



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# **Wednesday TELECONFERENCE preview of Bayshore power plant hearing on Thursday**

## **Anglers and conservationists calling for new technology to protect millions and billions of fish killed each year at power plant's Maumee River intake**

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### WHAT:

Wednesday TELECONFERENCE to preview Ohio EPA public hearing (6:30 pm, Thursday, April 22, 2010 at Clay High School, Oregon, OH)

### WHEN:

Teleconference set for 10 am, Wednesday, April 21, 2010

### HOW:

Dial 614-487-7507; Conference 292; Password 123123

### WHY:

According to Bayshore power plant's own studies, more than 46 million fish – including 78,000 walleye – and more than 2 billion larval fish – including 14 million walleye - are killed every year by their water intake process. Yet FirstEnergy pays nothing and does little to nothing to reduce the kills. Ohio DNR should require this utility giant to reimburse the citizens for the millions and billions of fish killed each year. Ohio EPA should require FirstEnergy to install effective new intake and cooling tower technology to protect the fish. Anglers and conservation leaders will detail their call for the new technology to be included as part of the permit renewal, currently under consideration by Ohio EPA.

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The mission of the Western Lake Erie Waterkeeper Association ([www.westernlakeerie.org](http://www.westernlakeerie.org)) is to preserve, protect, and improve the watershed, waters, and fish of Western Lake Erie, the Great Lakes' warmest, shallowest, most biologically productive area, and to increase public awareness through collaboration, education and advocacy.

The mission of the Ohio Environmental Council ([www.theOEC.org](http://www.theOEC.org)) is to secure healthy air, land, and water for all who call Ohio home. The OEC is Ohio's leading advocate for fresh air, clean water, and sustainable land use. The OEC has a 40-year history of innovation, pragmatism, and success. Using legislative initiatives, legal action, scientific principles, and statewide partnerships, the OEC secures a healthier environment for Ohio's families and communities.

The mission of the Lake Erie Charter Boat Association ([www.lecba.org](http://www.lecba.org)) is to encourage and promote sound fisheries management in Lake Erie. Advance the charter boat industry, promote a sportsmanlike conduct, create a better working relationship between the association and the sport fishing public. Provide methods for improved boating and fishing technique and a means of working towards these goals.

The mission of the Natural Resources Defense Council ([www.nrdc.org](http://www.nrdc.org)) is a national, nonprofit organization of scientists, lawyers and environmental specialists dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. Founded in 1970, NRDC has 1.2 million members and online activists, served from offices in New York, Washington, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Beijing.