

What is a Beneficial Use Impairment (BUI)?

A BUI is where significant chemical, physical or biological environmental degradation has occurred as a result of historic or on-going human activity at the local level.

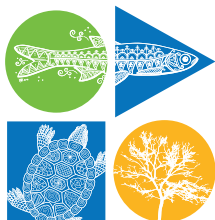
14 BUIs with potential to impact each of the 43 Canadian and U.S. Areas of Concern (AOCs) in the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River ecosystem have been identified.

Each BUI must meet a set of specific environmental goals, or "delisting criteria," in order to be considered restored.

An AOC becomes "delisted" when all BUIs in the area are restored.*

*Restoring a BUI does not mean that the AOC has returned to a pristine historic condition; but rather, that the problems identified in the 1992 RAP Stage 1 Report impacting the AOC have been restored to meet established criteria.

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BUIs – Beneficial Use Impairments



1. Consumption



8. Algae



2. Flavour



9. Drinking Water



3. Populations



10. Beaches



4. Tumours



11. Aesthetics



5. Deformities



12. Agriculture



6. Benthos



13. Plankton



7. Dredging



14. Habitat



Impaired



Needs Further
Assessment



Not Impaired