

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.

November 15th, 2023

NOAA Restoration Center, NOAA Fisheries,
1315 East West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

ATTN: NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants Under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

Dear NOAA Review Panel:

I am writing to express the support of the Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association for the proposal made by the Great Lakes Commission (Commission) to the 2023 NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant program (NOAA-NMFS-HCPO-2023-2008081) titled *Lake Erie Fish Spawning Habitat Construction and Restoration Project*. We are prepared to collaborate with the Commission and to provide local angler assistance with this project in Lake Erie.

We support the proposed project and the potential benefits it will have on the Lake Erie ecosystem and local communities. The project is projected to enhance 10 acres of fish spawning habitat, which will improve native fish populations and promote a more sustainable fishery.

Our Board of Director's believes this will not only promote fish spawning efforts but enhance fishing opportunities as a result of this project in Erie, PA

We appreciate NOAA's support for restoration efforts in the Great Lakes and hope that this award, administered by the Great Lakes Commission, can provide an effective mechanism for continuing this important work.

Sincerely,

Peter Alex III,

Peter Alex, III,
EPSFA President