

Table 2
Great Lakes Biodiversity Support Systems

	Biodiversity Significance	Uniqueness	Quality-Viability	Provision of Ecosystem Services to Other Systems	Relative Significance
<i>Open Lake</i>	Moderate	Very High	DNK (Moderate)	Moderate	Moderate
<i>Coastal Shore</i>	High	Very High	Very High	Low	High
<i>Coastal Marsh</i>	Moderate	Very High	Very High	Moderate	High
<i>Lakeplain</i>	Very High	Very High	Moderate	Low	High
<i>Tributaries-Connecting Channels</i>	Very High	Low	DNK (Moderate)	Moderate	Moderate
<i>Inland-Terrestrial</i>	High?	Low	High?	High	Moderate
<i>Inland-Wetland</i>	High	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate

NOTES: DNK = Do Not Know. Results are an arithmetic average of biodiversity significance, uniqueness, quality and ecosystem services: Very High = 4; High = 2; Moderate = 1; and Low = 0.5