

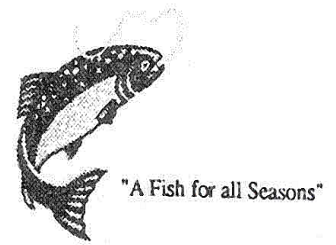


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes April 14, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Website Update:

S. Olufsen reported the proposal from Peter Platt with Accountable Digital has been signed. It includes a Google Ads campaign during the months of April through June.

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:

S. Rutherford shared that Federal Lampricide efforts have been funded through the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), however there are some concerns as many probationary staff have been terminated. Additionally, he stated the US Geological Survey (USGS) Oswego Office has also been funded as well as the Asian Carp Barriers Project through the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

C. Knauf shared that the canal discharge issues, which were previously minimized to keep water quality up, have increased considerably. Steve Hurst and Chris Legard from NYS DEC are aware of canal discharges east of the Genesee and they are concerned. A paper has been published on the Erie Canal and Genesee River hydrology and ongoing water quality concerns. C. Knauf mentioned some work long ago with the Environmental Management Council. Genesee RiverWatch is hosting the Genesee River Basin Summit: "Emerging Issues" on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at the RIT Inn and Conference Center for those interested in attending.

Braddock Bay dredging is in progress.

M. DiSarno stated that the Genesee River Pen Project welcomes volunteer help.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

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.

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 7:38 PM.