

Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program Coastal Advisory Board Member Nomination Form

This year the Coastal Program seeks nominations for all **Thirteen** (13) Voting Board Members for the positions listed below. Current members are eligible for reappointment but must be nominated. Appointments are for Two (2) years except as noted. The two-year Terms run April 2015 – February 2017; One-year terms are April 2015 – February 2016.

Please review all the information posted to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich/6045.htm> regarding Board member duties and responsibilities prior to nominating someone for membership, additional information attached. Questions can be addressed to coastal@dnr.in.gov Nominations are due by **C.O.B. February 27, 2015**. We will contact all nominees in mid-March regarding their appointment status.

The positions and Counties of representation are as follows (See Stakeholder Category Descriptions below for more information):

- Lake County City or Town
- Porter County City or Town
- LaPorte County City or Town
- Industry and Business
- Tourism
- Environmental Advocacy
- Historical/Cultural Resources
- Local Parks and Recreation
- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- Local Natural Resource Management
- Citizen at Large – Lake County (One Year Term)
- Chamber of Commerce – LaPorte County (One Year Term)
- Planner – Porter County (One Year Term)

Nomination Process:

You have three options for Nomination submittal:

- 1) Send Written Nominations to:
Indiana Lake Michigan CAB Nomination
402 W. Washington St. Room W267
Indianapolis, IN 46204
- 2) By email to: coastal@dnr.in.gov
- 3) By Fax to: 317-233-0133 attn. CAB Nomination

Please submit the following information to the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program by **C.O.B. February 27, 2015**. You can copy and paste into an email.

1. Name of stakeholder group for nomination (Ex.: Citizen, Chamber, Planner)
2. Name of nominating organization or person:
3. Contact information for nominating organization/person (email):
4. Name of Nominee:
5. Contact information for nominee (email **and** mailing address):
6. Description of why nominee was selected to represent the stakeholder group (300 words or less):
 - a. Skill set of nominee
 - b. Nominee's connection to stakeholder group
 - c. Applicable work/volunteer experience
 - d. Other
7. Please include copy of Nominee's current Resume.

Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program Advisory Board

The Coastal Advisory Board provides a public forum for diverse stakeholders to assist with the implementation of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program.

General Membership

Voting members of the Coastal Advisory Board are selected by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Nominations will be solicited every two (2) years for Board positions, and **every year** for the “Rotating” Positions – Planner, Chamber of Commerce, and Citizen at Large. Non-voting members will be selected by the designated agency. Vacancies in the membership will be filled by the DNR Director or the designated agency.

Membership Responsibilities:

The **Coastal Advisory Board (CAB)** performs several vital roles including:

- **Stakeholder Representation:** the CAB provides a diverse perspective on coastal issues and a close connection between the LMCP and local communities and citizens.
- **Priority Setting:** the CAB assists in setting priorities for the Coastal Grants Program through Board meetings, public meetings, and by recommending grant program guidance and project evaluation criteria. The CAB also provides input on applications to the grants program.
- **Public Involvement:** the CAB provides a forum for public input on the Coastal Grants Program through annual public meetings for comments on program guidance and through opportunities for public comment at CAB meetings.
- **Planning and Coordination:** the CAB assists the LMCP with identifying and planning for Coastal Areas of Significance.

Board Structure:

The Coastal Program seeks an efficient board structure and function. The Board should balance the inclusion of all important stakeholders in Coastal Resource Management with maintaining an effective number of members.

All Board members must either work or reside within the Lake Michigan Coastal Program Area. The positions of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary are nominated and elected from the Board membership. These Officers serve a one year term and are limited to no more than two terms per position.

Stakeholder Category Descriptions

Coastal Advisory Board members represent specific stakeholder groups, as detailed below. As a stakeholder representative it is expected that members would bring to the CAB and LMCP, coastal related comments, input and issues affecting their stakeholder group, as well as take back to the stakeholders they represent, information regarding coastal related issues:



Local Government and Citizens:

Local government representatives are either employed, elected or appointed to local municipal positions and are able to serve in a representative capacity for that municipality.

- **Lake County City or Town**
- **Porter County City or Town**
- **LaPorte County City or Town**

The citizen at large representative is an active member in community organizations within a coastal county.

- **Citizen at Large (Rotate)**

Coastal Land Use:

The Lake Michigan Coastal program area consists of a variety of public and private organizations and businesses with overlapping coastal resource uses. Representatives in the coastal land use groups represent those interests.

- **Local Chamber of Commerce (Rotate)**
Representatives are active members of a local or regional chamber of commerce (business owner, board member, staff) and represent the local business interests in our coastal area.
- **Industry and Business**
Representatives include employees of those industrial partners that have active facilities in the coastal program area or employees of other corporations and business in Northwest Indiana.
- **Tourism**
Representatives are employees or board members of the coastal county tourism commissions (Indiana Dunes Tourism, South Shore Convention & Visitors Authority, or LaPorte County Convention & Visitors Bureau).
- **Local Planner (Rotate)**
Representatives are municipal planners employed by a city, town, or county.

- **Historical/Cultural Resources**

Representative can include a staff member of statewide or local historic organizations such as Indiana Landmarks or DNR Division of Historic Preservation or members of local community historic boards/commissions.

Environmental Resources:

The coastal program area is comprised of some of the state's most unique and rare ecosystems. Representatives in environmental resources advocate for protection, provide public access and interpretative opportunities and are active stewards of the resource.

- **Environmental Advocacy**

Representative is a staff member or a board member of an area NGO whose mission includes advocating for the protection and restoration of coastal natural, cultural or historic resources.

- **Local Parks and Recreation**

Representative is a staff member of a municipal or county park department where the park department or staff member is a member of the Indiana Park and Recreation Association.

- **Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore**

Staff member of the National Park Service, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (INDU). INDU has a significant presence in the coastal area despite the fact the CZMA precludes federal property from being officially a part of the coastal boundary and therefore ineligible to receive financial support from LMCP. INDU holds a voting position on the CAB due to the uniqueness of this situation and in recognition of the importance of the partnership with INDU.

- **Local Natural Resource Management**

Representative is a staff member or board member of an area land trust, NGO or other organization that owns and manages high quality natural areas in the coastal region for the purpose of preserving NW Indiana's natural heritage.