

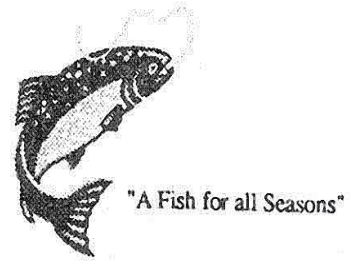


# Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

**Steven Rutherford**  
*Chair*



## Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes November 14, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m. Mike Disarno was present from NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. The minutes were approved as read.

### Website Update:

The Visitor's Bureau is looking into the estimate we received from Accountable Digital. If they cannot cover some of the extra cost, we have insufficient funds to cover and the 2023 advertising proposal and it will have to be scaled back.

### Budget Update:

There is \$172 remaining, as the invoice for \$828 was paid to Blue Eye Design.

### Action Items:

S. Zucco asked if LOSPC has dissolved. S. Olufsen replied that the organization is still there, but they are not attending some of the shows due to lack of staff for the tables. S. Olufsen reports that they have a big marketing plan in development. There is a splinter group of St Lawrence, Jefferson, and Oswego counties that will be attending the Eastern shows. Steve will check on whether they can include MC. S. Zucco said the promoter for Suffern is looking for more exhibitors.

S. Rutherford asked if anyone had read the DEC Fishing Line about discovery of naturally reproduced Lake Trout in Lake Erie. The data from this effort can be used to inform the creation of artificial spawning areas in Lake Ontario. S. Furgal replied that there are numerous studies of Lake Trout habitat planned for Lake Ontario for 2023, mostly Federal but also including the DEC Lake Ontario Unit.

### Other Items:

Mike Disarno introduced himself as the new Region 8 Biologist, replacing Matt Sanderson, who retired earlier this year. He filled in for Web Persall tonight. He came to Region 8 from Region 3.

S. Olufsen said the membership effort continues. Suggestions to include were the Monroe County Conservation Council, as Jim Strong has moved away, and Trout Unlimited.

S. Furgal spoke about the Sturgeon Celebrations, over 1500 people were reached on this program to better inform the public on this restoration action.

S. Rutherford said runs in Sandy Creek have been poor, except brown trout. C. Knauf pointed out the unusually dry fall conditions that have retarded runs in most tributaries, and the elimination of king stocking in Sandy as part of the Atlantic Salmon plan. DEC says they are seeing a lot of Atlantics 20 to 22 inches in length. S. Rutherford also reports the annual migration of the mupheres, and the annual influx of nocturnal harvesters, formerly known as poachers. Lots of ENCON presence during daylight hours, nighttime less so.

### Action Items Update From Last Month:

S. Zucco went to the Sturgeon stocking, heard it said that the river is perfect spawning habitat for spawning. A gravid female from the 2003 stocking returned in 2022.

S. Furgal talked about Sea Grant hosting seminars for charter boat captains and will keep the board updated with any developing dates and location.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.