



*Rich Davenport, 2009 ECFSC Recording Secretary*

*Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs*  
**January 2009 General Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Time: 7:30 PM – 1/22/09**  
**Location: Elma Conservation Club, Elma, NY**

**Meeting opened at 8:12 PM**

**Pledge to the flag:** Completed

**Quorum:** Yes

**Installation of the Officers:** All sworn in by Elma CC President

**Roll call:** Excused Chuck Godfrey, Joe Fischer

**Reading of the Minutes**

Motion to approve Tom Fischer  
2nd Dave Barus

Motion carries

**Secretary's Report – Rich Davenport**

None

**Membership Report – Mike Smith**

All Q's out, 28 already returned, 23 due

If you haven't gotten the dues bill yet, please let Mike Smith know and another one will be sent out

**Treasury Report – Tony Scime**

Provided  
Annual (2008) and monthly

Motion to approve report Rich Davenport  
2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Wharton

Motion carries

**Correspondence report – Dave Barus**

7 letters sent, 4 letters received

Will Elliott thank you letter for Director's Party. Enclosed a check for \$100.00  
Please send on all events to Will for the upcoming year.

*From the desk of -*

**WILL ELLIOTT, Outdoor Writer**

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Active Member: AGLOW NYSOWA OWAA POMA POWA

January 5, 2009

*\$100 check  
RCVD 1-9-09*

Hi Dave,

Jean and I enjoyed our invitation to the officers/directors gathering held last at Riley Street Station. We had a great time chatting with those attending but missed seeing you and Rose there. We wish you both all the best in this new year already well under way.

Despite the many setbacks and shortcomings federation folk endure in furthering their good causes, they took the time to honor me with a birthday greeting that evening. Enclosed is a modest thank-you for including Jean and me in the federation's good times.

Although we're no longer Erie County residents and I cannot attend ECFSC meetings and functions as in the past, I eagerly seek info on all forthcoming club functions and projects. During the next meeting, please remind representatives that I look forward to promoting as much as I can the efforts these good folk devote to furthering the interests of anglers, hunters, gun owners, shooter, trappers, and all other worthwhile environmental/conservation pursuits.

Please forward our best wishes to all active ECFSC members.....

Kindest regards,



Will Elliott

p.s. If Jack Benny could celebrate his 39<sup>th</sup> birthday for the rest of his life, I've decided to remain 42 - just for luck...

Francine DeMonte Letters

Dated 12/5/08, before Rich re-educated the state on the actual impacts of the pheasant program, direct and indirect benefit.



## NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE

December, 2008

Governor David Paterson  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, NY 12224

We, the members of the bi-partisan National Assembly of Sportsmen's Caucuses for New York State, write today to express our strong opposition against a budget recommendation from the State Department of Environmental Conservation to close the Reynolds Game Farm in the Town of Dryden in Tompkins County.

The Reynolds Game Farm is the only state operated and is the largest facility in the state that raises ring-necked pheasants for hunting purposes. Introduced into the state in 1892, the pheasant population in New York has declined nearly 90 percent since 1970. The Game Farm operated by the State DEC is the major source of ensuring the availability of pheasants for small game hunting.

The bigger issue here, however, is the **fact that the state pheasant program is not funded with taxpayer dollars. Funding to operate the Reynolds Game Farm comes exclusively from the Conservation Fund which is funded through license fees paid by hunters.**

Sportsmen and women in New York have, in the past, advocated increases in license fees to support programs and services they believe are vital to supporting access to fish and wildlife. Conservation groups across the state are recommending creation of a pheasant stamp with all proceeds going to supporting the pheasant program at the Reynolds Game Farm.

We know that hunting is an important economic activity in many areas across the state. Almost 600,000 hunters spend over \$700 million annually on hunting and hunting-related activities. The alternative for many of these hunters who enjoy pheasant hunting is to spend their money in another state. What sense does that make?

Since releasing your budget, you have repeatedly said that to remove an item from the budget, one must replace it with a substitution. We support the sportsmen's organizations' wish to create a pheasant stamp. Moreover, we believe that license fees paid by hunters continue supporting the Reynolds Game Farm pheasant program.

We urge you to restore the Reynolds Game Farm funding in your 21-day amendments.

Sincerely,

Ginny Fields, Co-Chair  
Dale Volker, Co-Chair



**NEWS From**  
Assemblywoman 138<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

## **Francine DelMonte**

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For Immediate Release

Date: January 5, 2009

Contact: Francine DelMonte

### **DelMonte: 15,000 New York teens get junior hunting license**

*New license engrains responsibility, increases hunting recruitment*

Assemblywoman Francine DelMonte (D-Lewiston) announced that more than 15,000 teenagers participated in a new mentored-youth hunting program, thanks to legislation she introduced and the governor signed into law last year (Ch. 344 of 2008). The law extends big-game hunting privileges to 14- and 15-year-olds in New York State as long as they're supervised by an experienced adult hunter.

"Studies show that strict supervision by experienced hunters instills a strong safety ethic in young hunters," Assemblywoman DelMonte said. "The extended license not only imparts responsible hunting practices at a younger age, but also provides an opportunity to bolster more effective hunting recruitment."

Since the establishment of New York's junior hunting license in 1991, children 12 and older have been permitted to hunt small game with a firearm and big game with a longbow. According to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the new extension of privileges helped increase junior hunting license sales 29 percent over last year.

"New York used to be the only state in the country where 14- and 15-year-olds couldn't hunt bear and deer with a firearm," Assemblywoman DelMonte said. "For the past two decades the number of hunters in New York had been declining, but this year hunting license sales are up around 3.4 percent. The mentored youth program excites both young hunters and the experienced hunters who can teach them."

Besides rejuvenating enthusiasm for the sport, recruiting additional hunters is necessary for the DEC to effectively manage New York's expanding deer population, DelMonte added.

