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CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

2026 Lake Simcoe Science Forum
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Time	Item
8:55 – 9:00	Webinar opens
9:00 – 9:14	Opening, Land Acknowledgement and housekeeping - Michael Dakin, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority Session Overview - Laura Benakoun, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)
9:14 – 9:26	Monitoring and Tracking Changes in Natural Cover in the Lake Simcoe Watershed - Danijela Puric-Mladenovic, University of Toronto
9:26 – 9:44	Invasive Species in Lake Simcoe: Status and Provincial Updates - Francine MacDonald, Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)
9:44 – 10:09	Evolution of Subwatershed Planning in the Lake Simcoe Watershed - Bill Thompson, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA)
10:09 – 10:19	10-minute break
10:19 – 10:44	Lake Simcoe Water Quality Update - Joelle Young (MECP), Claire Holeton (MECP) and Brian Ginn (LSRCA)
10:44 - 11:09	An Update of the Lake Simcoe Fisheries Research and Assessment Programs - Emily Cowrie, Blair Wasylenko (MNR)
11:09 – 11:51	Lightning Round Talks

	More Pipes, More Nitrate? Agricultural Intensification and Dormant Season Water Quality - Catherine Eimers, Trent University
	Ecological Memory of Winter Conditions in Lake Simcoe - Lidi Shi, University of Toronto
	Projecting the Long-Term Chloride Concentrations in Lake Simcoe - Where Are We Likely to Be by 2100? - Christopher Wellen, Toronto Metropolitan University
	Drastically Differing Winter Modify Ice Quality and Under-Ice Thermal Habitat and Productivity in Lake Simcoe - Joshua Culpepper, York University
	Video: Lake Ice – Navigating New Routes
11:51 – 12:00	Closing Remarks - Michael Dakin, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority