Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York



Adam J. Bello County Executive Steven Rutherford Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Website Update:

The advertising through Accountable Digital is running and 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:

M. DiSarno distributed a general outline regarding upcoming Lampricide efforts and a brief discussion took place.

M. DiSarno also discussed Sodus Bay nighttime electroshocking.

S. Zucco stated that pen rearing efforts went well this spring.

Discussions took place regarding stocking and petitions in Irondequoit Creek. The County DEC management and staff had a meeting with District 135 Assembly Member Jen Lunsford.

Action Items Update From Last Month:

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.

Other Items:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.