



Great Lakes Sea Grant Fisheries Leadership Institute

Vision

The Great Lakes Sea Grant Fisheries Leadership Institute will operate on a regional, lake and state level to provide emerging citizen fishery leaders with the knowledge and skills to effectively interact with Great Lakes fishery management organizations for the benefit of the fishery and its stakeholders.

The Institute will be an on-going certificate program whose graduates will be widely respected and sought after as advisors on Great Lakes fishery related issues.

Who Should Attend the Institute

1. New leaders of fisheries-related organizations.
2. Those likely to become leaders of their organizations within the next few years.
3. Those likely to be serving as advisors to Great Lakes fishery related institutions (e.g., Lake Committees).

What You Will Gain

1. Skills and knowledge for effective leadership on fisheries management issues.
2. A network of experts from a variety of backgrounds to call upon to effectively address and/or advocate regional needs.
3. The ability to influence policy decisions and legislative initiatives.
4. Explanations of the complexities of Great Lakes fishery-related institutional arrangements, history and science to minimize your frustrations.
5. Exposure to Great Lakes issues and concerns.
6. A basic understanding of fish biology, food webs, aquatic nuisance species, and the effects of contaminants on Great Lakes fish.
7. A thorough understanding of fish consumption advisories.
8. An awareness of the economic importance that Great lakes fisheries have on regional, statewide, and coastal community scales.
9. A certificate of program completion.

Participant Selection

Participants will be nominated by a steering committee which will be composed of partner agencies (e.g., Great Lakes Fishery Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state natural resource departments) and those in current Great Lakes fishery leadership positions.

Participants will be selected by the steering committee to represent a variety of organization 'types - environmental NGOs (non-profit governmental organizations), commercial fishermen, charter captains, tribes, sportfishing associations, visitor bureaus, science writers, legislators, legislative aides, and others. The variety of participants will help institute leaders to deepen their understanding of the multiple perspectives and stakeholders involved in any Great Lakes fishery management decision.

How the Institute Was Made Possible

Funding for the Institute was provided by the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network, the National Sea Grant College Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The Institute was developed with the cooperation of multiple partners. They include the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Geological Survey, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, state departments of natural resources and environmental protection agencies, and other key individuals. These partners with the Great Lakes Sea Grant programs will help plan and teach the Institute, select participants, provide written materials and facilities, and review the course curriculum.

About the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network

The Great Lakes Sea Grant network is a network of Sea Grant colleges and programs working in partnership with government and the private sector to meet the changing needs of Americans living in the Great Lakes region.

For more information about the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network, see the Web site at <http://www.greatlakesseagrant.org>