

Title: Great Lakes Fishery Leadership Institute

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A significant challenge in achieving a sustainable Great Lakes ecosystem and fisheries is the fact that resource users and decision makers do not have enough information to focus on the larger impact of their decisions. A key element in meeting this challenge is an educated, motivated and participating citizenry. The Great Lakes Sea Grant Network has envisioned and is in the process of initiating a Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute operating on regional, lake and state levels capable of providing 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 core curriculum consists of eight modules: 'Aquatic Science', 'Aquatic Nuisance Species Effect on Sustainability', 'Fishery Habitat', 'Contaminant Issues Relevant to Great Lakes Fisheries', 'Fisheries Management', 'Great Lakes Fishery Agencies: Institutional Arrangements, Funding and Politics', 'Public Participation', and 'Leadership' - which will be complete by May 2003. Institute training sessions are scheduled for Fall 2003.