

Agenda – Lake Erie Botulism Conference
Thursday, April 3, 2003
Holiday Inn, Amherst, New York

9:00 - Welcoming Remarks:

NYS Assemblyman, Richard Smith

Botulism Overview/Introduction:

Helen Domske, NY Sea Grant, Great Lakes Program – University at Buffalo

Pennsylvania Update:

Eric Obert, PA Sea Grant; Mike Mumau, Assistant Park Manager, Presque Isle State Park, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of State Parks;
Bob Wellington, Erie County Department of Health

New York Update:

Waterfowl Mortalities - Ken Roblee, Senior Wildlife Biologist, NYSDEC
Fish Mortalities Relative to Recent Fish Population Trends - Don Einhouse, Senior Fisheries Biologist, NYSDEC

Botulism in Fish and Wildlife in NYS Waters of Lake Erie

Ward Stone, NYSDEC Pathologist

Ohio Update:

Frank Lichtkoppler, Ohio Sea Grant

12:00 - Lunch

Canadian Update:

Jeff Robinson, Canadian Wildlife Service, Dr. Ian Barker, CCWHC – Univ. at Guelph

Research Presentations:

Environmental Parameters Associated with Outbreaks of Botulism in Lake Erie

Dr. Alicia Pérez-Fuentetaja, Biology Department, SUNY-Fredonia

Botulism: Atypical Pathogenesis in Other Species

Dr. Robert H. Whitlock, New Bolton Center, University of Pennsylvania

Afternoon Break

Prevalence of Botulism in Fish in the Lower Great Lakes

Dr. Paul Bowser, Aquatic Animal Health Program, Cornell University

Comparative Toxicity of Type E Botulinum to Several Lake Erie Fish Species

Dr. Rich Moccia, University of Guelph

Wrap-Up:

Next Steps – Conclusions,

Dr. Grace McLaughlin, National Wildlife Health Center, USGS

4:30 - Adjourn