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SESSION 31: MODELING FOR HABS DECISION SUPPORT

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Figure A-5. Major Ecosystem Restoration Initiatives Utilizing Adaptive Management

SOURCE: CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE, 2011 (n = 14)





FULL LAKE ERIE ECOSYSTEM MODEL

- Funded by USACE
- LEEM expanded from Western Basin model (WLEEM)
- Simulates HABs, hypoxia, and macroalgae
- Used for scenario assessment by USEPA and others (nutrient load reduction goals, etc.)



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Development of the Western Lake Erie Ecosystem Model (WLEEM): Application to connect phosphorus loads to cyanobacteria biomass

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> Drinking water intake crib, City of Toledo





THREE BASINS

- HABs in Western Basin
- Hypoxia in Central Basin
- Excess
 Macroalgae in
 Eastern Basin



Figure 1. Map depicting Lake Erie bathymetry (feet) including longitudinal cross section. Modified from figure by Ted Walke of Pennsylvania Angler and Boater Fact Sheet.



MODEL DOMAIN



•••• LEEM MODEL FRAMEWORK





LAKE ONTARIO ECOSYSTEM MODEL (LOEM) FRAMEWORK



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Phosphorus Cycling in A2EM



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Lake Ontario Ecosystem Model

To inform excess macroalgae reduction





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SPEAKERS

- The Emergency Drought Barrier and Harmful Algal Blooms in the Central Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – Keith Bouma-Gregson, Tamara Kraus, & Brian Bergamaschi (USGS)
- Tracer-based Phytoplankton Modeling in the Northern San Francisco Estuary – Rusty Holleman (UC Davis, RMA)
- Modeling HABs with CE-QUAL-W2: Approaches and Future Challenges

 Mike Deas (Watercourse Engineering)

Discussion to identify needs, gaps, and opportunities for improvement of modeling for HABs decision support.



DISCUSSION

Identify: needs • gaps • opportunities for improvement of modeling for HABs decision support.



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