

Fishery Advisory Board

Monroe County, New York

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County Executive

Chairperson



Monroe County Fishery Advisory Board Meeting Minutes December 9, 2024

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

Website Update:

No News

Budget Update:

The Board's budget for 2025 was approved for \$4,000.

Action Items:

S. Olufsen will provide the 2025 MCFAB meeting schedule in the January 13, 2025 meeting packet.

NYSDEC reported to the Lake Ontario Fisheries Advisory Panel (LOFAP) that stocking levels in Lake Ontario will remain the same in 2024.

- S. Furgal reported that Sea Grant is partnering with NYSDEC, US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Native Fish Coalition of New York to set up a Great Lakes Fish Appreciation Day.
- M. DiSarno reported that it could be a few more months before Web Pearsall's position officially gets replaced.
- C. Knauf asked about no fishing signage at Springwater Creek.

 <u>Addendum</u>: A return visit to Springwater Creek after the December 9, 2024 MCFAB meeting has confirmed that there are signs posted which read "No Fishing January 1 to March 31".

Action Items Update From Last Month:

M. DiSarno reported that a decision has been made by NYSDEC to end the state's stocking of brown trout in Irondequoit Creek, effective after the spring 2025 season. Areas of the creek show marked natural reproduction and other Lake Ontario tributaries are not stocked with brown trout. The stocking from the hatchery at Powder Mills Park will continue.

Other Items:

S. Furgal reported that Sea Grant plans to conduct an economic impact study of the charter boat industry.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.