Must send note concerning FWMB representation being poor as panther @#\*^



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To "Steve Aldstadt" <stephen\_aldstadt@earthlink.net>, <dbarus@m  
cc "Abby Snyder" <amsnyder@gw.dec.state.ny.us>  
Subject Letters

Steve and Dave,

I was cc'd on a couple letters Dave wrote as the corresponding secretary for the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen, Inc..One was a letter written to Abby Snyder the Regional Director for the DEC in Region 9 in which your "extreme displeasure" was expressed regarding the cancellation of the Dec. 2008 FWMB meeting. By law I am the secretary of the Regional FWMB Board. I cancelled the meeting because we only had 6 members of the Board which indicated they would attend the meeting.This was not the required quorum necessary to conduct business. I was also disappointed that this meeting had to be canceled because I wished to recognize the nine members of the board who were leaving due to the term limits for membership on the board. If you have future concerns regarding the conduct of the FWMB in Region 9 I would appreciate a contact prior to any correspondence.

The second letter was written to Lynn M. Marinelli regarding the Sportsmen representative to the FWMB for Erie County. The section of the Environmental Conservation Law which pertains to the FWMB and appointments to the Regional Board states that in counties having a county executive the person holding that position will make the appointment as long as it is supported by the legislature. Did you also correspond with Chris Collins ? Last time we went this route and only went to the legislative chair it caused confusion and a delay in the appointment. As you noted in your letter the county executive is supposed to consider the recommendation made by the county sportsmens federation. Let me know if you have any questions.

Russell D. Biss  
Natural Resource Supervisor  
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**David Barus/ea/us/moog**

01/22/2009 02:23 PM

To "Russ Biss" <rdbiss@gw.dec.state.ny.us>

CC "Abby Snyder" <amsnyder@gw.dec.state.ny.us>, "Steve Alder"

Subject Re: Letters

Hi Russ,

First of all, I believe I owe you an apology for the content and, perhaps, the tone of the FWMB letter.

I was provided with the information to be included and am sorry that I was unable to attend the meeting where this correspondence was decided.

I am the messenger.

Secondly, Russ, I should have contacted you or Abbey to assure the details of information to be provided were properly directed.

If you will forgive me this time, I will not trust a second source for accuracy of details in the future. Volunteer time is often impossible to find and there is an endless list of responsible activities to fulfill, alwasy with only a few folks to do them.

On the content of the note, the feeling of he Federation is obvious with frustration for lack of proper representation followed by the meeting cancellation during this high time of change activity.

I again apologize if this note was presumptive and overly assertive. Not the intention. Exclaiming the need for proper representation and meeting schedule during a high time of imperative issues to deal with was the intention.

The Federation is in complete respect and awe of the job that you, Russ, and all of your associates perform on a daily, thankless, underpaid, basis.

You do have our complete respect,

Sincerely,

Dave

David L. Barus

Desk: 716-687-4757, FAX: 716-687-4466, Cell: 716-597-4081

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Much of the content in letters sent to Gov. Paterson, Judith Enck, Commissioner Grannis, others, are the result of analysis by Rich Davenport. Many thanks to Rich for his endless devotion to providing an economically related solution to Pheasant Farm issue. DLB.



## ***Erie County Federation of Sportsmen, Inc.***

*Member of the New York State Conservation Council*

*PO Box 560, East Aurora, NY 14052*



Date: Dec. 20, 2008

**ENCON Commissioner Pete Grannis**

625 Broadway

Albany, NY 12233-1011

Re: Reynolds Game Farm Closure Announcement – Request to Reconsider

Dear Commissioner Grannis,

The licensed sportsmen of Erie County, New York, are concerned that Governor Paterson may have been provided with poor advice on programs to cut to help the fiscal crisis in NYS for 2009.

NYS Cost to run the Game Farm: -\$750,000 per reports

NYS Sale of game farm land: +\$2,000,000 estimated

**Economic return to NYS lost with the sale: -\$20,000,000** (low estimate based on 1996 data)

Based on sales tax, business tax, income tax through 60,000 pheasant hunters

**COST OF CLOSURE: Net low estimate LOSS to general fund of NYS: \$17,250,000.**

If the Governor's decision is strictly based on economic issue, closing the Reynolds Game Farm would ultimately result in a huge loss of multiple millions of dollars to the general fund. Something you are trying to avoid with the closure. Besides all that, Reynolds Game Farm is paid for by license dollars. These do not come from the general fund.

In all fairness, please request that the governor review and rescind this decision. Allow the Reynolds Game Farm to remain open and fully functional. The loss would be devastating to the sportsmen and the economy.

Best Regards,

David L. Barus

Corresponding Secretary

*Background: The Erie County Federation of Sportsmen, Inc., is a consortium of 56 organized conservation groups representing **Erie County, the county with largest number of licensed sportsmen (100,000) in New York State.** Our member associations represent anglers and hunters of all sorts, archery and crossbow, firearm ownership, legal use of firearms, trap and skeet shooting, licensed trappers, conservationists and other groups in support of the New York State Conservation Council. On behalf of all these, we seek to establish and maintain a relationship with your office on the many issues of conservation importance.*



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Date: 1/3/2009

Honorable Governor David Paterson  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

**Subject: Reynolds Game Farm – closure means irreversible damage to NYS Conservation**

Dear Governor:

Your recent decision to close the last remaining Pheasant Farm located near Ithaca, New York, the Reynolds Farm, will also END the following heritage conservation efforts in NYS:

- 1) The Youth Pheasant hunt, which is heavily dependent upon the pheasant stocking program. This also stops a youth recruiting effort that has been gaining momentum. **Gone!**
- 2) 4-H Pheasant cooperative rearing program that provides wildlife education to our children, introducing them to the outdoors with education not available through any other program. **Gone!**
- 3) Prisoner rehabilitation program where incarcerated inmates raise pheasants that ultimately benefit our NYS conservation efforts and public society. **Gone!**
- 4) Voluntary donations that NYS received from hunters that purchased a small game license for the exclusive privilege of hunting pheasants. **Gone!**

What is really troubling is that this program was completely paid for by sportsmens license dollars. The cost of Reynolds operation was said to be \$750,000 versus the income from 60,000 hunters purchasing a small game license for \$16, which totals \$960,000. The program is paid for.

Without any further considerations, why end this positive conservation effort? We respectfully request you to consider reversing your decision.

Sincerely,  
David L. Barus  
Corresponding Secretary  
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen, Inc.

