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Coming Home!

“Celebrating the Return of the Detroit River’s Charismatic Mega Fauna”

Trenton, MI – Join us on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Trenton Village Theatre for a homecoming celebration of an environmental kind! Dr. John Hartig, Manager of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, will share one of the most compelling national stories of ecological recovery happening right in our own backyard. You will learn how over 30 years of pollution prevention and control have led to the return of Detroit River’s charismatic megafauna, including lake sturgeon, lake whitefish, walleye, peregrine falcons, bald eagles and mayflies. Also presented will be critical information on key challenges to ensuring ecosystem health and long-term sustainability.

The presentation, entitled "Coming Home", is based on the recently released, ““State of the Strait: Status and Trends of Key Indicators.” This three-year study is the result of the work of nearly 50 organizations and over 75 scientists that compiled and interpreted long-term trend data on 50 indicators and helped prepare a comprehensive assessment of ecosystem health. Copies of this report will also be available at no cost to the public.

As one of the participating scientists, Dr. John Hartig has a keen understanding of the report. This unique insight, combined with his ability to connect with his audience through his passion for the project, is the perfect combination for an informative and inspiring presentation.

In addition, Dr. Hartig will also share the exciting plans to build an Outdoor Environmental Educational Shelter in Humbug Marsh of the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge in 2008 and how you can contribute to create this compelling outdoor education experience for our children.

Sponsoring partners of this presentation include: Trenton Parks and Recreation, International Wildlife Refuge Alliance, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, Trenton Historical Society, Trenton Business Association, Friends and the Detroit River and Riverside Kayak Connection.

The Trenton Village Theatre is located in Downtown Trenton at 2447 West Jefferson. For more information please contact (734) 675-7300.

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