

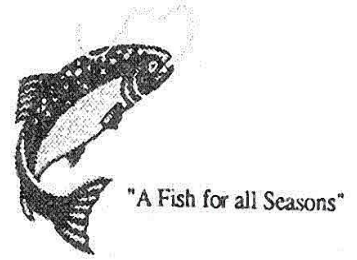


Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

Adam J. Bello
County Executive

Steven Rutherford
Chair



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023

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

Website Update:

Lake Ontario Sportfishing Promotion Council (LOSPC) is updating their website before the show season. S. Olufsen is looking into the digital marketing campaign for 2024.

Budget Update:

No change to the budget it has been spent down.

Action Items:

Bass Tournament 9/20-23/2023 They had 2 good days, more than 20 teams, the winning total was 44 pounds. A lot of the anglers went out on the lake, the winning team went to Sodus.

C. Knauf summarized the Lake Ontario Fisheries Advisory Panel (LOFAP) meeting. Subjects covered included participant reports, which were generally good for the season; The Boat Survey; Spring 2023, which showed depressed catches in West Central, except browns, average; Salmon River Salmon run, there were concerns about sufficient water, but since that meeting there was rain, and they got all King and Coho eggs required; Lamprey, treatment has resumed; Steelhead fishing, is it down?; the parentage based tagging project to look at percentages of wild Kings; the Predator/prey balance, biomass index and density index are both up; Chinook weight indicator (size of age 3 in August) down, almost as low as its been in 3 year olds?; And work on development of Chinook equivalents for use in adjusting stocking numbers if necessary. Bottom line was look for 10% increase in stocking with approval from Canada.

B. White attended the Sea Grant Charter Captains meeting organized by Stacy Furgal and held at IBF&G. They discussed things possibly hurting the industry, and one was the difficulty for younger captains to raise start up costs. Other topics included cormorants, dredging and water levels, as low water is effecting boats this year, size of the fish declining, and the lack of a plan to deal with a catastrophic failure at the Altmar Hatchery. F. Sanza said Caledonia was taken off line for Kings. Captains also report that with big fish numbers down, demand is down. S. Rutherford asked about the possibility of getting west coast eggs.

S. Furgal reported that there will be 8 total workshops, by the end of November, and then a lakewide conference in March.

F. Sanza asked about the reef, it was reported to be in process, but the process is slow, but not out the window.

Action Items Update From Last Month

Bay Conditions: IBTS took their annual tour. Cormorants are back at Newport. R. Sachelli commented that the bay is loaded with small perch. He also commented that the turbidity has increased, clarity was only out to about 1 yard.

Other Items:

NYS DEC received a NOAA pandemic relief funds grant of approximately a million dollars. LOSPC is helping with the marketing and all of the counties will see some advertising from this through the Outdoors Sportsmans Group. This advertising initiative will cover print media, TV shows and advertising on the OSG websites.

The meeting was adjourned at 07:40 PM.