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CC: Abbey Snyder, Russ Biss



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Date: Jan. 3, 2009

**Lynn M. Marinelli, Erie County Majority Chairperson**

1701 Hertel Avenue.....  
Buffalo, NY 14216

Subject: Region 9 FWMB representative lack adequate representation

Dear Honorable Ms. Marinelli,

Just a short note regarding recent concern and to advise you that Erie County has not been well represented at FWMB meetings for year 2008. The Erie County Federation of Sportsmen in a unanimous vote respectfully request that you consider a new appointment for this position. The Legislature appointed Tom Carrow last year, despite our having followed proper procedure for nominating Paul Stoos and Dave Smyczynski for the delegate and alternate positions as had been the procedure always followed in the past.

In 2008, Mr. Carrow attended only one FWMB meeting in the past year, has never yet informed Mr. Stoos (the alternate), when he would miss a meeting so this dedicated sportsman could attend in his place. Mr. Carrow has yet to deliver a verbal or written report to the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen (or as far as we know anyone else in the sporting community) on deliberation of business at the FWMB meetings. He has been invited to attend our monthly meetings so we could meet him and receive any reports from him and has not yet attended, despite accepting the invitation to our September meeting and saying he would be there.

The Erie County sporting community is essentially without representation on this very important board presently, at a time when it's function is even more important than in the past.

You may check on attendance and on the scope of issues addressed at this website location:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/564.html>

Thank you,

David L. Barus  
Corresponding Secretary

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Date: Jan. 3, 2009

**Abby M. Snyder, Regional Director**  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14203

Subject: Displeasure for Cancellation of Region 9 FWMB Meeting

Dear Director,

Dedicated members of the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen are extremely displeased that the last meeting of the Region 9 FWMB was cancelled.

At this time, we feel that many more such meetings of qualified outdoor personnel and dedicated conservationists is required. This is a critical time in the NYS heritage of the outdoors, we need the cohesion of the master conservation mindset of our valued FWMB members, more now than at any other time before.

Cancelling such a regularly scheduled meeting is not an option at this time.

We thank you for your attention!

Best Regards,

David L. Barus  
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CC: Russ Biss

Steve adds to this report concerning the FWMB concerns. Discusses letter from Biss. CE was going with our recommendation, but the legislature took it on their own to appoint the other rep.

Bob Church, Commissioner of Dept of E and P.

Discussions of the process and the out of order process during 2008 appointment process.

We are asking the state to eliminate the term limit rule

Dan Tone – 1 – Russ stated he couldn't hold the meeting because of only 6. Apparently the normal process is that the FWMB pays for dinner and expenses, except for this meeting, no money.

Is this a plan to get rid of FWMB by DEC? Unknown, but it doesn't look good.  
Discussions concerning terminating this county's representation?

**President's Report – Steve Aldstadt**

President's raffle tickets for banquet are now available. Joe Jemiolo lined up two Lake Erie walleye charters. \$1.00 ticket, \$500 charter

Donation from Niagara River Anglers - a cow elk hunting trip in Colorado. Donated to us for banquet - silent auction item.

Thank you notes to Niagara River Anglers, Joe J, the captains, etc.

**Guests - FFNRA**

Mike Bartoshevich

Mike B speaks concerning the annual banquet at Salvatore's Italian Garden

Grant applications again available.

10 seats per table. If you get 10, each person gets a special gun raffle ticket

If your club is seeking help, Mike B is the guy to see.

Bob Church and TSA update

<insert flyer>

Graduating kids on Monday/ Tuesday

Pre-reg March 7, March 17 1st class for spring session

Two sharpshooters have come from the TSA!

Alden Rod & Gun

East Aurora Fish & Game

SCOPE

Depew R&G

Lackawanna Conservation Club

5 kids will go for free, ages 12-20, or 14-20 for handgun

Committee sheets being passed around, if you are interested in working on one of the committees, please sign up!

**Law Enforcement - Dave S**

Lt. Todd Scott going into surgery

Motion to send card Tom Fischer  
2nd George Rockey

Dave S asks to hold off until we know for sure when he went in.

**Archery - Dave Reed**

Is it too late for a resolution? Yes

We do have the option of an emergency resolution.

Dave Reed would like to be contacted by clubs with dates and times of their shoots, so the events can be put up and advertised.

Will website have this capability? Yes

**Crossbow - Frank Miskey, Jr.**

Nothing at this time

**Fish Report - Dave Barus**

**January 2009 - Fish Committee Report, Dave Barus**

**New tapeworm found in Great Lakes fish**

An outbreak of tapeworms in Lake Huron walleye has Michigan officials urging people to avoid eating sushi made with freshwater fish caught in the Great Lakes region. The warning came as a Canadian researcher reported the first documented case of Asian fish tapeworms in Great Lakes fish. David Marcogliese, a research scientist at Environment Canada's research station in Montreal, reported the discovery of Asian tapeworms in Lake Huron walleye in the most recent issue of the Journal of Great Lakes Research. The foreign tapeworm, the 186th invasive species documented in the Great Lakes, likely was imported to the region with infected bait fish, Marcogliese said in the article. "This parasite is known

**WNY Youth Fishing Event Calendar for 2009:**

<b>March 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2009; WNY Outdoor Expo:</b> (4 days Free Rod/Reel Youth Drawing, 2 per day) Erie County Federation of Sportsmen; Info: Chuck Godfrey, 716-675-0057
<b>April 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 Free Teach-Me-To-Fish Program,</b> open to public, attendance at this event is 200+ youths plus parents. Bison City Rod & Gun/DEC; Info: Dave Barus, 716-597-4081
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 Free Kids Fish Derby Program</b> open to public. Attendance at this event is approximately 100+ youths plus parents. East Aurora Fish & Game; Info: Dave Barus, 716-597-4081; Dave <a href="#">Smyczynski</a> , 716-652-5928
<b>June 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 Free Kids Fish Derby Program Tift Nature Preserve</b> Event. Attendance at this event is approximately 100+ youths plus parents. Erie County Federation of Sportsmen/DEC/ECFAB; Register: Mike Todd DEC, 716-851-7010; Info: Dave Barus, 716-597-4081
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup> 2009 Free Kids Fish Derby Program Chestnut Ridge Park Lake.</b> Attendance at this event is approximately 125+ youths plus parents. Erie County Federation of Sportsmen/DEC/ECFAB; Register: East Aurora Boys/Girls <a href="#">Club</a> , call 716-652-4180; No license is required by anyone for these two days, resident or non-resident. Info: Mike Todd DEC, 716-851-7010; Info: Dave Barus, 716-597-4081
<b>2009 Erie County Fair: Aug. 12 – 23, 2009</b> (12 days Free Rod/Reel Youth Drawing, 2 per day) Erie County Federation of Sportsmen/DEC/ECFAB; Info: Chuck Godfrey, 675-0057
<b>Sep. 20<sup>th</sup> Free Kids Fish Derby Program</b> open to public. Attendance at this event is approximately 100+ youths plus parents. East Aurora Fish & Game; Info: Dave Barus, 597-4081; Dave <a href="#">Smyczynski</a> , 652-5928

