## Find Fish Folks from 4 States

You are invited to attend the 2010 Multistate Aquaculture Forum on Saturday, Jan.16, in Huntington, WV. For the first time, West Virginia's annual Aquaculture Forum will be held jointly with organizations from four states: West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan.

Producer associations, regulators, and educators are working together on a high-impact program. The forum will be held in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center on the Marshall University Campus in Huntington**.**

The program features an industry update, research highlights, presentations by leading aquaculture businessmen, and discussions about development of the aquaculture industry.

Activities include a poster session highlighting aquaculture research results and a reception featuring regional aquaculture products.

Participants will meet and speak with fish folks from the region, and the associations from Ohio, West Virginia, and Michigan will hold business meetings.

Participants will receive information on a wide variety of topics and learn about where to get fish, feed, supplies, and information about growing aquaculture products.

## Take Pre-forum Tour Friday, Jan. 15

Register for Friday's free tour to the Ohio Center for Aquaculture Research and Development in Piketon, Ohio. The center strives to increase the productivity, innovation, and profitability of Ohio and U.S. aquaculture operations, while respecting sustainability and good stewardship. It is home to the Ohio Genetic Improvement of Farmed-fish Traits Program. The tour departs the Pullman Plaza Hotel at noon and returns at 5 p.m.

## Enjoy Rare Opportunity

This is an uncommon opportunity for growers, researchers, and regulators from these states to exchange ideas. Though growers in these states have much in common, programs in each state are in different regions. Kentucky is in the Southern region. Ohio and Michigan are in the North-central region. West Virginia is in the Northeastern region.

# Register now to attend The Multistate Aquaculture Forum on Saturday, Jan. 16, Huntington, WV.

The registration fee is $10 for Saturday's meeting (to help cover the cost of the meal). Friday's field trip is free, but registration is required and must be received by Jan. 8.

The tour group will not stop for lunch during the field trip; be sure to eat Friday before we depart the Pullman Plaza Hotel.

As more details become available, information will be posted on the West Virginia University website (http://aquaculture.ext.wvu.edu/). Information may also be obtained from Ken Semmens, at 304-293-6131 x 4211 or via email at Ken.Semmens@mail.wvu.edu.

## Make Lodging Arrangements

Nearby lodging is available at the Pullman Plaza Hotel and other locations in Huntington. The Pullman Plaza is six blocks from Marshall University. The room rate is $89/night plus tax. The hotel reservation deadline is Dec. 22. To reserve a room, call 866-613-3611 and refer to the WVAA block of rooms. For hotel information: http://www.pullmanplaza.com/

## Please Register by Jan. 8

Name:_____

Organization:_____

Address:_____

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Phone:_____

Email:_____

❒ Friday, Jan. 15, field trip *(no charge)*
Registration due by Jan. 8, 2010

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To pay by credit card, please complete the following information and return this form to the address below by Jan. 8, 2010.

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## Schedule

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| 8:30 am | Doors Open<br>Posters available for viewing. |
| 9:30 am | Welcome |
| 9:45 am | Industry Update<br>West Virginia<br>Ohio<br>Kentucky<br>Michigan |
| 10:45 am | Role of an Aquaculture Coordinator in Kentucky - Angela Caporelli |
| 11:05 am | Break |
| 11:20 am | Aquaculture Research Highlights<br>West Virginia<br>Ohio<br>Kentucky |
| 12:05 pm | Lunch<br>Aquaculture Association business meetings<br>Posters available for viewing |
| 1:35 pm | Ohio Aquatic Animal Health Advisory Board – Dr. Tony Forshey |
| 1:55 pm | Michigan's Aquaculture Development Act – Russ Allen |
| 2:25 pm | From Producer to Producer - Bob Calala, Calala's Water Haven |
| 2:55 pm | Break / Taste of Aquaculture |
| 3:25 pm | From Producer to Producer - Tom Ort, Mountaineer Trout Farm |
| 3:55 pm | Panel Discussion<br>Aquaculture Development:<br>What works; what doesn't work |
| 4:20 pm | Door Prizes/Closing Remarks |

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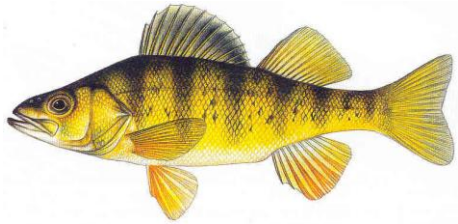
West Virginia
Ohio
Kentucky
Michigan



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