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## **GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION HONORS INDIVIDUALS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO GREAT LAKES PARTNERSHIPS, SCIENCE AND SEA LAMPREY CONTROL**

**ANN ARBOR, MI** -- The Great Lakes Fishery Commission last week presented four individuals with awards that recognized their distinguished and dedicated efforts to protect and improve the Great Lakes. Read more about each award below:

**Ms. Ellie Koon**, recently of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was presented with the 2014 Vernon Applegate Award for Outstanding Contributions to sea lamprey control. Ms. Koon was presented this award for her dedicated contributions to the sea lamprey control program, including efforts to develop and oversee the sea lamprey barrier program and to plan, implement, lead, and improve lampricide applications. Sea lamprey control is the foundation of the \$7 billion Great Lakes fishery. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

**Mr. John Jackson**, Chair of the Canadian Committee of Advisors of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, was presented with the C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Award for fostering Great Lakes partnerships. The award, which the Commission presents annually, recognized Mr. Jackson for his tireless commitment to uniting the environmental non-governmental community and to developing effective communication with officials in Canada and the United States, and for providing strong leadership on the Canadian Committee of Advisors. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

**Mr. Jim Johnson** of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was presented with the 2014 Jack Christie-Ken H. Loftus Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions toward Understanding Healthy Great Lakes Ecosystems. Mr. Johnson was recognized for his decades of work to understand the Lake Huron fish community, to restore native species, to foster interagency cooperation, and to communicate science to stakeholders. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)

**Ms. Jennifer Nalbene**, former Vice-Chair of the Committee of Advisors of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, was presented with the C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Award for fostering Great Lakes partnerships. The award recognized Ms. Nalbene for her outstanding work to combat invasive species, to restore biodiversity, to support the health of the Great Lakes fishery, and for steadfast leadership to the United States Committee of Advisors. Currently, Ms. Nalbene is an Environmental Scientist for the New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman. [Click here to read the full press release.](#)



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