



Botulism In Lake Erie Workshop - Evaluation

Thursday, April 3, 2003 Buffalo, New York

Please help us to evaluate the educational program by responding to the following statements.
We ask that you complete this evaluation in its entirety.

KEY

69 participants
43 responses
62% return rate

1 = Strongly Disagree
2 = Disagree
3 = Neither Disagree nor Agree
4 = Agree
5 = Strongly Agree

Please circle your response.						Strongly Disagree	Strongly Agree	N	MEAN	+/-
	1	2	3	4	5					
1) The workshop achieved its goal of sharing information.								43	4.58	.58
2) The workshop achieved its goal of providing networking opportunities.								43	4.30	.67
3) The botulism overview was worthwhile.								42	4.29	.77
4) The state & Canadian updates were worthwhile.								43	4.51	.59
5) The research presentations were worthwhile.								43	4.47	.70
6) The wrap-up was worthwhile.								32	3.97	1.18
The educational materials and content of the workshop:										
7) Helped me better understand the issues surrounding botulism in Lake Erie.								43	4.30	.60
8) Provided information relevant to my work.								43	4.19	.70
9) Were well organized.								43	4.33	.57
10) Were easy to understand.								43	4.33	.64
11) Presented information that will help me.								43	4.35	.57

Please circle your response. The educational materials and content of the workshop:	Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree					N	MEAN	+/-
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5			
12) Will be of great use to me.											43	3.95	.75
13) I gained new knowledge from this workshop.											43	4.49	.59
14) I plan to share the information learned at this workshop with others.											43	4.23	.81
15) I plan to take some action as a result of the information I learned at this workshop.											42	3.74	1.06

Please circle or fill in your response.

16) I attended a previous botulism workshop in Erie, PA in 2001 or Buffalo, NY in 2002. **N=43 YES 56% NO 44%**

17) I shared the information I learned at previous botulism workshop(s) with others. **N=29 YES 86% NO 14% 14 not applicable**

Who did you share the information with? _____ 23 respondents _____

18) I took action as a result of what I learned at previous botulism workshop(s). **N=30 YES 60% NO 40% 13 not applicable**

What action did you take? _____ 16 respondents _____

19) Would you be interested in attending a workshop on this topic next year? **N=43 YES 100% NO 0%**

20) What could we do to improve this workshop?

20 respondents

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.
Please return your completed evaluation to Frank Lichtkoppler before you leave
or mail it to:
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Question 17. I shared the information I learned at previous botulism workshop(s) with others.

Who did you share the information with? 23 participants responded

- Other extension staff, researchers, stakeholders
- Sport fishermen, media, agency staff
- Co-workers
- Co-workers, public, sportsmen
- Other researchers, grad students
- Staff members at DEC
- Co-workers
- Students, natural resources administrators and biologists, research collaborators
- Northeast loon work group
- Colleagues, community members
- Intra-agency, anglers
- Co-workers
- Co-workers
- Did get proceedings from website – have shared with students
- General public, sport fishermen
- Mortality Info/species impacts
- Co-workers and sportsman
- Media, public, agency staff, researchers
- Public Mostly
- Other biologists, researchers and public
- Other colleagues
- Various sport angling groups and legislators
- Anglers and others contacting DEC for information

Question 18. I took action as a result of what I learned at previous botulism workshop(s).

What action did you take? 16 participants responded

- Initiated research program
- Informed staff of the potential of wound botulism
- Initiated a research project
- Developed research project revised surveillance
- Started water bird mortality surveys on Lake Ontario
- Research project
- Response to public inquiries, presentations to clients groups, media interviews, articles for agency newsletter
- Have given out posters from Sea Grant and or talked with public
- Started genotyping loons – may not have had not connected to this group
- Several magazines articles, newspaper articles written
- Media, public, agency staff, researchers

- Collection of specimens, support of research
- Assisting in ongoing Sea Grant Research
- Various sport angling groups and legislators
- Collaboration
- Use information to guide my own actions regarding sportfishing activities in Lake Erie

Question 20. What could we do to improve this workshop? 20 participants responded

- Not sure. Format worked well, speakers were effective and well-regarded. I'd suggest: action items, format for next year, identify research needs.
- As the proceedings are prepared, it may be a good idea to put Grace McLaughlin's wrap up presentation up on the web first
- Great graphics Don Einhouse – Great. Some positive news, not gloom and doom! Good food, fish next year? Mudpuppy pie for desert!! Next year should have more results, relevant studies all appear to be just underway with no real results, Cornell, Ward Stone, University of Guleph. All appear to be on right tract. Look forward to their results.
- (Cold room) Otherwise great day!!!
- More time for informal interactions. I didn't know a lot of the "players" (only by name) and would have wanted more time to meet and talk with them.
- Perhaps less time on summaries with bird counts, and more presentations on research.
- Perhaps a short session where the group can pose suggestions on what to do next. Make a list of priorities. Dr. McLaughlin's recap at the end was unnecessary – repetitive of what we just saw in the previous presenters.
- A little more time to network. Heat.
- A little more systematic observations required in "status reports". More info correlating limnology with biological events. We have too few "lake" people.
- Today's workshop was excellent – improved over last year due to research presentations. Thanks for a great job.
- Obviously a warm room! I appreciate this opportunity – wish I could have come for pizza on Wednesday night – more networking time would have been nice – perhaps also more info about funding opportunities and who is funded to do what.
- Standardize presentation display machinery.
- Just some heat...
- Hold workshop in September/October to develop/refine research questions. Circulate status reports before workshop (or post them) and spend more time on research findings and development of joint proposals. We didn't need to hear about cows and horses in such detail.
- Review what possible links this issue may impact/have on the food chain. Health concerns. Would like copies of power-point slides for each presentation.
- Continue to vary the content. Economic impacts?
- Presenters and podium block the view of the attendees.
- Handouts prior to meeting
- Encourage other states/provinces to invest as much effort as New York has in studying botulism. The amount of federal participation in Great Lakes botulism efforts appears to be very low, which is true, is a real shame. Please continue to engage Canadians in workshop participation.