to cause weight loss, anemia and mortality in young fishes," Marcogliese said.

Numerous anglers began reporting finding tapeworms in walleye caught in Lake Huron and Saginaw Bay, according to a Michigan Department of Natural Resources memo. Fish from some inland Michigan lakes also were infected with tapeworms, according to the DNR memo.

Some species of tapeworms are native to the Great Lakes fish. The discovery and proliferation of Asian fish tapeworms is a recent phenomenon that could harm walleye and other fish species, according to DNR officials and Marcogliese's research.

Researchers indicated the Asian fish tapeworm, one of the world's most pernicious invaders, will likely spread across the Great Lakes region. The tapeworm can grow to



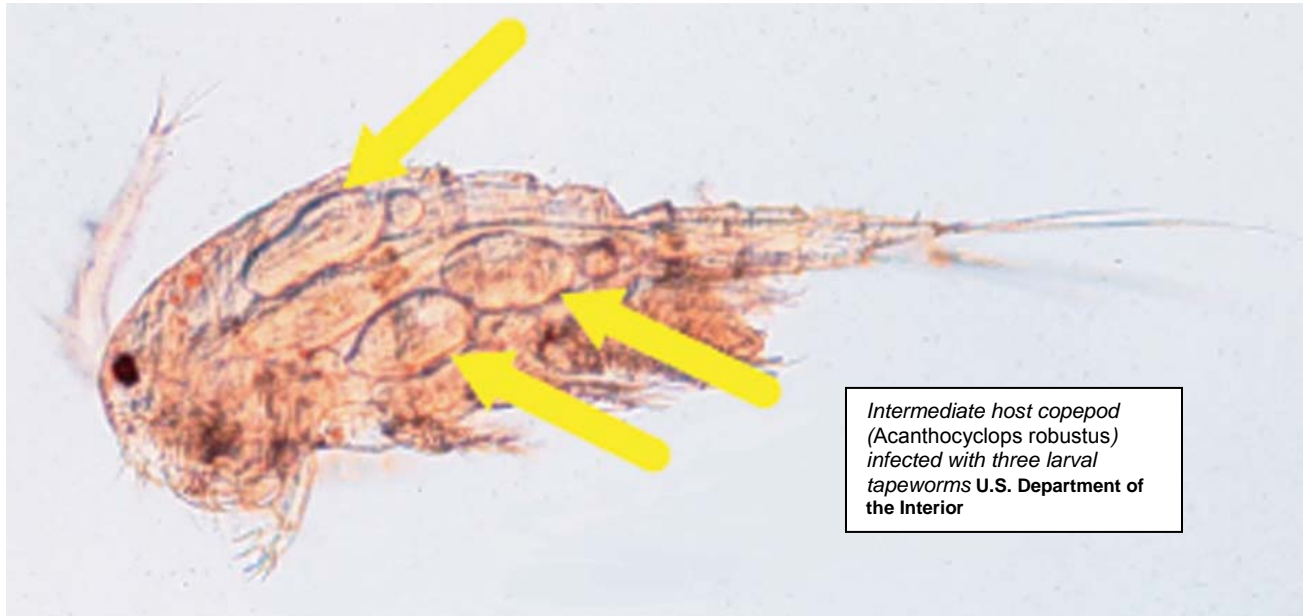
one-foot-long in large fish, such as carp, Marcogliese said.

DNR officials said it is safe to eat fish that have tapeworms, provided the fish are thoroughly cooked, smoked or pickled using normal food preparation techniques.

"We do not recommend making sushi from any species of freshwater fish as the risk to humans is not known," according to the DNR memo. "It is a very bad idea to eat any freshwater fish raw or poorly cooked as fish parasites use fish-eating mammals and birds as hosts and it is not known if humans can also be hosts."

Tapeworms are ubiquitous in waters where fish live, but the incidence of the parasites infecting fish has surged in the past two years, according to DNR officials. State officials said the problem may be due to changes at the base of the Great Lakes food chain caused by zebra and quagga mussels, two other invasive species.

Asian fish tapeworms were carried into the U.S. in the 1960s by federal officials who imported Asian carp to control algae in Arkansas fish ponds. The invader has since



spread to lakes and rivers across much of North America, according to federal records.

The invasive tapeworms enter the fish food chain when zooplankton ingest the creatures and become hosts for the parasite. The tapeworms move up the food chain as zooplankton are eaten by small fish; the pests mature and produce eggs once in the intestinal tracts of walleye and other fish species.

Fish excrete tapeworm eggs in their feces. The eggs settle on lake bottoms, where zooplankton eat them and give rise to a new generation of the pests.

The mere sight of tapeworms can tarnish a fishing trip -- the creatures are known to slither out of the mouths and gills of dead fish.

To avoid finding a tapeworm in your fish cooler, DNR officials recommend gutting fish immediately after catching them and disposing of the entrails after returning to land. It is illegal to discard fish guts in Michigan waters.

[www.sci.sdsu.edu](http://www.sci.sdsu.edu)

Asian tapeworms are showing up in Lake Huron walleye, prompting a call to avoid sushi from Great Lakes fish. Officials said it is safe to eat fish that have tapeworms, provided the fish are thoroughly cooked, smoked or pickled using normal food preparation techniques.

