

Great Lakes Botulism Conference

Thursday, March 25, 2004

9 am - 4 pm

Stull Nature Center

Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA

9:00 Welcoming Remarks:

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

Botulism Overview/Lake Erie and Ontario 1999–2003:

Eric Obert, Pennsylvania Sea Grant, Penn State Erie

Ohio Update 2003:

Frank Lichtkoppler, Ohio Sea Grant, Ohio State University

Pennsylvania Update 2003:

Bob Wellington, Erie County Health Department, Pennsylvania

New York Update 2003:

Ken Roblee, Senior Wildlife Biologist, NYSDEC

Canadian Update:

Jeff Robinson, Canadian Wildlife Service, Ontario

12:00 Lunch - Provided by Pennsylvania Sea Grant

1:00 Research Presentations:

Botulism Caused Fish and Waterbird Mortality in New York Waters of Lakes Erie and Ontario 2003

Ken Roblee, Senior Wildlife Biologist, NYSDEC

Round Goby Interactions and Relationship to the Botulism Outbreak

Renea Ruffing, Penn State University

Diagnosing Botulism in Fish in the Lower Great Lakes

Rodney G. Getchell, College of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University

Interspecies Toxicity of Type-E Botulinum in Fish: A Bird's Eye View!

Adam Yule and Rich Moccia, University of Guelph, Ontario

Carotenoid Tracers of Food Web Pathways for Type E Botulism

Katherine Alben, NYS Department of Health

3:00 Discussion Session:

Monitoring and Research Plans for 2004?

Approaches for a possible Outbreak Decline in coming years?

4:00 Adjourn