

St. Lawrence County Fisheries Advisory Board
22 March 2011

Members present:

Bob Flavin
Mike Seymour
Don Lucas
Dick Matzell
Jim Boyce
Ray Wilson
Jim Snyder

Excused:

Darrin Goodrow

Guest:

Lt. Revenaugh NYSDEC police

Members Absent

Tim Damon
Louis Barkley:

19:00

Trout stocking

Question are we stocking too many Brook Trout in Cranberry Lake with the pike population that is present? Would these fish better serve public by being placed in other waters of the county? With the state cut backs how could we better serve the public? Would sportsmen step forward to create a trout-rearing program for stocking?

Stocking one issue is sportsmen and stocking truck coordination. Sportsmen present to help spread out the fish.

Access

Booth Island DEC is not apposed to working with landowner for public access on Black Lake.

S Curve in South Colton to be removed leaving question on access to Cold Brook. Need support from county planning office and Watertown DOT so that this is built into the plan. Access at the red light on the north end of Rt. 56 could be removed. The present agreement on the south end near the old Snow Bowl property is in question.

Americans with Disabilities having problems at the following lake or ponds Clear Pond (Old Boy Scout Camp), Lake Ozonia, Forbears Pond off Rt 37 Waddington. Suggestions were offered to contact Blanche Towns and Mike Morgan DEC.

Dock Removal

Black lake and St. Lawrence in fall removed too early. This is a safety issue as many sportsmen and woman do hunt and fish into late fall early winter. Were something to happen to one of these sportsmen or woman now rescue personnel are put at risk.

Salt Water License motion made and seconded to ask county to go on record to ask our Senators and Assembly members to with draw the portion of the Senate Budget Bill (S 2810 Part FF) and defeat S3638 (Marine Licenses Repealed) dealing with the marine license registry and fees. This would create a 3.5 million dollar budget gap. Each license lost cost the state \$7.48 from the federal tax dollars Down the road it could result in a loss of up to 60 jobs.

Discussion on the relicensing of the Oswegatchie Dams raised more questions. Why is it the DEC is pushing for fish passage? Is it species specific? Concern is the passage of contaminated fish and non-native species.