[www.sci.sdsu.edu](http://www.sci.sdsu.edu) . The Asian tapeworm *Bothriocephalus acheilognathi*. Jeff Alexander |Muskegon Chronicle. For more, see

[http://www.mlive.com/chronicle/news/index.ssf/2008/12/new\\_tapeworm\\_found\\_in\\_great\\_la.html](http://www.mlive.com/chronicle/news/index.ssf/2008/12/new_tapeworm_found_in_great_la.html)

NOTE: The Asian Fish Tapeworm was introduced into the United States through shipments of infected grass carp from China.

### **WNY Ice Fishing – From Lake Erie Fishing Hotline Jan. 16-23, 2009**

Most waters are locked up tight and there is ice fishing activity on just about every inland lake. Anglers are advised to drill holes to test ice thickness on all waters. A **minimum** of 3 to 4 inches of solid ice is the general rule for safety. Be prepared for emergencies and use common sense at all times. Stay away from bubblers around boat houses and

docks. Avoid fishing anywhere near currents running through lakes and ponds as the ice is always thinner and more dangerous there. It is a good idea to take a spud bar to tap on the ice on your way out, this helps to avoid any holes that may be iced over with skim ice. Use the buddy system while ice fishing.

The following DEC access / launch sites are snow plowed for ice fishing access.  
Cattaraugus County: Case Lake, Harwood Lake, New Albion Lake. Chautauqua County: Chautauqua Lake (Prendergast Point boat launch site), Findley Lake, Bear Lake.

### **Buffalo Small Boat Harbor**

Good, solid ice inside breakwall adjacent to the launches. Ice starts to get thinner near the permanent docks off of restaurant. Anglers are catching mostly small perch, bluegill, smelt and the occasional northern pike.

### **Chautauqua Lake**

Despite the consistently low temperatures, some areas of marginal ice remain on Chautauqua. Mid-lake areas have mixed reports of good ice and poor ice, it is not recommended walking in this area without a spud bar. Snow and slush make walking and hauling sleds/shanties difficult in most areas of the lake. The north end near Mayville has 4" plus of black ice under frozen slush and snow. Anglers report good yellow perch catches at the north end on jigs tipped with a wax worm or spike. Two small perch are thrown back for every keeper of 8"-10". The south end has 6" of ice, anglers are catching mostly perch and nice bluegill.

### **Case and Harwood Lakes**

Fishing pressure has decreased on these lakes as the larger lakes now have good ice as well. Anglers report catches of smaller yellow perch, bluegill, crappie and a few nice brown trout. Case and Harwood Lakes split 1,200 surplus broodstock brown trout in late October.

### **New Albion Lake**

Good ice of 6 inches plus is reported for New Albion Lake. Anglers are catching smaller perch and panfish on jigs and wax worms. Some sizable rainbow trout have been caught on minnows. New Albion Lake received 200 surplus broodstock rainbow trout in late October.

*If you need more fishing information or would like to contribute to the fishing report, please call or e-mail Mike Todd (716-851-7010; mttodd@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or Jim Markham (716-366-0228; jmarkha@gw.dec.state.ny.us). Good Luck Fishing! The fishing hotline can also be heard at (716) 679-ERIE or (716) 855-FISH.*

### **NOAA to Create Saltwater Angler Registry in 2010**

*Final rule gives states more time to implement local data gathering*

NOAA's Fisheries Service released its final rule today to create a national saltwater angler registry of all marine recreational fishermen to help the nation better protect our

shared marine resources. A requirement to establish a registry was included in a statute approved by Congress in 2007.

The final rule requires anglers and spearfishers who fish recreationally in federal ocean waters to be included in the national saltwater angler registry by January 1, 2010. NOAA had originally proposed that registration be required beginning in January 2009, but based on public input decided to give states another year to put in place their own data collection systems.

NOAA received nearly 500 comments from anglers, state officials, and fishing and environmental organizations on its proposed national registry rule during the comment period from June 12 until Aug. 21. The registry is one component of the agency's new Marine Recreational Information Program, an initiative to enhance data collection on recreational catch and effort.

To read the final registry rule and other information about the Marine Recreational Information Program, go to: <http://www.CountMyFish.noaa.gov>.

For NYS...by Rob Streeter, Times Union: "In his proposed budget for fiscal year 2009, Gov. David Paterson has proposed new licenses and fees for fishing to fill in the revenue gap. Among these proposed licenses are a new saltwater fishing license and new trout and salmon stamp.

The saltwater fishing license had previously been proposed on the federal level for coastal states like New York where there currently is no such program. The federal program would either establish a federal saltwater license in states that do not have one, or allow states to create and administer their own license.

The federal license program was on hold until 2010, but the new license is now proposed for this year. Many states with extensive saltwater fishing, like Florida, have had this type of license for years.

If the saltwater fishing license goes into effect as it has been proposed, it would certainly affect two of the fishing activities in the Capital District that we enjoy each spring. Anyone who likes to fish for shad or striped bass, both of which reside in the ocean and visit the Hudson River each spring to spawn, would need the new saltwater fishing license to fish the tidal portion of the river below Troy dam.

Previously, it was legal to fish the tidal portion of the river without being required to purchase a fishing license. There are also plenty of anglers who fish the coastal areas of the state in Long Island and New York City who would now be required to buy the new saltwater license. This license would apply to the saltwater species, so anyone fishing for freshwater species like black bass would not need the license.

It is estimated that sales of the saltwater fishing license will generate \$3 million or so annually. "

### **NOAA 2010 Saltwater Angler Registry...another perspective**

On December 23, 2008, NOAA Fisheries released a final rule giving anglers who fish recreationally in federal ocean waters until January 1, 2010 to be registered in the saltwater angler registry, a new tool to help the nation better manage and rebuild valuable fish stocks. The Registry is one part of an overall program to better capture the total picture of U.S. recreational fishing. The registry team is working with management partners to develop a phone book of the nation's saltwater recreational anglers. This registry will enable more efficient data collection and help the nation better protect our shared marine resources. Information from all saltwater fishermen — recreational and commercial — is essential to achieving the goal of ending overfishing. The registry is the product of a major recommendation to NOAA in a 2006 independent scientific review by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences and was

also among the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization. *Courtesy of GREAT LAKES BASIN REPORT, P.O. Box 297, Elmhurst, IL 60126, (630) 941-1351*

### **U.S. AND NY PURSUE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO THE BUFFALO RIVER, Jan. 15, 2009**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), together as trustees of the natural resources of the Buffalo River, today issued a "Notice of Intent" to pursue a claim for damages caused by a history of contamination from companies located along the waterway.

