

will generate significant long term economic benefits. Given

loud and clear with all our member states and provinces.

As we move forward under this theme, the Great Lakes

maintained navigation infrastructure for both commercial and recreational users. We will also

attention on habitat revitalization, water

Program priority areas include: aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity, which includes the sources of and responses to invasive species threatening the Great Lakes; economy and

ation; water supply to focus on water use, planning and conservation, and climate change; coastal and terrestrial habitat dealing with habitat protection and restoration; and water

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and education; informa

porting facilitation and consensus building; and

protection and recycling/reuse programs.

ners in the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence ecosystem,” said Michigan Lt. Gov. John Cherry, then-chair of the Great Lakes Commission. “Their contributions at the local level play a key role in the environmental health and well-being

support in those efforts.”

Generating increased federal support for Great Lakes protection and restoration was a key motivation for the cities investment study. To help track this and other legis

a web-based tool to provide up-to-date information on Great Lakes legislative priorities. The site – part of the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN) – helps to increase support for Great Lakes protection and restoration by providing easy ac

through a single web site: www.glin.net/legislativepriorities.

The site offers a searchable database of current legislative priorities, news updates, announcements of hearings and briefings, and information about members of the Great Lakes congressional delegation, including bills they've sponsored, maps of congressional districts and much more. Funded by the Wege Foun

and promotion of Great Lakes stewardship.

ombating the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in the Great Lakes continued to be a high priority for the Great Lakes Commission in 2008. The Commission joined with the Great Lakes governors, the mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Great Lakes-St. Lawrence shipping interests and many other partners to support federal ballast water legislation to protect the Great Lakes from the most prominent AIS vector.

The collective effort came tantalizingly close to success. During the 110th Congress, several bills were introduced to mandate treatment of ballast water from oceangoing vessels. Most significantly, such provisions were included in the House-passed Coast Guard reauthorization bill (H.R.2830), but a

The Great Lakes Commission concluded FY 2008 in sound financial condition, with operating revenues of \$4.98 million. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$130,260, less than 2.7 percent. Overall, the Commission continues to effectively meet the needs and objectives of the organization.

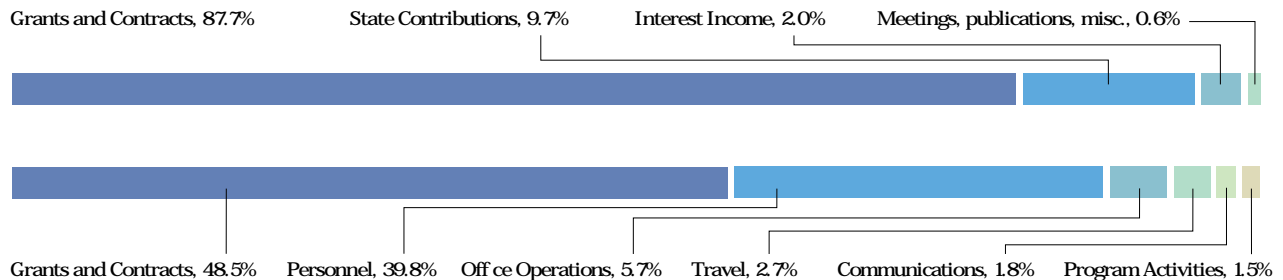
These figures were confirmed by an independent audit, which is conducted each year to examine the Commission's financial operations. The FY 2008 fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Grants and Contracts	4,366,044
State Contributions	98,526
Meetings, publications, misc.	31,213
Total	4,975,783

Grants and Contracts	2,350,847			
Personnel	1,926,720;	3	r	&
Office Operations				P

Program Activities

Total



Expenses

The Brookings Institution
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc.
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Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Great Lakes Protection Fund
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sources of the Great Lakes basin.” Founded in state law with U.S. federal consent, with membership consisting of the eight Great Lakes states and associate member status for the provinces of Ontario and Québec, the Commission pursues four

building and policy coordination and advocacy.

Each Member jurisdiction is represented by a delegation consisting of three to five members who are appointees of the

officials. A board of directors, consisting of the chair of each delegation, is the Commission’s executive body.

In carrying out its initiatives, the Commission works in close cooperation with