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OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

TOLEDO, OH – Sean D. Logan, director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, was recently elected chairman of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission for 2009. James Beasley, director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, was elected secretary.

Additional 2009 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 2009. 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 2009 meeting schedule is as follows and meeting locations are being determined:

- Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 10 a.m. in Columbus.
- Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 10 a.m. along Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline.
- Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 10 a.m. along Ohio's Lake Erie shoreline.
- Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 10 a.m. in 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, a grant fund that promotes environmental protection and economic development in the Lake Erie watershed. 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, designed by Ohio artist Ben Richmond.

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