

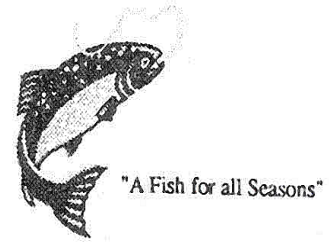


# Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

**Adam J. Bello**  
*County Executive*

**Steven Rutherford**  
*Chairperson*



## Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes February 9, 2026

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

### Website Update:

S. Olufsen shared that he received a proposal from Peter Platt with Accountable Digital. As discussed in the previous meeting, the Google ads will start running earlier this year and also later into the season, April through July. The proposal was brought up for a vote and was unanimously approved.

### Budget Update:

The Board's budget for 2026 was approved for \$4,000.

### Action Items:

R. Venvertloh inquired to DEC about Spring Creek and received some answers on the water supply study, dam removal, and hatchery. B. Hammers added that DEC supports removing the dam if the hatchery's water needs can be met. They are investigating specific dam types, including fish passage provisions, if that approach is taken.

R. Venvertloh received Parks' Master Plan data from C. Kirchmaier. R. Venvertloh plans to review it and look for unaddressed fishing-related recommendations (i.e., access, habitat, restoration, stabilization and accessibility). The review is ongoing. Questions arose during the discussion: Does the board want to add proposals moving forward relating to fishing, and should we perform our own inventory refresh of fishing related items?

L. Lascari discussed the Panorama bridge/culvert visit with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The board also had a brief discussion on Atlantic salmon stocking as well.

S. Olufsen provided a brief LOSPC guide update; there will be one page per county and a professional graphic designer will be doing the work. S. Olufsen will distribute copies of the guide when available.

### Action Items Update from Last Month:

B. Hammers shared that NYS DEC is looking at walleye within Irondequoit and Sodus Bay to see how effective stocking is compared to natural recruitment. They would like to collect 100 heads from each bay for study starting in the spring of 2026 and running for one year. The second year would involve acoustic tagging.

### Other Items:

C. Knauf shared information about NYDEC's 15-year plan to protect and restore Adirondack brook trout ponds. The plan will prioritize stocking brook trout over non-native species in some ponds.

S. Furgal suggested a review of Lake Ontario stocking plan update (current plan goes through 2026) from DEC.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM