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Dear Invitee,

The ODNR, Division of Wildlife (DOW) and Ohio Sea Grant (OSG) are organizing a Lake Erie Central Basin Sport Fish Summit on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Painesville Township Park. This Lake Erie Sport Fish Summit will bring together active Lake Erie anglers for discussion of issues relevant to Lake Erie sport fisheries.

Objectives of this Lake Erie Central Basin Sport Fish Summit include:

- Developing an engaged group of stakeholders that utilize the Lake Erie recreational fisheries resources;
- Providing a means of two-way communication between recreational anglers and clubs, and Lake Erie resource managers and conservation agencies.

Topics discussed at the Summit will range from overviews of DOW and OSG programs, to management structures and status updates for major sport fish species. Lunch will be provided for all attendees. Due to the number of interested groups or organizations, we request sending only one representative from each group. Representatives should confirm their attendance for the meeting by going to <https://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/outourced/forms/view.php?id=75062> or contacting Erin Monaco at Ohio Sea Grant (614-247-6684) by April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

When registering, attendees will also have the opportunity to submit questions or concerns about the lake that their group would like answered. A full session will be dedicated to answering these questions, along with an open forum where attendees will be able to submit additional questions to panel members. Feel free to contact Janice Kerns (440-352-4199; [Janice.kerns@dnr.state.oh.us](mailto:Janice.kerns@dnr.state.oh.us)) or Tory Gabriel (419-607-4046; [Gabriel.78@osu.edu](mailto:Gabriel.78@osu.edu)) if you need additional details on the Summit.

We look forward to your participation at the Lake Erie Central Basin Sport Fish Summit.

Sincerely,

Janice Kerns, Division of Wildlife  
Tory Gabriel, Ohio Sea Grant

cc: Rich Carter, Mike Miller

**Lake Erie Central Basin  
Sport Fish Summit Agenda  
April 21, 2018  
Painesville Township Park  
1025 Hardy Rd, Painesville, OH 44077**

- 9:00 AM Registration, Coffee, and Conversation
- 9:30 AM **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Overview, and Meeting Expectations**  
Tory Gabriel, *Extension Program Leader and Fisheries Educator, Ohio Sea Grant*  
and Janice Kerns, *PhD, Fairport Fisheries Supervisor, Ohio Division of Wildlife*
- 9:45 AM **Fishing Programs and Opportunities from Lake Metroparks**  
Paul Palagyi, *Executive Director, Lake County MetroParks*
- 10:00 AM **History of Cooperative Lake Erie Fisheries Management**  
Roger Knight, *Fishery Management Specialist, Great Lake Fishery Commission*
- 10:30 AM Break – beverages and light snacks provided
- 10:45 AM **Maternal Effects in Lake Erie Walleye and Yellow Perch**  
Elizabeth Marshall, *PhD, Professor, Aquatic Ecology Laboratory, The Ohio State University*
- 11:15 AM **Walleye Vision and HABS: A Citizen Science Project**  
Chelsey Nieman, *PhD Candidate* and Suzanne Gray, *PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Environmental and Natural Resources, The Ohio State University*
- 11:45 AM Lunch – Provided onsite
- 12:30 PM **Out of Breath and Nowhere to Go: How Low Oxygen Zones Put the Squeeze on Fish Habitat**  
Richard Kraus, *PhD, Lake Erie Biological Station Supervisor, U.S. Geological Survey – Great Lakes Science Center*
- 1:00 PM **Ohio's Lake Erie Fisheries Management and Monitoring Program**  
Travis Hartman, *Lake Erie Program Administrator, Ohio Division of Wildlife*
- 1:15 PM **Central Basin Sport Fisheries Trends and Stock Status**  
Janice Kerns, *PhD, Fairport Fisheries Supervisor, Ohio Division of Wildlife*
- 1:30 PM **So You Asked! Answers to Questions Received From Local Anglers**  
Janice Kerns, *PhD, Fairport Fisheries Supervisor, Ohio Division of Wildlife*
- 2:00 PM Break – beverages and light snacks provided
- 2:15 PM **Open Forum – Topics of Interest to Central Basin Anglers**  
Panel members include:  
Ohio's Lake Erie Fisheries Staff, *Ohio Division of Wildlife*  
Jeff Collingwood, *Lake Erie Law Enforcement Supervisor, Ohio DOW*  
Paul Pacholski, *President, Lake Erie Charter Boat Captain Association*  
Mike Durkalec, *Fisheries Biologist, Cleveland MetroParks*
- 3:00 PM Wrap-up Discussions, Concluding Thoughts, and Adjourn