The notice was issued to ExxonMobil Corporation, Honeywell Corporation, and PVS Chemicals, companies that owned and operated industrial facilities along the Buffalo River. They are alleged to have each discharged toxic chemicals or oil into the waterway, harming fish, wildlife, biota, water quality, sediments and cultural resources. The notice informs the parties that the trustees studied the Buffalo River's resources, concluded that significant harm has occurred and determined that further assessment is needed to decide what restoration is necessary.

Today's action is an important step in holding polluters accountable for the damage to the Buffalo River's ecosystem," DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis said. "With this action, we are serving notice that the public is due compensation for the losses resulting from the historical contamination of this river. Too often in the past, urban waterways were used for the dumping of toxic chemicals. It is now time to reclaim these natural resources so they can serve the interests of their surrounding communities."

"Common terns, belted kingfishers, shorebirds, herons, rails and other marsh birds living along the river in wetlands and mudflats will benefit from restoration of the Buffalo River," said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Northeast Regional Director Marvin E. Moriarty. "We want to work cooperatively to develop a restoration plan and to put that plan into action."

Natural resource damages (NRD) claims seek to hold parties responsible for the injuries to the state's natural resources, measured by the value of projects needed to restore the resources to their condition before the injury occurred. NRD claims differ from actions to recover costs of cleaning up contaminated sites which are limited to the investigation, removal or treatment of the contaminants.

"2009 marks Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper's 20th year of working to clean up industrial contamination and restore the Buffalo River," said Riverkeeper Executive Director Julie Barrett O'Neill. "Riverkeeper hopes that the prosecution of this Natural Resources Damages claim helps to both expedite the current remediation efforts and to encourage all of the companies to participate in the river's restoration."

The action to address damages to the natural resources is just one of DEC's initiatives to help restore the Buffalo River ecosystem. These efforts include:

Addressing the 44 known hazardous waste sites identified within the Buffalo River watershed by completing cleanups at 40 and pursuing remediation at the remaining four, where activities are nearing completion.

Funding and conducting a large-scale sampling effort of the river sediments at a cost of more than \$750,000 and participating with Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program Office, and others, to undertake a remediation feasibility study scheduled to be completed in 2009.

Providing \$1 million to fund two Brownfield Opportunity Area planning grants along the river that address environmental, ecological, economical and environmental justice issues through the creation of a strategic plan for land use and redevelopment.

### **FISHAMERICA ANNOUNCES FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR HABITAT RESTORATION**

The FishAmerica Foundation has grant monies available for marine and anadromous sportfish habitat restoration projects across the coastal United States and the Great Lakes basin. These grants will be awarded to community-based, on-the-ground projects to restore marine, estuarine and riparian habitats, including salt marshes, mangrove forests and freshwater habitats important to anadromous fish species such as salmon and striped bass that spawn in freshwater and migrate to the sea.

The FishAmerica Foundation will accept grant proposals through October 6, 2008. Grants of up to \$50,000 each will be awarded in January 2009. Eligible applicants include community-based nonprofit organizations, such as local sporting clubs and conservation associations, as well as state and local agencies. Applicants are encouraged to partner with NOAA staff in order to strengthen the development and implementation of sound restoration projects. The announcement and full grant package are available at [www.fishamerica.org](http://www.fishamerica.org).

This year, FishAmerica and the NOAA Restoration Center are celebrating 10 years of partnering for fisheries habitat restoration. Since 1998, the partnership has awarded more than \$5 million in grants in 25 states and has leveraged an additional \$6.4 million in funds matched by local communities for a total of more than \$11 million in restored fisheries habitat that is critical for marine and anadromous sportfish.

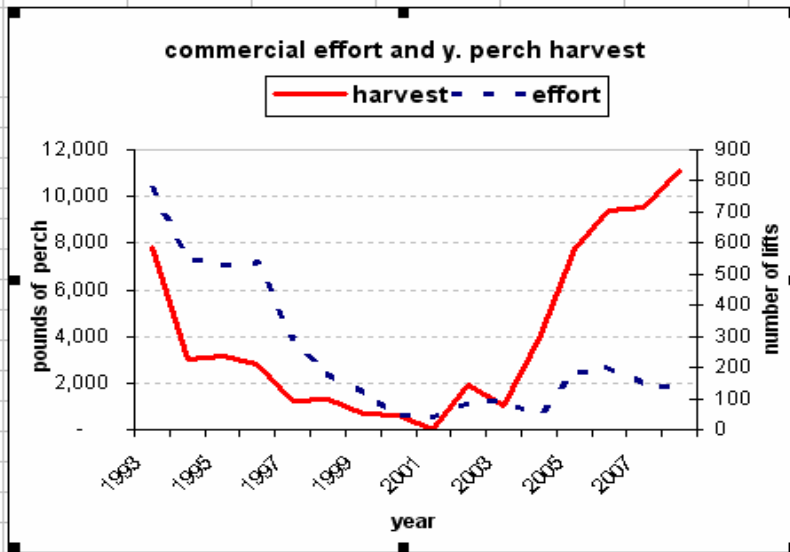
Successful projects funded through the 10-year partnership include:

- \* Restoration of fish habitat in the Salmon/Snow Estuary in the Puget Sound watershed of Washington.
- \* Restoration of wetland fisheries habitat in the Galveston Bay of Texas.
- \* Removal of the Ralph Stover Dam in the Delaware River Basin to restore fish passage.

