

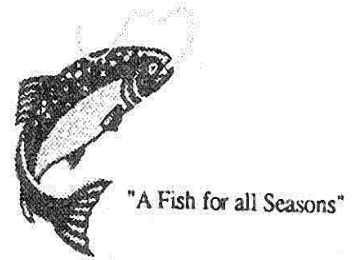


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chair



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was conducted at the Medical Examiners Conference Room and via Zoom due to the Pandemic. Chad Lapa from Blue Eye Design was in attendance. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and carried.

Website Update:

Chad Lapa reported on the website redesign. Traffic on the site continues to go up, it jumped during Covid, and much of the traffic is through mobile units. The new site will adapt to any screen size. The Update is being funded by Visit Rochester. The Planning Department has been building access and other maps in GIS. It will be 4 to 6 weeks until the draft. Chad can be called at 585-414-5321 or emailed at chad@blueeyedesign.net with any questions.

Budget Update:

The board has \$2,656 remaining in the 2021 budget. Other planned budgeted expenses include \$550 for the LOC derby newspaper plus online advertisement and the annual website hosting and maintenance fee of \$828 for the website.

New Action Items:

Updates: Irondequoit Bay- A survey was conducted by the Nature Conservancy and the Finger Lakes PRISM in August about excessive weed growth, good habitat but tough for boats. The shallows less than 12 feet have excessive weeds. R. Sacchelli reports great fishing, says the North end ramps are rough in the low water, and water clarity is as good as it has been in a while. He also reports large numbers of cormorants. W. Persall says when they went to survey they couldn't find the birds.

Sea Grant: Stacy Furgal has replaced Jesse LePack. She said preliminary trawl data indicates Adult Alewife are on the low end population-wise, but there are a couple of good year classes coming up. YOY data should be out later in the year.

Sea Grant is hoping to host a captain's conference and wants to involve more with new groups such as women, kids and tributary anglers as well.

Stacy reported that NYSDEC is planning some kind of State of the Lake for this fall, but it may be virtual.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

W. Persall reported on the ripe nearly 70 lb female sturgeon captured in the Genesee River, the first major goal of this reintroduction effort is reached. Finding naturally reproduced babies will be the second milestone.

S. Fetrinelli reported on the Niagara Flyfishing Outdoor Show, Part of the bigger Niagara show, to be held in February of 2022. Tables are available, contact Scott. It is the largest show in NYS.

Other Business:

The LOC Fall Derby will be held on August 20th – September 6th, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 07:40. Due to low in person attendance, meetings will return to Zoom only in October.