

# 2007 Northeast Michigan Great Lakes and Aquatic Education Networking Meeting

*“Fostering School and Community Partnerships toward Great Lakes Stewardship”*

November 1, 2007 – Alpena, MI

## -- EVALUATION --

Please take a few minutes to record your thoughts and evaluation of this regional Great Lakes and Aquatic Education Networking Meeting. The Planning Committee will use this input to plan future steps for Great Lakes fisheries and aquatic education in northeast Michigan, as well as to reflect upon this regional meeting and whether we met our goals. Thank you for your participation!

**1. How did you hear about this regional Networking Meeting? \_\_\_\_\_**

- Brandon Schroeder - 14
- Kathy Karsten - 1
- Lisha Ramsdell/Huron Pines - 1
- Mary Whitmore - 1
- Invited - 1
- Email - 3
- Helped plan it – 1
- From the Fishes Mouth - 1

**2. Please rate the extent to which you believe this Summit helped to achieve its main objectives:**

**2.1 Today made me more aware of Great Lakes and aquatic education partners and programs in Northeast Michigan.**

Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
(--)	(--)	(--)	(6)	(17)

Additional comments?:

- *Great to see more teachers involved!*

**2.2 Today’s meeting provided me useful information, including networking and resource sharing that will add value to my programs or work.**

Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
(--)	(--)	(--)	(6)	(17)

**2.3 Today’s work helped me better understand opportunities through Place-Based Education or Community-Based Education relevant to Great Lakes and aquatic education in Northeast Michigan.**

Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
(--)	(--)	(3)	(6)	(14)

**2.4 I am willing to involve myself in further developing opportunities discussed today, such as regional collaboration among partners and programs that would enhance Great Lakes and aquatic education efforts in Northeast Michigan.**

Strongly Disagree		Neutral		Strongly Agree
1	2	3	4	5
(--)	(--)	(1)	(8)	(14)

**3. Please comment on your personal reactions to the Summit, by circling one response for each question below.**

		Strongly disagree		Neutral		Strongly agree
3.1	Morning presentations were informative	1 (--)	2 (--)	3 (2)	4 (9)	5 (12)
3.2	My comments and ideas were valued by the group.	1 (--)	2 (1)	3 (1)	4 (7)	5 (14)
3.3	I learned a great deal of new information and perspectives at this meeting.	1 (--)	2 (--)	3 (3)	4 (6)	5 (14)
3.4	I intend to use information and contacts from this meeting in the near future.	1 (--)	2 (--)	3 (2)	4 (5)	5 (16)
3.5	I would like to stay involved in any future regional network activities.	1 (--)	2 (--)	3 (1)	4 (7)	5 (15)

**4. Which of today's program and resources did you find *MOST valuable* (things to keep)?**

- Networking and ideas from other teachers.
- Networking
- Connecting with educators (in-school) and hearing their needs
- All
- Peer to peer communications – teachers sharing with teachers – resource people sharing resources & opportunities with teachers
- The networking
- Amount of resources to support existing programs
- Just meeting the people that were here
- All the networking!
- Project FISH
- Just the networking & relationship building with teachers & community resource people in my area
- Mask resources
- Regional collaboration for resource sustainability
- Community members were present with great ideas
- Networking and places for funding (Hammond Bay)
- Mini-breakout session with people within same community
- No answer
- Networking
- Networking collaborative opportunities, funding ops
- Groups focus (break out sessions)
- Networking opportunities, community partners
- Networking & communication
- All of the handouts & discussions

**5. Which of today's program and resources did you find LEAST valuable (things to change)?**

- Regional discussions
- A lot of information in a compact time frame
- Today was great!
- Some presentations in the am were repetitive from last year (Project FISH, Marine Sanctuary)
- Huron Pines
- All was valuable
- Nothing – all very informative
- It was great
- More time to develop grants/project planning

**6. Please provide additional comments regarding this regional meeting.**

What were the most important things you learned today? Is there anything today that we neglected to include? How would you like to stay involved or engaged in these types of discussions in the future?

- The interest and support is there, administrative representatives from various schools would benefit and provide answers/facilitate discussions
- In-service training for teachers dealing with aquatic ed.
- Valuable – great networking if nothing else.
- This info needs to be taken from this group into the schools
- That we all face some constraints – but others find ways around them – you can too – the phrase “big clutter”
- Thanks for the handouts
- email contacts, people to contact and where to start
- Connections & future plans to collaborate with local schools was most important. Next steps for GLFT funding? Did we cover enough?
- Help arrange smaller information/planning sessions at area in-service days.
- . . . the community needs students , want to connect.
- email or list serve networking/project ideas sturgeon!
- We need to get AMA-ESD – COP school districts more involved. Too bad Gary Goren had to leave early. Where are school administrators, curriculum development people? It's time they were more involved.
- Making new relationships. Learning what's happening in environmental education.
- Area quarterly meeting.
- Time for educators to develop “Plans”
- Love list serve idea, central resource guide
- I have added several contacts to my network

**7. Please comment on the meeting facilities (meeting rooms, food, etc.).**

- Great space! Great place!
- Excellent facility great food.
- Host site was very accommodating and comfortable. Food was exceptional.
- Everything was wonderful!
- Couldn't be better!
- Better than most professional development
- Excellent, everything
- Wonderful!
- Outstanding!
- Terrific!
- Excellent! (x4)
- Great! (x5)
- Good (x2)

**8. Any specific words of thanks or appreciation to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust for their funding support and sponsorship of today's meeting???**

- Very worth while! Thank you.
- Much appreciated!
- A wonderful opportunity for networking, professional development. Thanks!
- This was an extremely valuable collaboration of the community educators – professionals!
- Valued the time to be with folks interested in PBE.
- Great Day! Thank you!
- A very informative group & the funding was greatly appreciated!
- Thank you! Today was valuable!
- This was exactly the push and information I needed to get a community project off the ground.
- It is very affirming to have the support of GLFT in capacity building. I know this initiative is valuable and I really appreciate that GLFT thinks so too!
- Thanks for providing \$ to bring this group together.
- Thank you GLFT for your vision, leadership and investment in this productive event towards stewardship and resource sustainability.
- Thanks for the network . . . great things may develop.
- Thanks very much, they made it possible for me to attend!
- Thank you for this valuable opportunity to network, share, and plan educational opportunities for our students.
- Thank you for allowing the people to get together.
- This was a very unique opportunity. Thank you!
- Thank you – The meeting provided an opportunity to develop collaborative hands-on programs.
- Keep up the GREAT work!
- Thank you for this opportunity!
- Great job! To all involved

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS!**