Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

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"A Fish for all Seasons"

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Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Website Update:

Google ads stopped running at the end of July; however, data will still be pulled through September.

Budget Update:

The Board's remaining budget for 2026 is $850. 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:

C. Knauf received permission to share derby information at an upcoming Lake Ontario meeting which was previously provided by B. White.

C. Knauf will be sending pictures from Seneca Park's Trout Pond to S Furgal. Anglers are reporting poor success there.

R. Venvertloh is working on a county park fishing opportunity.

S. Furgal provided a SeaGrant cormorant reporting survey and can be found here: https://nyseagrant.org/articles/r/23928 and hopes DEC and all other groups will remain in communication about birds, stocking times, etc.

S. Furgal and C. Kirchmaier have a woody debris workshop scheduled for December at a county park. They will share additional details as they become available.

Action Items Update from Last Month:

B. Hammers with NYSDEC reported that on Monday, August 3, 19 anglers attended the walleye meeting at the Irondequoit Fish and Game Club and on Tuesday, August 4, 17 attended in Sodus. All were enthusiastic about the study. Next year a tag study is planned along with work to include Lake Ontario.

Trout surveying in Irondequoit Creek is planned for the first few days in September.

Plans are currently in the works to fix the Sandy Creek Boat Launch.

Other Items:

S. Furgal shared:

- DEC walleye head collection; need Irondequoit and Sodus samples.
  - Looking to determine the stocked vs. wild reproduction.
  - This is also intended to gauge interest in the walleye fishery, so anglers are encouraged to share information.
  - The anglers do not tend to talk about what/where/when they catch walleye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM