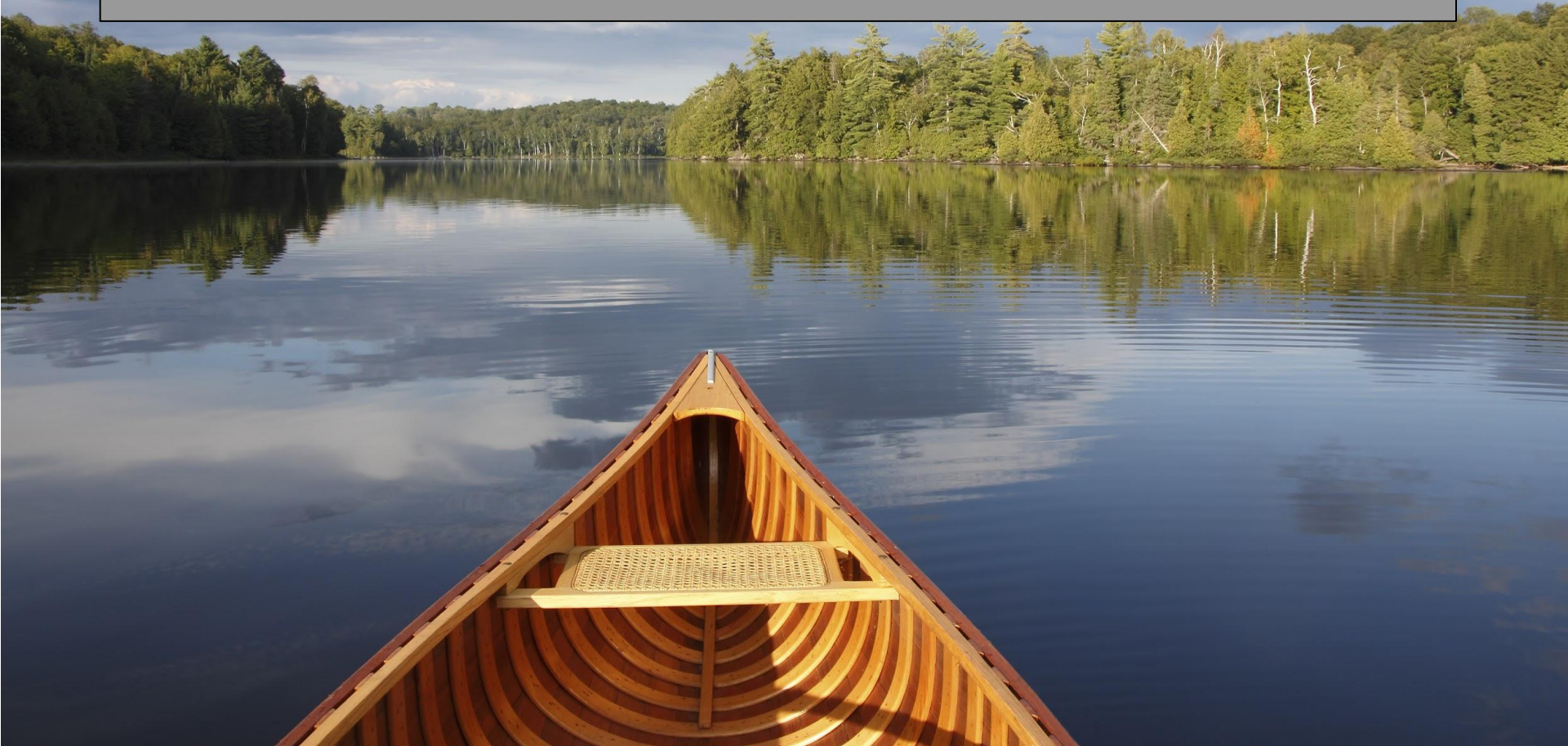


COA 2021 Context Setting



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**9th Canada-Ontario Agreement - Initial Meeting
Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

Dr Anastasia Lintner, Special Projects Counsel, Healthy Great Lakes

Canadian Environmental Law Association



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- Specialty Legal Aid Clinic
- Leader in environmental law reform
- Represent low income individuals and communities
- Advocate for their right to better environmental protection



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What is Canada-Ontario Agreement (COA)?

- 5-year collaborative work plan
- Aligned with:
 - Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (2012), between US & Canada
 - Ontario's Great Lakes Strategy (2012)
 - Ontario's Draft Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan (2018)
- Funding mechanism for programs/projects



*Borer's Falls, Dundas Valley
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Public Messaging (2019)



Trilliums
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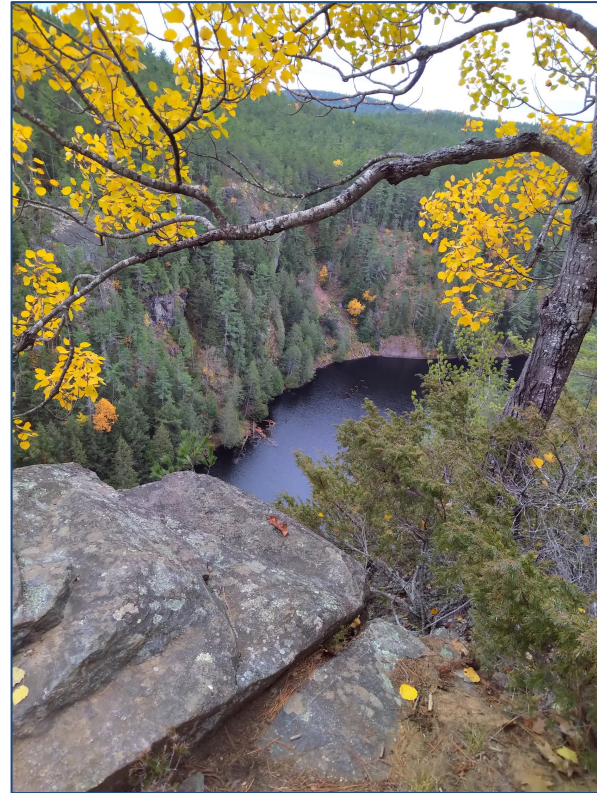
Key messages re Draft COA:

- Ambitious goals
 - time-bound and measurable
- Adequate investment
 - \$100 Million per year
- Accountability measures
 - including commitment to transparent reporting of implementation



Overview of COA 2021

- 9th COA marks 50 years of federal-provincial collaboration
- In effect as of June 1, 2021 (until May 31, 2026)
- Framework agreement + 13 Annexes
- “Summary of feedback” & “Changes made in response” reflect (some of the) key public messages



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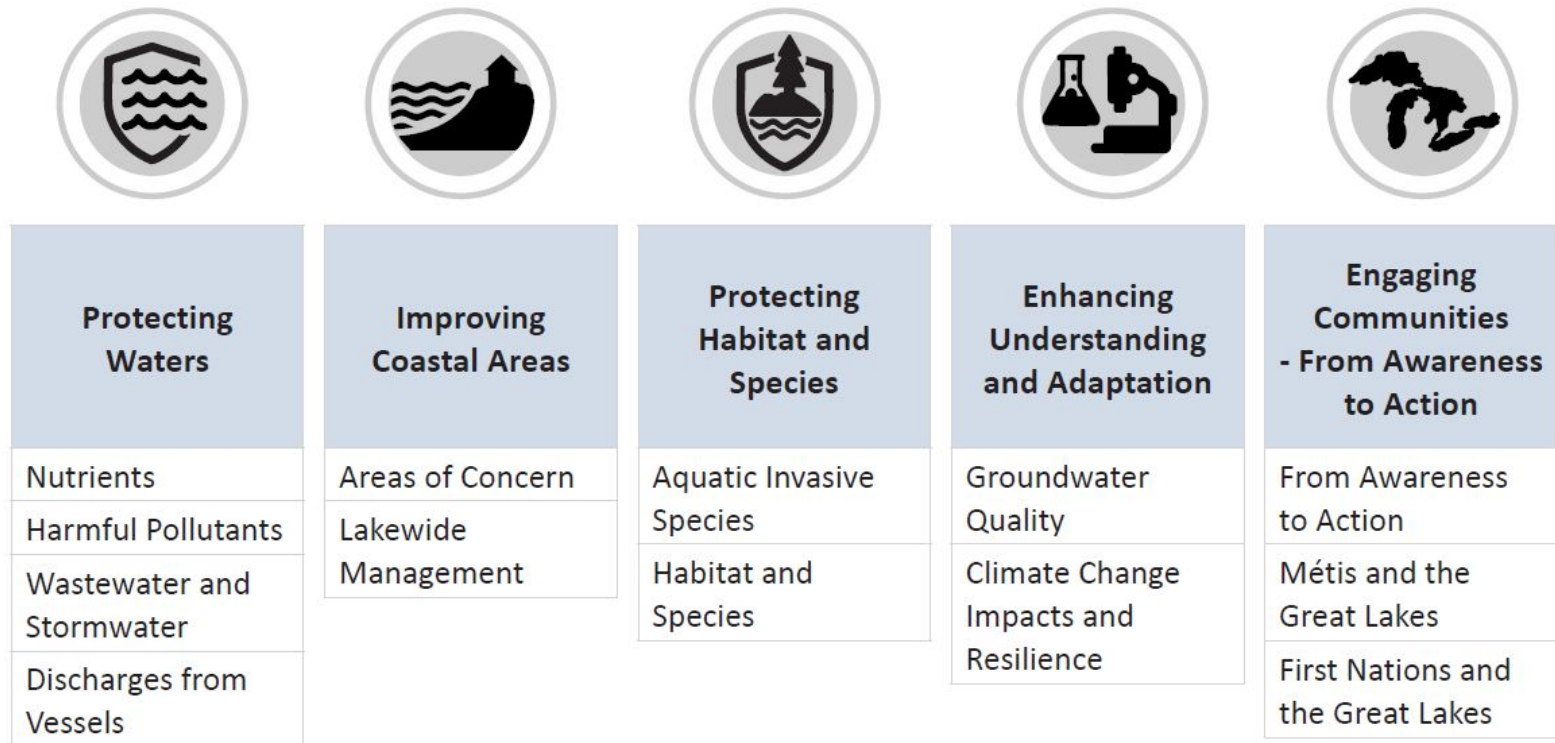


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Overview of COA 2021 - Annexes

Figure 1: Annexes of the 2021 Canada-Ontario Agreement on Great Lakes Water Quality and Ecosystem Health



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Key Resources (1)

- 2019 submission on DRAFT COA - <https://cela.ca/draft-2020-canada-ontario-agreement-on-great-lakes-water-quality-and-ecosystem-health/>
- 2021 COA (summary) - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/summary-canada-ontario-great-lakes-agreement>
- 2021 COA (full text) - <https://www.ontario.ca/document/canada-ontario-great-lakes-agreement>



Key Resources (2)

- Explanation of how federal government responded to feedback - <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/canada-ontario-agreement-great-lakes-water-quality-report-comments.html>
- Explanation of how provincial government responded to feedback - <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-0198>
- Ontario's Environment Plan (progress & priorities) - <https://www.ontario.ca/page/made-in-ontario-environment-plan#section-2>

