

Glen Haven beach on  
the Leelanau Peninsula,  
Northern Michigan

# Keep it fresh

## ALONG OUR GREAT LAKES, A BOUNDLESS PLAIN

of fresh water extends to the horizon where it meets and mirrors the cobalt blue sky. This sweet sea calls to those who make the coast our home: some of us were born near its shores, many others arrived to live or to play, and all of us, in one sense or another, are enriched by its waters. We are drawn here, to this indispensable source of reflection and recreation. It feeds us literally with delicious freshwater fare, and figuratively with inexpressible grandeur and beauty. Simply put, it is our shared treasure, a common wealth we dare not take for granted.

At the heart of our Lakes, where Huron and Michigan meet, twin aging pipelines lie in the water, running below the Straits of Mackinac. Over six decades old and showing the strains of their age, these pipes still carry 23 million gallons of oil through the Straits every day. It is frightening to imagine the damage a rupture would do on our Fresh Coast; on the history and beauty of its lakes, on the communities who drink and fish from its waters, and on the visitors who share in its pleasures. This risk to our Lakes is as great as the need for action is urgent. We add our voice to the growing chorus calling for the protection of our Great Lakes. We must decommission this pipeline, Line 5, for now and for future generations.



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