



Western Lake Erie Conference March 13th Toledo Yacht Club

Western Lake Erie is, many believe, reaching another 'tipping point'. While water quality seems to be improving, lower lake levels, increasing temperatures, less ice and increasing nutrient loads are of concern. Since Western Lake Erie has the Great Lakes' warmest, shallowest, most biologically productive waters, these waters are known as the Great Lakes Nursery and provide the 'canary in the coal mine.' This is the third Western Lake Erie Conference, and it is intended to inspire stewardship and provide good Western Lake Erie information to attendees.

Learn about: Great Lakes, Water Levels, Fish, Algae, Nutrients, Water Quality, Zebra Mussels 20 Years, Indicators, Tourism, and Factory Farms

Sponsors:



When: Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Where: Toledo Yacht Club – Bayview Parkway –off 3900 N. Summit near Coast Guard

Who should attend: Public & Government Officials, Fishermen, Boaters, Environmentalists, Great Lakes advocates, Teachers, the Public

Keynote Speaker: Tom Henry – Toledo Blade Environmental Writer – Writing About Western Lake Erie through the Years

Conference Topics:

Western Lake Erie – Assets and Challenges

- Western Lake Erie Fish Populations and Water Levels – Jeff Tyson - ODNR
- Western Basin Economic Opportunities – Melinda Huntley – Coastal Ohio
- Fish Migration and Genes - Dr. Carol Stepien, Director University of Toledo Lake Erie Center
- Ottawa River –Dave Devault U.S. Fish & Wildlife(tentative)
- Katie Swartz – Rain Gardens/Rain Barrels – American Rivers
- Lynn Henning – Factory Farms – 2007 experience – Sierra Club
- Testing Public Water Intakes – Doug Cowherd – St. Clair Channelkeeper
- 20 Years Zebra Mussel Interaction with Nutrients and Algae – Dr. Henry Vanderpole NOAA
- Detroit River/Lake Erie Indicator Project – speaker to be determined

Western Lake Erie – Too much green.....

- Overview of water and issues in the Western basin Dr. Jeff Reutter – Ohio Seagrant
- Testing Water Quality through the years – Dr. David Baker Heidleberg College
- Algae trends – Dr. Tom Bridgeman – University of Toledo Lake Erie Center
- Matted Algae – Lyngbya Wollei – Dr. Hans Pearl – University of North Carolina
- Matted Algae – Tests, Health and Future – Dr. Greg Boyer Syracuse University

REGISTRATION FORM:

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Cost: \$35 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

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