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MICHIGAN PORT COLLABORATIVE

SPRING 2010 SUMMIT

AGENDA

THURSDAY - MAY 20, 2010

- 9:00 - 10:00 am **Registration**
- 10:00 - 10:15 am **Welcome and Opening Address**
- *John Kerr, Michigan Port Collaborative, Chairman*
 - *Carol Linteau, Michigan Port Collaborative, Coordinator*
- 10:15 - 11:00 am **Introduction to the Muskegon Port and Region**
- *Bonnie Hammersley, Muskegon County*
 - *Cindy Larsen, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce*
 - *Roger Andersen, Muskegon*
 - *Karen Benson, Muskegon Area First*
- 11:00 - 11:30 am **Federal Resources and Legislative Issues for Michigan Ports**
- *Gabe Schneider, Office of US Senator Carl Levin*
 - *Brandon Fewins, Office of US Senator Debbie Stabenow*
- 11:30 - 1:00 pm **Luncheon, Keynote Address and Key Great Lakes Issues**
- *Keynote Address: John D. Cherry, Lieutenant Governor (Invited)*
 - *Great Lakes Offshore Wind and Alternative Energy Proposals: Arnold Boezaart, Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center*
 - *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Ken DeBeaussaert, Office of the Great Lakes*
 - *Moderator: Joy Gaasch, Grand Haven Area Chamber of Commerce*
- 1:00 - 1:30 pm **Case Study: Marquette Port Asset and Needs Inventory**
- *Fred Stonehouse, Marquette City Commission*
 - *Marci Cisneros, Grand Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau*
- 1:45 - 5:00 pm **Guided Tour of the Muskegon Port (3 hours)**
- Muskegon officials will lead this informative bus and walking tour of the cargo, commercial, ferry, recreational, and environmental restoration sites in Muskegon Port.*
- Pre-registration required**
- OR**
- 1:45 - 4:00 pm **College Programs and Partnerships to Create Port-Related Jobs (Diplomat Room)**
- *Dr. Hans Van Sumeren, Northwestern Michigan College*
 - *Dr. Dale Nesbary, Muskegon Community College*
 - *Arnold Boezaart, Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center*
 - *Julie Parks, Grand Rapids Community College*
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm **Guided Walking Tour of Muskegon's Historic District**
- Pre-registration required**
- *Docent Jackie Huss, Lakeshore Museum Center*

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5:30 - 9:00 pm

Concurrent Dinner Excursions (Attend One)

Cruise the Historic Muskegon Port Aboard the "Port City Princess"

Guided tour of port points of interest - Dinner, Cash Bar.

\$20.00 cost - Pre-registration required

Visit Muskegon's Great Lakes Naval Memorial and Museum

Guided tour (1 hour). Dinner, Cash Bar - Dockers Fish House & Lounge.

\$20.00 cost - Pre-registration required

FRIDAY - MAY 21, 2010

7:30 - 9:00 am

Breakfast and Keynote Address

Ken Szallai, President, Lake Express, "Linking Ports and Prosperity"

Hosted by Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce

9:15 - 10:15 am

Concurrent Workshops (Attend One)

Creative Development: Local Port Authorities and Beyond (Diplomat Room)

- *John Kerr, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority*
- *Cindy Larsen, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce*
- *John Gruchot, St. Joseph Harbor Authority*

Cargo Ports: Setting Priorities (Ambassador Room)

- *Pat Sutka, Nicholson Terminal and Dock*
- *Beach Hall, Rogers City*

Commercial and Ferry Ports: Setting Priorities (Trustee Room)

- *Felicia Fairchild, Saugatuck/Douglas Convention and Visitors Bureau*
- *John Shay, Ludington*
- *Don Gilmet, Alpena*

Recreational Ports: Setting Priorities (Atrium-Restaurant)

- *Dennis Blue, Portage Lake Harbor Commission*
- *Chuck May, Small Harbors Coalition*
- *Melinda Remer, Travel Michigan*
- *Van Snider, Michigan Boating Industries Association*

Coastal and Inland Partners: Setting Priorities (Capitol Room)

- *Greg Stewart, Luna Pier*
- *Karen Benson, Muskegon Area First*

10:30 - 11:30 am

Concurrent Workshops Above Repeated (Attend One)

11:45 - 12:30 pm

Reports from Workshops and Excursions

- *Lisa Shanley, South Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau*

12:30 - 12:50 pm

Summit Accomplishments and Next Steps

- *John Kerr, Michigan Port Collaborative, Chairman*
- *Cindy Larsen, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce*
- *Helen Pasakarnis, East Tawas*

12:50 - 1:00 pm

Acknowledgements and Adjournment