

LAKE SUPERIOR BINATIONAL PROGRAM



The Lake Superior Work Group and the “Binational Program to Restore and Protect the Lake Superior Basin” invite you to attend a workshop on aquatic invasive species **in the Michigan Room at Northern Michigan University from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on June 3, 2010**, in Marquette, Michigan. The workshop is hosted by US and Canadian members of the Lake Superior Work Group and Binational Program.

The workshop will center on the [*Lake Superior Aquatic Invasive Species Complete Prevention Plan*](#), which identifies the pathways that aquatic invasive species use to enter and become established in the Lake Superior Basin. The Plan also recommends prevention actions that could be implemented to close existing pathways on both sides of the border. Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are an immediate ecological and economic threat to the Lake Superior ecosystem. Consequently, prevention of AIS is a critical priority for the Lake Superior Management Plan and Binational Program.

Workshop details, including a draft agenda, are available at www.superiorforum.org. Background and an overview of the Plan will be presented, as well as presentations on the sale and distribution of live bait, public outreach and education programs, and the role of ballast water in the spread of aquatic invasive species into Lake Superior. The workshop will provide opportunities for:

- Education about the plan’s vector/pathway approach to prevention;
- Questions and comments regarding the plan’s recommended actions; and
- Networking with others interested and involved in implementing aquatic invasive species prevention efforts.

We invite your participation in this important workshop. **There is no charge for the workshop, but you must register if you plan to attend.** Please RSVP to workshop organizers (jessica@avanticorporation.com) and include your name, organization, and email address.

Sincerely,

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