



Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

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Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool presentation scheduled for January 29th

What is the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool? How might this impact the Great Lakes, inland lakes, and other water resources? Dr. Grenetta Thomassey, Policy Director for Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, is serving on the sub-committee of the statewide Water Resource Conservation Advisory Council (WRCAC) evaluating the Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool. She will present a briefing on the latest developments of the water assessment tool and answer any questions about the tool, the new water use legislation, and the Great Lakes Compact. The new assessment tool is designed to help prospective new water users comply with state regulations which prohibit new water uses from creating "adverse impacts" to streams and fish populations. This informational session is part of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council's new winter education series called Ice Breakers. The session will be held on Thursday, January 29th from noon – 1:00pm at Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, 426 Bay Street, Downtown Petoskey. This event is open to the public free of charge. Pre-registration for this event is required and limited to 15 participants. For more information and to view a complete list of Ice Breaker Session available, visit www.watershedcouncil.org/events . To register for the event call (231) 347-1181.

***About Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council:** Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council speaks for our members including full-time and seasonal residents, lake associations, and businesses. We work to maintain the environmental integrity and economic and aesthetic values of lakes, streams, wetlands, and ground water in Northern Michigan, as well as statewide and throughout the Great Lakes Basin. As the lead organization for water resources protection in Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties, the Watershed Council is working to preserve the heritage of Northern Michigan – a tradition built around our magnificent waters.*