

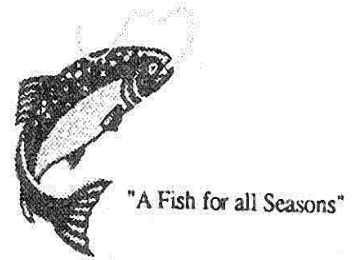


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chair



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Elections:

Election of Officers was postponed until February.

Website Update:

No news

Budget Update:

The 2024 budget is again 4K, and includes the 828.00 we will owe for webhosting again in 2024. Other possible expenses include the digital marketing campaign, especially the question as to whether the range should be expanded from local to more NE region, and possibly other expenses concerning the pens. This discussion will be held in February. Visit Rochester has been working on the new brochure. They are in the final draft stage. Regulations got cut. It will be a tackle box size brochure.

Action Items:

Chris Legard, Lake Ontario Fisheries Unit Leader, attended via zoom, to detail the Lake Bottom survey work and telemetry study involving 200 fish with the telemeters, NYSDEC is doing to characterize Lake Trout spawning habitat and identify sites for possible improvement. Unfortunately, F. Sanza, who is interested in helping to fund reef construction in the Rochester area, was not on the call at this time, but logged in after Chris's presentation. First round of field work has been completed, and is analysis by USGS. When Frank joined the call, Chris repeated his summary. W. Persall asked about drops in the Rochester Embayment area. Chris said there were some, including in the Wautoma Shoals area off Braddock's Bay, and off the Genesee River mouth. The study will take a few years to complete. Chris projected at least 2 to 3 more years of camera work and telemetry work, another 2 years to develop plans and secure funding, so 6 to 9 years total. The measured approach being taken by DEC, OMNR, and other partners allows for planning on a lakewide scale. S. Furgal commented that the tags that went into the fish last about 10 years, and Sea Grant has developed a poster for returning the tags.

Action Items Update From Last Month

Rachel Laber Pulvino from Visit Rochester reported that they are doing a reprint of the fishing guide, with content updates to include launch sites, fish and illustrations, regulations, links, charter and guide listings, new photos, etc. They are changing the size of the guide to rack card size, easier to mail and fits in a tackle box.

Other Items:

S. Furgall from Sea Grant is talking about a lakewide conference in Rochester or Oswego first weekend in March. W. Persall asked if the meeting on this is open or closed.

The meeting was adjourned at 07:35 PM.