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**2007 "Life on Lake Erie" Photo Contest - Deadline for  
submitting photos is July 19**

TOLEDO, OH – Camera buffs and photo aficionados are encouraged to enter this year's *"Life on Lake Erie"* photo contest, sponsored by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission.

The 2007 contest is open to amateur photographers taking snapshots in and around the Lake Erie watershed. This year's competition has no specific subject categories and may depict a person, plant, wildlife, activity or scene that captures the unique character of the region.

All photo entries must have been taken between August 4, 2006 and July 9, 2007. Black and white, as well as color photographs, will be accepted. All contestants must be age 18 or older. No more than five entries will be accepted from one household. Individuals can win up to two times. To enter, send a 5 by 7-inch print and a completed entry form via U.S. Mail to the commission's office at One Maritime Plaza, Fourth Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604. Complete rules and entry forms for the 2007 *"Life on Lake Erie"* photo contest are available at the commission's web site. The deadline for submitting entries is July 19.

Winning photographs will be exhibited at various points of interest along the lake as part of the Lake Erie Commission Photo Gallery. The Lorain County Visitors Bureau at 8025 Leavitt Road (Route 48) in Amherst is hosting the current gallery through June 11th. Phone 1-800-334-1673 for more information.

The *"Life on Lake Erie"* photo contest is one of many events planned for Ohio's Coastweeks 2007, which runs September 5-22. Coastweeks is a nationwide celebration of America's coastlines and waters. Ohio's goal is to increase awareness of the value and fragility of Lake Erie and its shoreline as the state's great natural resource.

For additional information on how to get involved in Ohio's Coastweeks program, visit <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/olec> or call 419-245-2514.

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