

23 September 2008

St. Lawrence County Fisheries Advisory Board

Members Present: James Snyder, Jim Boyce, Mike Seymour, Don Lucas, Richard Matzell, and Bob Flavin

Excused: Larry Kring

Absent: Thomas Jenison, James Moore, Al O'Marah, and Louis Barkley

Guest: Lt. Revenaugh NYSDEC

Old Business:

Black Lake:

Senator Schumer, State Senator Aubertine, Representative from John Mc Hugh Office, Legislature Tom Nichols, St. Lawrence County Chamber, Black Lake Chamber, and representatives from the adjoining townships were present Senator Schumer spoke on the weed issue stating the USACE would be here to assess the issue and devise a plan.

All present took a ride around part of the lake

Fisheries board felt that it might be possible to have weeds cut in channels to say 3 to 4 feet down below the water surface. Many questions were asked and answers are needed to any and all corrective action taken by anyone.

Cormorants:

Report of the 31 July Cormorant Control Working Group presented. James Farquhar stated that the numbers have dropped on this side of river, 10% decline and 14% since the beginning of this effort

Dams:

Potsdam no one on board knew of any work to be done until seeing this in paper.

Oswegatchie on going fish surveys will be done summer 2009.

Massena talk now is to build invisible dykes.

Pan Fish:

Reported Governor Patterson has vetoed the bill as written. Governor questioning the exceptions built into the bill. Board to send Governor and DEC letter supporting removal of all and any exceptions. They make the bill impossible to enforce.

New Business:

Membership how do we get members to the meeting? How do we get interested people on the board? Have 3 names on membership list that we have, no members remember seeing them at a meeting, one appointed 10/18/1990. One on the board showed 1 meeting in 2 years. 2 men resigned.

Guest:

Lt. Spoke on we will be getting 2 new ECO to replace the 2 retirees

He spoke with the county magistrates on the support given by them in the enforcement of the game laws.