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Award-Winning Lake Erie Photographs Now on Display at Ohio Statehouse
Images depicting sustainable use, conservation of Lake Erie resources on exhibit

TOLEDO, OH – Winning images from a competition that challenged photographers to capture the essence of Lake Erie life are on display at the Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. They provide snapshots of one of Ohio's most valuable and dynamic natural features, Lake Erie.

Thirteen images that portray sustainable use, development and protection of Ohio's Lake Erie coastal resources received top honors for the 2009 Life on Lake Erie amateur photography contest. The photos incorporate shoreline landscapes, wildlife, plants and people enjoying various coastal activities. The works by the following Ohioans are on display at the Statehouse through January 4, 2010: Dale L. Sadowsky, Sandusky; Gabor Balazs, Toledo; Dena Kraft, Oregon; Maggi Dandar, Curtice (winning twice); Tom Greene, Tipp City; Therese Ryan Russell, Bay Village; Monnie Ryan, Niles; John K. Spears, Oregon; Jimmy Trares, Maumee; Candice Vlcek, Parma; Devin A. Ward, Jefferson and Lorie A. Wilber, Oberlin.

The Ohio Statehouse is one stop for the touring photo gallery during November and December. In 2010, the images will appear at prime Ohio shoreline locations throughout the year, including January 15-24 at the IX Center's Cleveland Boat Show; remainder of January and February in Sandusky at the ODNR Office of Coastal Management; March and April in Huron at the Huron Public Library; May and June at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in Oak Harbor; July and August 2010 at the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Welcome Center in Port Clinton; September and October (to be announced) and November and December at One Maritime Plaza in Toledo.

These outstanding images are also used to promote Lake Erie through environmental, informational and educational programs and publications, and can also be viewed in an online photo gallery at www.lakeerie.ohio.gov.

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.

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