

**LAKE ERIE COMMITTEE  
POSITION STATEMENT**

**On**

***LaMP Rehabilitation of Nearshore Habitat and Lower Tributaries***

Lake Erie Committee Endorses Lake Management Plan (LaMP 2002) Initiative under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement

The Lake Erie Committee believes that healthy fish communities are indicative of a healthy ecosystem;

- The governments of Canada and the USA, through the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, have directed the development of a Lakewide Management Plan for Lake Erie (LaMP);
- Ecosystem rehabilitation is a key objective of the LaMP;
- The LEC recognizes that degraded fish communities in near-shore waters and tributaries indicate environmental degradation and the need for rehabilitation;
- The Lake Erie Committee wants its interest groups to be aware of the LaMP 2002 initiative;
- The Lake Erie Committee supports the LaMP 2002 initiative for rehabilitation.

**Adopted:**

Annual Lake Erie Committee Meeting  
March 27-28, 2002  
Buffalo, NY