Fishing Report:
Wareye fishing continues to be excellent. Perch fishing is picking up.

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OF SUMMER
Since May 2018 we have put on or participated in 25 various events. Our volunteers helped over 1000 kids and their families experience the fun of fishing. With the coming of September we have completed our summer with some our final and signature activities for the year.

On Wednesday, September 5th we held our 35th annual fish fry. Since its beginning, the fish fry has been our way to carry our message directly to those individuals that help us protect and grow our fishery. The individuals who are invited to the fish were partners, stakeholders, friends and those who have helped us achieve our goals throughout the year. They include state and municipal officials, agency members, educators and vendors. This year 168 guests attended the fish fry, which was put together by 28 hardworking volunteers who prepared, breaded, and cooked 100 pounds of walleye filets, set up, and served our guests. The picnic was held at the beautiful Bay Harbor East Marina, thanks to its management, who let us use the facility for the second year in the row. The day reached a record high of 93 degrees but there was a nice breeze that helped keep us cool. We owe a great vote of thanks to the fishermen who participated in the two Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association’s Summer Slam tournaments. Many of the tournament’s participants contributed fish for this fish fry and a second one that we provided at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen on September 14th. (See our October Bucket for more details)

On Friday, September 7th we finished our last veteran’s event at Liberty Pier when a transport from the Erie VA Center brought 6 wheel chair patients for a fishing outing. It was a nice day and with help of SONS volunteers our brave veterans caught a few fish. Chuck Miller prepared a nice picnic lunch for the veterans, the VA staff and the volunteers. This culminated our summer fishing programs for our great veterans. Weather and mechanical problems disrupted our plans during the summer. This resulted in cancellations but we were able to get two trips on the Perch Pirate accomplished. (See the August issue of the Bucket). We were not able to reschedule a date for the vets trip on the Edward John however we have distributed vouchers for a free trip on the Edward John for those veterans that were affected by the prior cancellations.

On Saturday, September 8th we participated in the 20th annual L.E.A.F. festival at Frontier Park. We have been part of the fun event since its beginning. The festival is designed to help kids experience various outdoor and nature activities. We teach the kids to practice casting with fishing poles using hula hoops as targets. This year over 150 kids kept our volunteers busy helping them learning how to handle fishing rod. We also had our “Feed the SONS Fish” bean bag toss game available for their fun. We passed out ABC’s of Fishing coloring books as well as SONS literature to their parents. We had fun too.

As I have stated hundreds of times, our successes are only achieved due to the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and for this we are forever grateful.
If you or your company would like to sponsor a prize for our 2019 Fin and Fur Raffle, our major fund raiser, we found that two of our prize sponsors have decided not to participate this year. As we are busy putting together the 2019 Fin and Fur event at Presque Isle State Park, we will set up and meet at Building Misery Bay at 9:00 AM. Fish Habitat Seminars, Demonstrations, and Experts to answer questions. With trailer, mooring cover, fish finders, marine radio and electronics asking $15,000 call Ed at 724-567-7103 or weekends at 724-216-7457. Outboard Motor: 6 hp Johnson asking $475 Call Ron at 814-455-8343 or cell 814-431-5711. Canoe: Old Town Discovery solo canoe, 11 feet 9 inches, 32.5 inch width, weight 50 lbs, capacity 500 lbs, polyethylene hull color red, molded plastic foldable seat, Purchased 4 years ago, lightly used, Current new price $700. Will sell for $300. Contact Bob at 814-397-4949. Boat: 1985 Starcraft Islander 191V, 19 Ft. MercRouiser 140 I/O, Trail-Line Trailer. Fish Finder, Radio, Walker Down-Rigger. Can be seen at Lampe Marina A-21, $1,600. Call Gary at 814-504-6368. Fishing Lures: Misc. Bass and spinner baits and soft plastic tubes and worms Call Ken at 412-656-5348. WANTED: Boat: 16 foot inboard or outboard. Call 724-504-7561. Old photographs of Erie’s Waterfront - Ships, Boats, Buildings, Fishing and Fishermen, Railroads, etc. Call Jerry at 814-452-6291. I would like to borrow and scan them for my slide presentations.

STALLED WIND PROJECT GETS GREEN LIGHT ON LAKE ERIE

The Ohio Power Siting Board has given the preliminary go-ahead to six wind turbines planned for Lake Erie, about eight miles northwest of Cleveland. The project would be the first freshwater wind farm on the Great Lakes and the first in the nation. But even if plans become reality, the $126 million project is unlikely to ever turn a profit.

“The vision is a thriving industry that provides clean power,” said Dave Karpski, vice-president of operations for Lake Erie Energy Development Company (LEEDCo.). “The Icebreaker project is intended to test the waters, so to speak, in Great Lakes wind power. The high start-up costs mean the site cannot produce enough electricity to pay for itself. But the point, according to Karpski, is to get turbines up and running. “To get there, you’ve got to demonstrate that it can be done and permitting is a big thing, that’s part of the demonstration.”

The turbines will be built by Vestas, a Danish company considered a worldwide leader in wind turbine technology and development. “Europe has been at this for about 25 years now,” Karpski said, citing 16,000 MW of wind power on the continent. “They’ve reached scale and are growing.”

The OPSB is comprised of seven voting members, including representatives from the Ohio departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Health, Ohio Development Agency, Public Utilities Commission, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and one public member. The OPSB’s role is to review proposals for energy-producing sites in the state, including wind, solar, natural gas and some electric lines and pipelines.

TURBINE FACTS:

Six turbines producing 20.7 megawatts peak (enough to power about 15,000 homes).

Total height from surface of water to tip of topmost blade: about 495 feet

Lowest point of spinning blades: about 73 feet from water

Total length of each blade: about 202 feet

OUR OPINION:

We have questions. What damage will the low frequency vibrations do to the Lake Bottom structures? Will it aggravate seismic faults in Lake Erie? Will they open salt mine caverns under the Lake? Will the construction disturb harmful sediments that are on the Lake bottom? Who will maintain and remove structures if the project fails? Who will be responsible for damage to our water supply and the fishery? Will they open pockets of dangerous dangerous chemicals in Lake Erie? Will those responsible for damage to the environment be held accountable? For example, will this affect companies such as Hammermill Paper Co.? I hope they know what they’re doing.