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## From The Editor

I love clichés (not really). How about this one; “Kill the messenger”. As an avid walleye fisherman, when I’ve had a year like the previous one (few fish in my cooler too), the uneducated side of me feels like giving the local extension officer or fisheries biologist an earful. Then my better senses take hold and I say wait a minute. Let’s not kill the messenger after all.

Biologists are for the most part carrying the message of what’s happening to the Lake Erie Fishery resources. Sure, fisheries management decisions are part of the process. But more than anything, Mother Nature is the primary force that guides how Lake Erie will produce from year to year and biologists keep us all informed as to how Mother Nature is doing.

Biologists are like baseball managers. They receive too much credit when fishing is good and are criticized all too much when times are tough. Biologists are luckier than major league managers though. They usually get to keep their job during the bad times.

Now I don’t mean to say that biologists and fisheries managers have no impact at all. There are important fisheries management decisions that are made that can dramatically impact Lake Erie’s future fishery resources. There are also political and legislative decisions that can potentially produce major impacts.

One such example is the recent passing of the Ohio Senate Bill (SB) 241. This law reestablishes the Division of Wildlife’s authority to manage the Lake Erie Fishery by rule and clears up vague language that confused enforcement cases in the past and hindered

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