Resolution #5: Avian Botulism Research

Whereas recent outbreaks of Avian Botulism (clostridium botulinum) have increased and appear to be moving from West to East from Lake Huron through Lake Erie may well show up in Lake Ontario soon and,

Whereas very little is known about the ecology of Type E botulinum toxin and,

Whereas there appears to be linkage between Type E botulinum toxin and fish, but it is very poorly understood and,

Whereas people are susceptible to poisoning with Type E botulinum toxin and agencies responsible for managing the resources and providing information to the human population have little information in this regard, therefore

Be it resolved that the U. S. Advisors for Lake Ontario urge the Great Lakes Fishery Commission sponsor research in this area to help to better understand Type E botulinum toxin ecology, its origins, it’s linkages to the fish population and causes for its apparent spread in the Great Lakes Basin.

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