

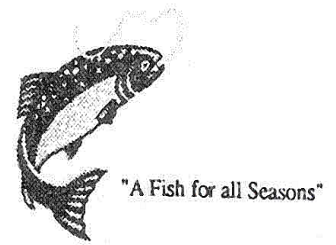


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

S. Zucco shared the sad news that long time member Frank Sanza had passed away on March 9, 2025. We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. He was the chairman of the Fishery Advisory Board numerous times. He was also charter boat captain on Lake Ontario for nearly 20 years and served as president of the Lake Ontario Charter Boat Association. In 2017 he was inducted in the New York State Outdoorsmen's Hall of Fame. Frank will be greatly missed.

Website Update:

S. Olufsen shared that a proposal from Peter Platt with Accountable Digital had been submitted. It includes a Google Ads campaign during the months of April through June. A motion was made and passed to approve the marketing plan for \$3,150. It was discussed to get this digital ad process going earlier in the year. A suggestion was made to also look at marketing via Facebook in the future.

Budget Update:

The 2025 budget is \$4,000. The Google ad campaign cost is \$3,150 and the web hosting allotment is \$828 which leaves a balance of \$22.

Action Items:

C. Knauf shared some information from S. Furgal regarding concerns about invasive species work with the federal funding cuts. M. DiSarno will look into the DEC role and any other information he can find. There are concerns that funding cuts could impact the research efforts on baitfish. There was discussion to consider writing letters and it was suggested that the letters could be addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, Doug Burgum.

S. Rutherford attended the Suffern show and reported that it was good. S. Rutherford shared brochures and contacts for those unaware of the wider/longer opportunities for salmon fishing through charters.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

R. VenVertloh raised the question if MC Parks has an inventory of fishing resources for the parks? He is interested in the parking at Route 386 near Oatka Creek and habitat improvements. C. Kirchmaier stated that the Parks Advisory Committee could provide input. The Parks Department conducts reviews periodically on topics such as master plans, funding, and scheduling. As an example, C. Kirchmaier noted that a portion of a grant from Kodak for remediation would be put towards Genesee access near Seneca Park. C. Kirchmaier and R. VenVertloh will discuss reviewing Oatka's master plan in the future.

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.

Other Items:

C. Knauf is scheduled for surgery on April 17 and will be absent from a few meetings in the months following.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.