Assembly Hall)

1:00 pm Concurrent Session 2

Session Talk 1 Biodiversity

Declining Habitat and Lake Huron's Species at Risk

Suzanne Robinson
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

Session Talk 2 Invasive Species

‘Alien Invasion!': The Growing Problem of the Common Reed

Karen Alexander
The Coastal Centre

Session Talk 3 Beach Stewardship Shoreline Litter & the Impact on our Waterways : What can we do?

Susan Debreceeni
Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

1:40 pm Break

2:10 pm Concurrent Session 3

Session Talk 1 Beach Quality

Deteriorating Beaches: Are People or is Nature to Blame?

Dr. Allan Crowe
Environment Canada

Session Talk 2 Water Levels

International Upper Great Lakes Study:
Findings and Recommendations

Dr. Syed Moin
Canadian Co-Manager
International Upper Great Lakes Study

2:50 pm Break

3:10 to 3:30 pm Plenary Session
(Assembly Hall)

Wrap-up: What have we learned?
Where do we need to go?
Matt Pearson, Chair, The Coastal Centre

Exhibit Space Available. For information contact the Coastal Centre.

Conference Registration

Sign up for:	Pre-Registered	At the Door
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$40.	\$50.
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$25.	\$30.
Total:		_____

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Cheque (enclosed)
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Registration includes:

- Registration package
- Lunch and refreshments



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