Welcome new IAGLR members

The following members joined IAGLR between November 2020 and January 2021. We've randomly selected a few to introduce themselves. Below and on the next page are their stories.

Malcolm Barnard
David Benoit
Elizabeth Berg
Alexis Brown
Shelby Brunner
Amanda Buday
Jacob Burbank
Cailin Burmaster
Jake Callaghan
Arthur Chamberlain
Roshelle Chan
Katelyn Cunningham
Gregory Dick
Behnam Doulatyari
Erin Eberhard
Anna Ebers
George Gardner
Cecilia Githukia
Casey Godwin
Elizabeth Golebie
Catherine Goltz
Scarlett Henson
Craig Hill
Michelle Hudson
Sabrina Jaffe
Tassiane Junqueira
Loren King
Nigarsan Kokilathasan
Edward Kostelnik
Erma Leaphart
Julius Manyala
Bradley May
Kaitlyn McKnight
Alejandro Moctezuma
Patricia Owl
Tilak Patel
Andrew Phillips
Ernest Ronoh
Anna Schmidt
Cody Sheik
Ana Sirviente
Zhuoyan Song
James Stinson
Amanda Suchy
Qingqing Sun
Nathan Thomas
Trista Vick-Majors
Chelsea Volpano
Les Warren
Dawn White
Brandon Wong
Jasmine Yu
Bowen Zhou

When you join IAGLR, you join a community of people devoted to understanding the world's large lake ecosystems

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About my work

I recently started a position as a biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Coastal Program. The coastal program is partnership based, and we provide technical and financial assistance for habitat conservation in coastal watersheds. Each coastal program biologist works within one or more focus areas, which were strategically selected to have the greatest impact. I'm beginning to establish partnerships in the Straits of Mackinac focus area to generate ideas and implement projects that aim to conserve and restore coastal fish and wildlife habitats.

Beyond the coastal program, I serve as the coordinator for the Great Lakes Coastal Assembly. The assembly is a binational, voluntary group of members from more than 20 state and federal agencies, Tribes, nonprofit organizations, and universities. We work collaboratively to align actions around coastal priorities, develop goals that are guided by stakeholders, and use best available science to inform conservation strategies. Currently, our work is focused on a vision for a resilient system of coastal wetlands that support economic, social, and environmental benefits to the Great Lakes region.

Why IAGLR?

My new role with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has led me to explore ways to build my professional network and tune into large lake research. IAGLR seemed like a natural place to start. I'm excited to attend future in-person meetings to connect, learn, and exchange ideas with scientists, managers, and other stakeholders who share an interest in Great Lakes research and communication. In the meantime, I look forward to other opportunities to engage with the IAGLR community.