

# Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

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February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Erie Western Pennsylvania Port Authority  
Attn: Julie Slomski  
1 Holland St  
Erie PA 1507

Re: Lakeshore Towing Services Inc.

Dear Ms. Slomski,

As the Great Lakes Fishery Commission sport fishing advisor for the Erie, PA area, as well as a long-time charter captain, president of the Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association and boat owner in Erie, PA, I wish to emphasize the importance of a company like Lakeshore Towing Services. Having a local company such as them and others is very important to the hundreds of recreational boaters and fishing boats in our community.

As you may know, Lakeshore provides and has provided assistance to hundreds of boaters each year and is a needed service. They also provide a search & rescue operation on the Pennsylvania waters of Lake Erie and a marina service. The waters of Lake Erie can be turbulent, due to our winds here and the weather can change drastically, putting disabled boaters in peril. Although we have a local Coast Guard, the primary task of our Coast Guard is not to operate a disabled boater retrieval service. However, they will do so when vessels are in immediate peril.

They also provide a business aspect for employment in our community. Their specialized marine services are also needed in our waters. Having a local company like Lakeshore saves costs and time, as well as provide local jobs and income spin off to “our” area. Versus the need to bring in out of town marine contractors to perform the same work.

I understand that our small shoreline area in Erie is valuable and is a source of income and tourism. However, certain businesses are critical to our long-time boating community. Development is also important as we have witnessed but again, certain services such as towing and rescue services, marine improvement and maintenance services, fishing charters, marine repair facilities, marinas, etc.. are needed to support our boating and fishing community. They and others are also part of the history in Erie, PA. These businesses and services should always be maintained despite developmental goals.

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We need a company such as Lakeshore Towing Services and their marina-related services in Erie Pennsylvania. Please consider “always” renewing their lease as well as other related services in the Port of Erie. Their marine related services are needed and critical for the marine related infrastructure, safety of our boaters, commercial charters and fisherman.

Yours Truly,

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