

## **Press Release:**

Boaters, fishermen, waterfront property owners, and those that drink Lake Erie water are invited to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Lake Erie Conference on Thursday, March 20 at Lourdes University. Topics include from learning about our drinking water to algae and its sources including agriculture and factory farms. There will also be presentations on open lake dumping, invasives, sediments, economic impacts, climate change and fish. Online or mail registration is available at [lakeeriewaterkeeper.org](http://lakeeriewaterkeeper.org).

**When : Thursday, March 20, 2014 8:00a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Where: Lourdes University Franciscan Center Sylvania, Ohio**

**Who: Government Officials, Fishermen, Boaters, Businesses, Environmentalists, Teachers, Public**

- **Keynote Speaker – Pat Nicholson, Toledo’s Water. Former President Toledo Lucas County Port Authority**
- **Lake Erie .... Ohio Senator Randy Gardner**
- **Lake Erie Drinking Water Intake Challenges... Kelly Frey, Ottawa County, Tim Murphy, Toledo**
- **Lessons from Chesapeake Bay.. Emily Collins University of Pittsburg Law School**
- **Agriculture and Algae – Bill Myers Lucas County Farm Bureau**
- **Walleye By the Numbers – Stuart Ludson the Ohio State University**
- **Lake Erie Update – Gail Hess – Ohio Lake Erie Commission**
- **Dredging Lake Erie – Arnold Page, Army Corps of Engineers**
- **Sediments & Nutrients – Mary Ann Evans, USGS & Meghan Price, Environment Consulting & Technology**
- **Detecting Invasive Species... Jeff Ram Wayne State University**
- **Michigan, Lake Erie’s Headwaters & CAFO Pollution – Janet Kauffman, Environ. Concerned Citizens, SE Michigan**
- **Lake Erie Marine Trades – Ken Alvey Lake Erie Marine Trades Association**
- **Climate and the Future of Lake Erie- Brent Lofgren NOAA**

The conference is open to the public. Hope to see you at the Lake Erie Conference.