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## **Marina at Long Point State Park to Open**

**Mayville:** -- Chautauqua County Executive Gregory J. Edwards was informed yesterday by Mark Thomas, Western New York Regional Director for NYS Parks that the Marina at Long Point State Park will be open for the spring and summer seasons.

"Mr. Thomas told me that the Marina at Long Point State Park will open however, the determination of the opening of the rest of the park will not be decided until after the State has a budget in place," Edwards said.

New York Governor David Paterson, along with Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Commissioner Carol Ash recommended earlier this year that Long Point State Park, which is located outside of Bemus Point, be closed. It was part of an overall plan to close 41 parks and 14 historic sites when the new budget year begins April 1, 2010. Closing the parks would reportedly save New York State \$6.5 Million.

"Having the marina open is certainly good news for Chautauqua County and the groups and organizations that have already booked the park for fishing tournaments and other events this year," Edwards said.

"I would like to thank the people that came to the rally in support of the Park and in particular, Steve Hayes, who formed the group "Friends of Long Point" and organized the rally," Edwards said.

Edwards concluded by saying that he is hopeful that once a State budget is in place, the short-sighted plan to close Long Point State Park will not be a part of the State budget.

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