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Heritage Fish Returns to Detroit River

Editors: A map to the site is posted on: www.waynecounty.com/parks/elizabeth_pk.htm; click on “map of Elizabeth Park” and “layout of park”

Who: Senator Carl Levin, Congressman John Dingell, Congressman John Conyers, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and other Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge and Huron-Erie Corridor partners

What: Join us as we return to the Detroit River lake whitefish raised at the USGS Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor, MI to celebrate the River’s ecological recovery.

Topic: Last fall, scientists documented the presence of spawning lake whitefish and eggs in the Detroit River for the first time since 1916. A small number of these young whitefish will be released into the Detroit River to celebrate the water quality improvements that have resulted from nearly 40 years of pollution prevention and control, conservation, and scientific research by the U.S. and Canada. The lake whitefish is a key indicator of ecosystem health and its return to the Detroit River provides further evidence of progress in the ecological recovery of the River. We hope this symbolic event will also raise awareness of our commitment to re-establish this heritage fishery in the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Where: Wayne County’s Elizabeth Park Amphitheatre (just north of the Shelter Building)
Trenton, Michigan

When: Tuesday, October 24, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

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