



Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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:

R. Venvertloh explained that he is still reviewing master plans from C. Kirchmaier. During the review process, he is compiling a list of resources, needs and opportunities. R. Venvertloh asked how the board can help at Oatka. L. Lascari will distribute some of the references on previous studies.

B. Hammers shared that NYDEC sampling in Irondequoit Creek took place on June 8, 2026 at Fishers Park and results were improved from previous sampling and many are wild and brown trout.

B. Hammers also shared that freezers placed on the bays for the walleye study remain empty. They are hoping to get samples this season. B. White added that some people had reached out but could not find the freezers, and some samples were lost.

B. Hammers discussed the Cormorant reports.

B. White discussed the possibility of the board's support in regard to prize money for the Monroe County Offshore Classic salmon tournament.

Action Items Update from Last Month:

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.

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.

Other Items:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM