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**Ohio Lake Erie Commission Seeking Submissions for Life on Lake Erie Photo Contest**

*Deadline July 31, 2014*

Lake Erie enthusiasts who want to capture the essence of Lake Erie life digitally – or on film - can enter the Ohio Lake Erie Commission (OLEC) 2014 *Life on Lake Erie* photo contest. This year's contest will feature a new category highlighting the unique winter of 2014.

Photographers are encouraged to submit their favorite winter photos of Lake Erie and its ice cover from this past winter. This may include icescapes, ice fishing, thawing or activities that took place during Lake Erie's frozen months. The commission continues to encourage entries depicting Lake Erie scenes, people and wildlife taken throughout the year and throughout the Lake Erie region.

The *Life on Lake Erie* photo contest is an opportunity for amateur photographers, age 18 and older, to reveal their passion for one of Ohio's most valuable and dynamic natural features, Lake Erie. Photographs taken between August 1, 2013, and July 31, 2014, in and around the Lake Erie watershed can be submitted to the OLEC through July 31, 2014.

Winning photographs will be displayed at various events and through OLEC social media. The photographs also may be used in commission publications to promote Lake Erie.

To enter, send a CD with the electronic image file and a completed entry form to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission, 111 E. Shoreline Drive, Sandusky, Ohio 44870. Entry forms are available at <http://lakeerie.ohio.gov>. Participants also may submit their images and electronic form via email to [lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov](mailto:lakeeriecommission@lakeerie.ohio.gov). Submissions must be the original work of the photographer. Black and white and color photographs will be accepted. Digitally altered photos will not be accepted.

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 EPA serves as the commission's chairman. Additional members include the directors of the state departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, Health, Development and Agriculture.

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