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Ohio Lake Erie Commission to Hold Annual Meeting

Commission to announce Photo Contest Winners and 2011 Ohio Lake Erie Awards

TOLEDO, OH - The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 15, at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village, OH.

Winners of the 2011 "Life on Lake Erie" photo contest will be announced. Commission members are expected to approve the 2011 Ohio Lake Erie Award nominations and vote on the latest round of Lake Erie Protection Fund small grant proposals. Executive Director Gail Hesse will discuss the 2011 Coastweeks program that will take place during the month of September and provide a report on the Lake Erie Balanced Growth Program.

All meetings of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission are open to the public and include a public comment period. Organizations and citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting and provide input on issues of concern.

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission was established 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 director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources serves as the commission's chairman. Additional members include the directors of the state departments of Transportation, Health, Development, Agriculture and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

The commission also oversees the Ohio Lake Erie Protection Fund, which is the source of grant money for projects that benefit the Lake Erie watershed economically and environmentally. This fund is

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