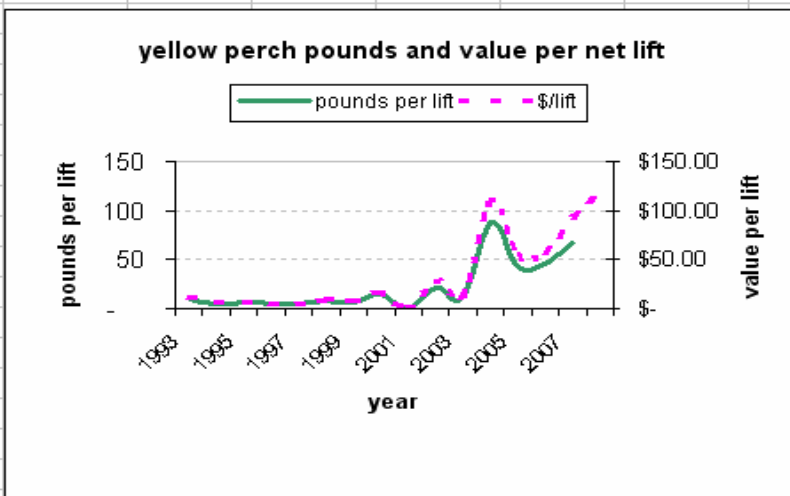
The FishAmerica Foundation is the conservation and research foundation of the American Sportfishing Association, keeping our fish and waters healthy. FishAmerica unites the sportfishing industry with conservation groups, government agencies, fishing tournaments, corporations and charitable foundations, investing in fisheries conservation and research across the country. FishAmerica's matching grants empower citizen conservationists in their own communities. Over 25 years, FishAmerica has provided more than \$10 million for more than 1,000 fisheries conservation and research projects nationwide.

Contact: Johanna Laderman, executive director, FishAmerica Foundation, (703) 519-9691, x245 or [jladerman@asafishing.org](mailto:jladerman@asafishing.org)

### 1993 - 2008 NYS Lake Erie Commercial Harvest Data for Yellow Perch (from



year	effort	yellow perch (lbs)	yield / lift	\$/lb	\$/lift
1993	773	7,811	10	\$1.25	\$ 12.63
1994	555	3,006	5	\$1.25	\$ 6.77
1995	532	3,121	6	\$1.25	\$ 7.33
1996	533	2,832	5	\$1.25	\$ 6.64
1997	292	1,241	4	\$1.25	\$ 5.31
1998	178	1,322	7	\$1.25	\$ 9.28
1999	118	694	6	\$1.25	\$ 7.35
2000	44	625	14	\$1.25	\$ 17.76
2001	39	27	1	\$1.25	\$ 0.87
2002	89	1,951	22	\$1.25	\$ 27.40
2003	91	1,048	12	\$1.50	\$ 13.02
2004	44	3,907	89	\$1.25	\$ 110.99
2005	179	7,726	43	\$1.25	\$ 53.95
2006	208	9,423	45	\$1.25	\$ 56.63
2007	144	9,511	66	\$1.40	\$ 92.47
2008	137	11,136	81	\$1.45	\$ 117.86



	NYS Lake Erie - Commercial Trap Net Effort (lifts)										Total
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
1993	26	245	109	141	110	69	39	22	12	773	
1994	0	119	100	73	118	101	36	8	0	555	
1995	0	101	122	70	108	75	44	12	0	532	
1996	0	92	113	113	110	68	37	0	0	533	
1997	72	88	36	18	42	36	0	0	0	292	
1998	0	58	26	30	42	22	0	0	0	178	
1999	0	33	32	10	31	12	0	0	0	118	
2000	0	0	0	16	28	0	0	0	0	44	
2001	0	0	0	21	18	0	0	0	0	39	
2002	0	11	21	15	27	15	0	0	0	89	
2003	0	15	34	11	18	13	0	0	0	91	
2004	0	24	19	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	
2005	8	27	48	31	32	22	11	0	0	179	
2006	23	54	41	38	24	24	4	0	0	208	
2007	4	56	53	24	0	0	6	1	0	144	
<b>2008</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>137</b>	
1993 - 2007 mean	9	62	50	41	44	31	12	3	1	247	

Year	MU4 TAC (million lbs)	MU4 TAC (pounds)	% NY share	NY TAC	NY Harvest	NY's Unused TAC	Harvest Policy	% of TAC harvested
1990	0.400	400,000	13.0%	52,000	185,220	(133,220)	F <sub>0.1</sub>	358%
1991	0.200	200,000	13.0%	26,000	152,145	(126,145)	F <sub>0.1</sub>	585%
1992	0.300	300,000	13.0%	39,000	77,175	(38,175)	F <sub>0.1</sub>	198%
1993	0.400	400,000	14.5%	58,000	13,230	44,770	F <sub>0.1</sub>	23%
1994	0.300	300,000	15.9%	47,700	11,025	36,675	F <sub>0.1</sub>	23%
1995	0.100	100,000	17.4%	17,400	6,615	10,785	F <sub>0.1</sub>	38%
1996	0.100	100,000	18.8%	18,800	4,472	14,328	F <sub>0.1</sub>	24%
1997	0.200	200,000	20.3%	40,600	2,387	38,213	F <sub>0.1</sub>	6%
1998	0.140	140,000	21.5%	30,100	3,175	26,925	F <sub>0.1</sub>	11%
1999	0.100	100,000	22.8%	22,800	3,234	19,566	F <sub>0.1</sub>	14%
2000	0.070	70,000	24.0%	16,800	2,458	14,342	OMNR fixed conservation policy	15%
2001	0.070	70,000	24.0%	16,800	15,319	1,481	OMNR fixed conservation policy	<b>91%</b>
2002	0.133	133,000	24.0%	31,920	24,952	6,968	OMNR fixed conservation policy × 1.9	78%
2003	0.206	206,000	25.8%	53,148	16,512	36,636	OMNR fixed conservation policy × 1.9	31%
2004	0.206	206,000	27.6%	56,856	54,862	1,994	OMNR fixed conservation policy × 2.9	<b>96%</b>
2005	0.309	309,000	27.6%	85,284	53,488	31,816	2004 MU4 TAC × 1.5 (50 % increase)	63%
2006	0.352	352,000	27.6%	97,152	48,107	49,045	F=0.23 (targeted fishing rate in 2005)	50%
2007	0.275	275,000	27.6%	75,900	25,935	49,965	F=0.23 (targeted fishing rate in 2005)	34%
<b>2008</b>	<b>0.325</b>	<b>325,000</b>	<b>30.3%</b>	<b>98,378</b>	<b>40,809</b>	<b>57,569</b>	<b>Sliding F Policy @ F = 0.23 - YPMP</b>	<b>41%</b>

