

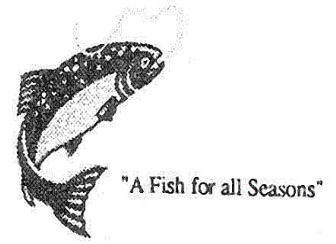


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Website Update:

Google ads are currently running through the end of July. Peter Platt from Accountable Digital provided some statistics to S. Olufsen who shared them with the Board. The data will be pulled from April until September.

Budget Update:

The Board's budget for 2026 was approved for \$4,000. The Google ad campaign cost was \$3,150 and has been paid. The web hosting fees are \$828 which will leave a balance of \$22.

Action Items:

B. Hammers provided an update about the Walleye chest freezers. They are currently in place and fish heads are being collected in both Irondequoit Bay and Sodus Bay. Fish taken on the open lake are not of interest.

There is ongoing stocking of brown trout in Lake Ontario.

Pen rearing at the Genesee River went well. Chinook increased in size from 128 per pound to 65 per pound.

S. Furgal shared that the Tinker Nature Park Pond in Henrietta is having a hydrilla infestation which was first discovered in 2015. The Town is looking for funding to mitigate the issue. She also noted that Major League Fishing is sharing information on how tournament anglers can help stop the spread of invasive species.

B. Hammers said Atlantic salmon stocking and hazing are winding down within the next week. There were 91,000 excess chinooks stocked in Oak Orchard. He also noted that DEC will be sampling Irondequoit Creek the week of June 8, 2026

Action Items Update from Last Month:

B. Hammers explained that NYDEC is placing freezers out for collection of walleye heads at Sodus Bay. This is to support studies to determine walleye age and growth which helps inform them on population and growth rates.

He also stated pen stocking and hazing is taking place on various tributaries including the Genesee River and Sandy Creek among others.

Other Items:

L. Lascari shared that S. Furgal is planning a woody debris workshop in the fall. More details to come.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM