

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

*Regents Communication*

ACTION REQUEST

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Thomas H. Johengen, Ph.D.**, research scientist in the School for Environment and Sustainability, retired from active faculty status on January 20, 2023.

Dr. Johengen received his B.Sc. degree from Michigan State University in 1981, his M.Sc. degree from Florida State University in 1986, and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1991. He joined the University of Michigan as a post-doctoral fellow in 1991 and began his research scientist appointment in 1995. He was promoted to associate research scientist in 2009 and research scientist in 2015. During his tenure he served as the director of the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research from 2000-2005, as associate director from 2009-2019, and as acting director from 2020-2021. Most recently, he served as the director of Michigan Sea Grant from Nov 2019 until retirement.

Dr. Johengen led many exciting research projects and mentored countless numbers of students, technicians, administrators, and scientists. His research has led to improved ballast water legislation to mitigate invasive species introductions, advanced our capacity to monitor Great Lakes water quality using emerging in situ technologies, and supported the development of ecological forecasting models to protect public health from the adverse effects of harmful algal blooms and hypoxia.

Dr. Johengen has been a leader of Great Lakes research at the University of Michigan for three decades and has leveraged his knowledge and research to ensure the people and communities of the Great Lakes region continue to thrive for generations to come. Dr. Johengen received numerous outstanding mentorship and employee award from his home institution as well as from their sponsoring NOAA research laboratory. He also received outstanding scientific paper awards from NOAA OAR and the International Association for Great Lakes Research. In 2013, Dr. Johengen received the University of Michigan's Research Faculty Achievement Award.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Thomas H. Johengen, research scientist emeritus, School for Environment and Sustainability**.

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