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TO:

All Senators

FROM:

Senator Jane M. Earll

Re:

Lake Erie Fishing Permit Reauthorization

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation further providing for the Lake Erie fishing permits and reauthorization.

Currently, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission offers a Lake Erie Permit for anglers wishing to fish on Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay their tributaries. Proceeds from the sale of the permit are designated toward a restricted account to be used for the purpose of funding public fishing access projects on Lake Erie and its watersheds.

The Lake Erie Permit was initiated by Act 159 of 2004 and has proved to be a great success, significantly increasing public fishing access as well as to rehabilitate existing access areas. The 5-year sunset provision to utilize the Lake Erie Permit revenues for public fishing access, as established in Act 159, has been extended twice. My legislation would eliminate the sunset provision, thereby ensuring that those who wish to take advantage of all the wonderful fishing and recreational activities Lake Erie and its watersheds have to offer, will always have quality and easy access to the Lake.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please respond no later than Friday, April 20, 2012 by contacting Christine Zubeck at 787-8927 or czubeck@pasen.gov.