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Greetings,

I would like to take this opportunity to share Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy with you. The Strategy focuses on engaging and empowering actions by all partners on Great Lakes – from provincial ministries to local service clubs – and on restoring Great Lakes water, beaches and coastal areas. It aims to conserve biodiversity and deal with invasive species. The Strategy supports science to guide our Great Lakes work and addresses the need for climate change adaptation.

The Strategy discusses what we have done to protect the Great Lakes in the past, what we are doing now and our actions for the future.

For information on the Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy, please visit the Ministry of the Environment's website at: [www.ontario.ca/environment](http://www.ontario.ca/environment), and the Environmental Bill of Rights website at: [www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca) (registry # 011-6418).

The Strategy builds on engagement with the Great Lakes community, including First Nations and Métis communities and Great Lakes stakeholders, and on the feedback received since the release of Ontario's Draft Great Lakes Strategy in June 2012, and on the 2009 discussion paper Healthy Great Lakes, Strong Ontario.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and commitment to protecting the Great Lakes. I invite you to review Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure the Great Lakes are drinkable, swimmable and fishable.

Sincerely,

Jim Bradley  
Minister