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OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

TOLEDO, OH – Sean D. Logan, director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), was recently elected chairman of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission for 2008. James Beasley, director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, was elected secretary.

Additional 2008 commission members are Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher, director of the Ohio Department of Development; Chris Korleski, director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Dr. Alvin Jackson, director of the Ohio Department of Health and Robert Boggs, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

In addition, the commission announced its schedule of regular quarterly meetings for 2008. All commission meetings are open to the public and include a public comment period. Organizations and citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings and provide input on issues of concern. The 2008 meeting schedule is:

- Wednesday, March 19 at 10 a.m. Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, 14000 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor
- Thursday, June 5 at 10 a.m. Ohio Department of Agriculture, Auditorium A, 8995 East Main St, Reynoldsburg
- Friday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd, Bay Village
- Wednesday, December 17 at 10 a.m. Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Assembly Center West, 2045 Morse Rd, Columbus

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission was established in 1990 for the purpose of preserving Lake Erie's natural resources, protecting the quality of its waters and ecosystem, and promoting economic development in the region.

The commission oversees the Ohio Lake Erie Protection Fund (LEPF), which is the source of grant money. This fund is supported by Ohioans each time they purchase a Lake Erie license plate displaying either the Marblehead Lighthouse or the Toledo Harbor Lighthouse. Ohio artist Ben Richmond designed the plates. This money is used to fund grants that focus on improving the quality of Lake Erie and furthering the goals laid out in the *Lake Erie Protection & Restoration Plan*.

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