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KASICH JOINS ANGLERS FOR 34TH FISH OHIO DAY

Signs Executive Order Reinforcing Federal Law Banning Drilling on Lake Erie

PORT CLINTON, OH – Gov. John R. Kasich kicked off the 34th Governor's Fish Ohio Day by joining anglers for a day of fishing on Lake Erie this morning. Fish Ohio Day promotes the positive impacts of Lake Erie sport fishing and tourism on the region's economy. Ohio has an \$800 million sport fishery industry and a \$10 billion tourist industry. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife was a sponsor of Fish Ohio Day as well as Lake Erie Shores and Islands-West and the Lake Erie Charter Boat Association. Nineteen charter boats participated in the event this year.

ODNR Director James Zehringer joined the governor in fishing on Lake Erie today. Zehringer reinforced that Lake Erie is not only important to northern Ohio, but to the entire state. He shared that Lake Erie fisheries have been sustained for decades, and Kasich and ODNR are committed to ensuring Ohio's fisheries are sustainable for the future.

Later in the day, Kasich attended the Fish Ohio Day luncheon at the Lake Erie Shores & Islands Welcome Center where he also signed Executive Order 2012-10K. The Executive Order prohibits drilling for oil and gas from within and under the bed of Lake Erie, a reinforcement of existing federal law. The Executive Order can be viewed [here](#).

Current and recent ODNR Lake Erie-related fishing and boating projects include:

- Reviewing the inter-jurisdictional management of walleye to ensure fishing rates are kept at appropriate levels throughout Lake Erie.
- Working with other agencies on an Asian carp partnership to prevent carp establishment in the Great Lakes, especially Lake Erie.
- Collaborating with the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to address water quality conditions across the state.

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