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OHIO LAKE ERIE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES 2006 MEETING SCHEDULE

TOLEDO , OH – Samuel W. Speck, director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, was recently re-elected chairman of the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (LEC) for 2006. Cash Misel, assistant director of the Ohio Department of Transportation, was elected secretary.

Additional 2006 commission members are: Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson, director of the Ohio Department of Development; Fred L. Dailey, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture; Dr. J. Nick Baird, director of the Ohio Department of Health; Gordon Proctor, director of the Ohio Department of Transportation; and Joseph Koncelik, director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The Ohio Lake Erie Commission has scheduled its quarterly meetings for the upcoming year. These meetings are public forums in which individuals and groups interested in Lake Erie issues are encouraged to attend.

- 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 15 at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street , Bromfield Administration Building , Reynoldsburg .
- 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 7, at Mentor Beach Park Pavilion, 7779 Lakeshore Boulevard, Mentor-on-the-Lake.
- 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 6, at the Lake Erie Regional Welcome Center, Ottawa County Visitors Bureau, 77 SE Catawba Road (Route 53), Port Clinton.
- 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife District 1 office, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus.

Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. Visit the Lake Erie Commission website at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/oleo/> for the most up-to-date information.

The commission also administers Ohio 's Lake Erie Protection Fund. The majority of revenue raised for the fund comes from the sales of Lake Erie license plates featuring the Marblehead Lighthouse or Toledo Harbor Lighthouse – both designed by artist Ben Richmond.

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