

Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

The EPSFA was formed to educate, enhance and protect the sport fishing in Pennsylvania, especially in Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and its tributaries.

May 11th, 2023

The Ohio Sea Grant Program
Attention: Dr. Kristen Fussell
The Ohio State University
Area 100 Research Center
1314 Kinnear Rd.
Columbus, OH 43212

Dr. Fussell and Proposal Review Committee;

If the proposal submitted by James Metcalf at BGSU entitled "Can cyanobacteria contribute to the decline and mortality of Emerald Shiner in Lake Erie? is selected for funding by Ohio Sea Grant, it is my intent to collaborate and/or commit resources as detailed in the submitted proposal.

We at the Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association feel the Emerald Shiner is a crucial bait fish in Lake Erie and contributes to the prey-baitfish function. Any available research that can benefit the Emerald Shiner may be critical to their existence and stocks.

Sincerely,



Peter Alex III,

President; Erie, PA Sport Fishing Association

Cc: Paul Olszewski; EPSFA Vice-President