

Evaluation Results

Botulism In Lake Erie Workshop Pennsylvania Sea Grant - New York Sea Grant - Ohio Sea Grant Thursday March 25, 2004 >< Stull Nature Center – Erie, PA.

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

50 participants
28 surveys returned
56% return rate

KEY
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.	1	2	3	4	5			28	4.56	.83
2) The workshop achieved its goal of providing networking opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5			28	4.54	.74
3) The botulism overview was worthwhile.	1	2	3	4	5			28	4.32	.95
4) The state & Canadian updates were worthwhile.	1	2	3	4	5			26	4.42	.63
5) The research presentations were worthwhile.	1	2	3	4	5			28	4.68	.67
6) The discussion session was worthwhile.	1	2	3	4	5			15	4.60	.83
The educational materials and content of the workshop:										
7) Helped me better understand the issues surrounding botulism in Lake Erie.	1	2	3	4	5			27	4.59	.69
8) Provided information relevant to my work.	1	2	3	4	5			26	3.88	.91
9) Were well organized.	1	2	3	4	5			27	4.37	.74
10) Were easy to understand.	1	2	3	4	5			27	4.33	.68
11) Presented information that will help me.	1	2	3	4	5			27	4.22	.80

Please circle your response.		Strongly Disagree					Strongly Agree					N	Mean	+/-
The educational materials and content of the workshop:		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5			
12)	Will be of great use to me.	1	2	3	4	5						27	3.89	.70
13)	I gained new knowledge from this workshop.	1	2	3	4	5						28	4.64	.68
14)	I plan to share the information learned at this workshop with others.	1	2	3	4	5						28	4.36	.99
15)	I plan to take some action as a result of the information I learned at this workshop.	1	2	3	4	5						28	3.71	.98

Please circle or fill in your response.

16) I attended a previous botulism workshop in Erie, PA in 2001, Buffalo, NY in 2002 or Buffalo, NY in 2003. **N=28 YES 68% NO 32%**

17) I shared the information I learned at previous botulism workshop(s) with others. **N=26 YES 73% NO 27%**

Who did you share the information with? **19 Respondents** _____

18) I took action as a result of what I learned at previous botulism workshop(s). **N=25 YES 56% NO 44%**

What action did you take? **14 Respondents** _____

19) Would you be interested in attending a workshop on this topic next year? **N=25 YES 100% NO 0%**

20) What could we do to improve this workshop?

11 Respondents

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

Who did you share the information with? Open Ended Responses:

1. Colleagues, students
2. Regional staff; administrators
3. General Public
4. Fellow office workers/general public
5. Staff and fish & wildlife users
6. Toxicology students at Cornell; Fish Health researchers at meetings
7. Friends in Ohio – NYSOC employees
8. Public, Administrators, Media
9. Public, colleagues
10. Briefings to IJC Commissioners and IJC Water Quality Board/also OSU Stone Lab fish ecology students
11. Peers and other Great Lakes stakeholders
12. Various sportfishing groups
13. Monroe County Health Department, Irondequoit Bay Coordinating Committee, MC Water Quality coordinating committee
14. Co-workers
15. Colleagues
16. Co-workers, students
17. Limited discussion with Health Department Staff
18. Supervisor, others in my agency, Public
19. Colleagues, sportsman's groups, Media

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

What action did you take? Open Ended Responses:

1. Planned and executed research project
2. Avian surveys Lake Erie/Ontario
3. Wrote several informational articles on the topic
4. Made more careful observation on Lake Erie
5. Conducted botulism research
6. Collected samples for investigators
7. Research initiation
8. Included in oral and written briefings on the changing Lake Erie ecosystem
9. Increased literature research
10. Benefit in evaluations NYSG proposal for funding
11. Coordinated observation at Ontario Beach submitted moribund gulls to NYSDEC
12. Applied for grant money to do research

13. Small amount of preparation in case of bird or fish die off
14. Share information with co-workers and public

Item 20. What could we do to improve this workshop?

Open Ended Responses:

1. Provide detailed handout prior to event
2. Like the informality!
3. To be in the acknowledgements
4. Spend more time on discussion of research direction/opportunities – have updates posted or handed out beforehand and ask for any questions rather than spend half day on updates.
5. Appropriate division of program between die-off updates and research updates. Good one-day format. My only suggestions having “noon-to-noon” meeting with overnight in the middle for more networking and informal interactions.
6. Provide print outs of the power point presentations, the authors are okay with it
7. Very nicely done
8. Don't use Styrofoam plates for lunch!
9. The greatest value of these workshops is the coordination of research effort and the exchange of information. It may be helpful to select research topics that compliment each other to the extent possible, or at least clearly relate to the topic of the meeting.
10. This was a well-organized conference. Nice job on achieving a good mix of issues relevant to Botulism (fish, birds, zooplankton, mussels, etc.)
11. Very well organized and excellent presentations. Thank you!