

Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello

Steven Rutherford

County Executive

Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Elections:

Officer elections were held. Steve Rutherford retained his position as Chair and Sam Zucco retained his position as Vice Chair. Charlie Knauf declined the Secretary position. A new Secretary will be selected at the next meeting.

Website Update:

No News

Budget Update:

The 2025 budget was approved in the amount of \$4,000. The web hosting allotment is \$828 with the remaining \$3,172 reserved for marketing.

Action Items:

- L. Lascari raised concerns regarding tree removal and clearing of instream-woody debris in Powder Mills Park. C. Kirchmaier responded that the removed trees were in a high traffic area and needed to be removed as they were dead ash trees and posed a threat to park users' safety. C. Knauf asked if the two issues, streamside trees/vegetation and the instream work, could be treated separately? C. Kirchmaier replied that instream debris is not routinely removed and the removal in Powder Mills may have been in error. It was suggested that C. Kirchmaier could put together a presentation for the board on the Monroe County Parks master plans as they do impact the trout stream in the County parks.
- R. VenVertloh, asked if MC Parks has an inventory of fishing resources for the parks? C. Kirchmaier suggested the Parks Advisory Committee might be able to answer that question.
- S. Furgal reported Sea Grant was awarded a grant to put materials together to facilitate Atlantic salmon identification.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

- C. Knauf reported that he checked the posters at Springwater Creek on another subsequent trip. He noted they had been posted early to let people know the streams, all but a few Finger Lakes tributaries, are closed to all fishing from January 1 through April 1 at sunrise. M. DiSarno confirmed this.
- R. Rutherford will attend the Suffern Show. There is also a show in Edison, NJ on March 14-16 that Brandon may attend.

Other Items:

S. Furgal reported that Sea Grant plans to conduct an economic impact study of the charter boat industry.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.