

# **Fishery Advisory Board**

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello County Executive

**Steven Rutherford** *Chair* 



## Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m and was conducted via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Captain Rob Wescott was in attendance from the Lake Ontario Charter Boat Association. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and carried.

### **Website Update:**

S. Olufsen and Rich Macky from Visit Rochester have set up a meeting with Chad Lapa from Blue Eye Design about the website redesign and update.

#### **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:**

- S. Zucco obtained the List for LOSPC, including all prior listed MC captains, and anyone that responded to the email from R. Westcott. Sam thinks there may be at least one additional captain on Irondequoit Bay.
- S. Olufsen described the Canal Corp video link which was sent to the group. It contained some footage of Oak Orchard and Sandy Creek.

It was reported that the West side allocation of browns was stocked into Sandy Creek due to bad conditions and high numbers of shags on the Lake. There was a discussion of the spring lakeshore fishery which is reported to have been the poorest in recent memory. Some of the captains have a concern that a lot of browns may have been lost in past stocking due to stocking early, they said not long after release in one recent year there were 200-300 "deads" at the Kodak stocking site.

There were three Lake Trout stocking sites employed this year.

- W. Persall reported that Atlantics earmarked for Oak Orchard were stocked the day of the meeting at Sandy Creek due to poor lakeshore conditions at the Oak, and fish earmarked for Sandy will go to the Oak when they are ready.
- R. Sachelli reported that a recent catch weigh and release tournament held at sodus was won by a smallmouth limit (5 fish) of 23 lbs, largemouths was 19 lbs in the bay. Mmm, them's big bass!
- R. Sachelli asked about who is running the Irondequoit Bay ramp, everyone thinks it is the Town, reported large numbers of swans (they've been there for years now).

The Town of Hamlin will be looking for input on its LWRP, and the County will be looking for input on an update to the Irondequoit Bay Harbor Management Plan.

### **Action Items Update From Last Month:**

Monroe County Offshore Classic will be held June 25 and 26, 2021 at Shumway Marina.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.