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Ms. Brookhart,

Enclosed is a modified version of our metadata record entitled “Lake Erie Fish Community Data.” The metadata record was modified based upon your suggestions and our further proofing of the record. Each change to the metadata record or our rationale for not making changes suggested are detailed below in comment-by-comment format. We hope that you will find our edits both easy to follow and acceptable.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns related to the metadata record or our response to the suggestions.

Respectfully,



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**Responses to Metadata Reviewer’s Comments**

**Sec. 1 – Identification Information:**

*Sec. 1.1 – Citation*

Comment 1) title: The suggested changes are not consistent with our intended use of the metadata record. Due to the fact that this record is considered “live” and will be continually updated with new data as future surveys are completed, we do not believe that appending a date range to the title will be the best practice under these circumstances.

Comment 2) geoform: Fixed.

Comment 3) onlink: A DOI number has been obtained but is not considered registered until an internal review process is completed. The metadata record will be updated with the appropriate number after this process is complete.

*Sec. 1.2 – Description*

Comment 1) supplinf: This review was not completed on the most current version available. These suggested changes were already completed in the current version.

*Sec. 1.6 – Keywords*

Comment 1) Done.

Comment 2) themekt: Fixed.

Comment 3) themekey: Fixed.

Comment 4) Done. Added Michigan and Ontario as the survey was not completed in solely Ohio waters.

**Sec 5. – Entity and Attribute Information**

*Sec 5.1 – Detailed Description*

Comment 1) enttply: Fixed.

Comment 2) attrunit:

* Sub comment 1: Standard deviation (Std\_Dev) units have been updated. Coefficient of variation (CV) is unitless. It is calculated by dividing the standard deviation by the mean, both with the same units. Therefore, units cancel leaving the value unitless.
* Sub comment 2: Fixed.

Comment 3) attrdomv:

* Sub comment 1: In the current version of this record, a taxonomic section is in place to address the species included in the data sets.
* Sub comment 2: This has already been addressed in the most current version.

Comment 4) attrdef: Fixed.

**Sec. 6 – Distribution Information**

*Sec. 6.4 Standard Order Process*

Comment 1) fees: This has already been addressed in the most current version.