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**OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT THE LIBERTY AVIATION MUSEUM
Commission will present the 2012 "Life on Lake Erie" Photo Contest Winners
and announce the 2012 Ohio Lake Erie Awards**

SANDUSKY, OH - The Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) will hold its quarterly meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at the Liberty Aviation Museum located at 3515 E. State Road, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. The meeting is open to the public.

Winners of the 2012 "Life on Lake Erie" photo contest will be announced. Commission members are expected to approve the 2012 Ohio Lake Erie Award nominations to honor an individual and organization that have served to protect and restore Lake Erie. The latest round of Lake Erie Protection Fund grant proposals will be voted upon to award funding for those projects that will benefit Lake Erie. Executive Director Gail Hesse will discuss the 2012 Coastweeks program that will take place during the month of September and provide an update on the next edition of the Lake Erie Protection and Restoration Plan.

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 created to preserve Lake Erie's natural resources, enhance its water quality and promote 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 departments of transportation, development, health, agriculture and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

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