

Science on the Water

2009 topics

'Tours' start from Waterworks at Presque Isle State Park

Time: 6:30 to 8:00p.m.

Cost: \$12 per person

June 18

Speaker: Ray Schreckengost

Topic: Western Erie Port Authority's Master Plan

July 16

Speaker: Jeanette Schnars, Karla Kaczmarek, Jerry Skrypzak

Topic: Sturgeon in Presque Isle Bay; A historical overview and future conservation/management plans

Lake Sturgeon were historically found in vast numbers in Lake Erie along the Pennsylvania shoreline. Although considered a nuisance fish, they were eventually over harvested for their caviar. Presently Lake Sturgeon are rarely seen along this shoreline. Lake Sturgeon continue to spawn in the Niagara River System and near Lake St. Clair. Presently, spawning no longer occurs along the shoals of the Pennsylvania shoreline, however transient adults are still observed. Future conservation and management plans will focus on these adults.

August 20

Speaker: Dr. Mike Campbell

Topic: The impacts of climate change on the Great Lakes

September 17

Speaker: David Frew and Jerry Skrypzak

Topic: Tales and Faces of Erie's Maritime History #2

A Science on the Water Family science cruise is in the planning stages. Geared towards families this 2.5 hour cruise on Lake Erie will explore the life in the lake. More information will be available soon!

All seats are first come/first serve. Preregistration and prepayment are required. Contact Marti Martz of PA Sea Grant at (814) 217-9015 or mam60@psu.edu for more information or to register.