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NYS Fish Hatchery Production Schedule... from Steve Hurst, NYS Chief, Bureau of Fisheries:

### Hatchery Production - Species and Numbers

Hatchery	Species	Production	
Adirondack	Landlocked Salmon	Landlocked Salmon Yearlings	285,000
		Landlocked Salmon Sac Fry	330,000
Bath	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	76,000
		Rainbow Trout Yearlings	40,000
	Rainbow Trout	Rainbow Trout - Fingerlakes Wild Yearlings	40,000
		Rainbow Trout - Fingerlakes Hybrid Yearlings	15,000
		Wild Rainbow Trout Fall Fingerlings	40,000
	Lake Trout	Fingerlake Lake Trout Yearlings	94,000
Finger Lake - Lake Trout Fall Fingerlings		121,000	
Caledonia	Rainbow Trout	Rainbow Trout Yearlings	65,000
	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	240,000
		Brown Trout - Two Year Olds	92,000
		Brown Trout - Fall Yearlings - 10-12"	9,000
Catskill	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	340,000
Chateaugay	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	55,000
	Rainbow Trout	Rainbow Trout Yearlings	155,000
	Brook Trout	Brook Trout Yearlings	60,000
		Temiscamie Hybrids - Brook Trout	150,000
	Splake	Splake Yearlings	22,000
Lake Trout	Lake Trout Yearlings (Raquette Lake)	93,000	
Randolph	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	165,000
	Brook Trout	Brook Trout Yearlings	60,000
Rome	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	550,000
		Brown Trout - 2 Year Olds	6,000
	Brook Trout	Brook Trout Yearlings	60,000
		Temiscamie Hybrid Brook Trout	150,000
	Little Tupper Brook Trout	30,000	
Salmon River	Brown Trout	Brown Trout Yearlings	325,000
	Chinook Salmon	Chinooks Fingerlings	1,000,000
	Coho Salmon	Coho Spring Yearlings	90,000
		Coho Fall Fingerlings	155,000
	Steelhead	Washington Steelhead	760,000
Skamania - Steelhead		63,000	
VanHornesville	Rainbow Trout	Rainbow Trout Yearlings	104,000
Oneida	Walleye	Walleye - Fry	200,000,000
		Fall Fingerlings	200,000
		Fry - Transfer to South Otselic	350,000
		Fry - Transfer to Chautauqua	350,000
		Co-op Program	1 to 2 Million
	Paddlefish	Paddlefish	300
Round Whitefish	Round Whitefish	2,000	
	Sturgeon	Sturgeon	
South Otselic	Walleye	Pond Fingerling Walleye	180,000
	Tiger Musky	Tiger Muskellunge	100,000
	Brook Trout	Brook Trout (Windfall Strain)	20,000
Chautauqua	Walleye	Pond Fingerling Walleye	200,000
	Musky	Pond Fingerling Muskellunge	24,000

## **Outdoors Card required to hunt & fish in Ontario** **Province adds non-residents to licensing system**

Anglers/hunters from outside Ontario who want to hunt and fish in the province will need an Outdoors Card effective Jan. 1, 2009.

Non-resident anglers and hunters will be required to purchase the card in addition to an Ontario fishing or hunting licence, except for one-day fishing licenses. The new requirement is one more step in the effort to improve the hunting and fishing licensing system. The card is available wherever Ontario hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

By 2010, the government will be moving to a fully automated system that will allow all anglers and hunters to purchase licenses from home using the Internet or a toll-free automated phone service, in addition to over 1,800 license issuers across the province

### **Outdoors Card features include:**

- A wallet-sized plastic card valid for 3 years. The cost is \$9.00 Canadian.
- The paper application that non-residents fill out at a license issuer serves as a temporary Outdoors Card until the permanent card is received in the mail.
- There are two types of Outdoors Card: the Fishing Outdoors Card which can only be used with fishing licenses, and the Hunting/Fishing Outdoors Card which is valid for hunting and fishing.
- The Outdoor Card has been required for Ontario residents for hunting and fishing licenses since 1993.

TO LEARN MORE: Visit Ontario's 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary ([ontario.ca/fishing](http://ontario.ca/fishing)) and 2008 Hunting Regulations Summary ([ontario.ca/hunting](http://ontario.ca/hunting)). *Courtesy of GREAT LAKES BASIN REPORT, P.O. Box 297, Elmhurst, IL 60126, (630) 941-1351*

Monday, February 2, 2009

## **NYS Walleye Record from the ice**

N.Y. Dept. of Environmental Conservation

The start of 2009 marked the first record-breaking fish caught in New York State since 2007. Fishing with tip-ups, Thomas Reed of Kill Buck, N.Y., pulled a 16-pound, 9-ounce walleye through the ice on Mystic Lake on January 20th. Located in Cattaraugus County, Mystic Lake sits along Tunungwant Creek, a tributary of the Allegheny River.

"Reed's walleye surpassed the now historic 1994 state record by 2 ounces, which was caught from the Allegheny Reservoir, also in Cattaraugus County," said Paul McKeown, regional fisheries manager for the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). "Very few state records have been broken during ice fishing season."

Reed's walleye was brought into the DEC office for inspection, where



Thomas Reed of Kill Buck, N.Y., holding a 16-pound, 9-ounce walleye

fisheries biologists estimated the fish to be over 20 years old.

Walleye are one of New York's most popular game fish species, found in more than 150 waters. The northern and central regions of New York contain about 80 percent of the state's walleye waters, but outstanding fisheries can be found in every major watershed, from Lake Erie to the eastern end of Long Island.

Many of New York's finest walleye fisheries harbor self-sustaining populations, while others require periodic boosts through DEC stocking efforts. DEC raises and stocks approximately 200,000,000 walleye fry (recently hatched fish) and about 500,000 fingerlings (1.5 to - inch long fish) in about 25 to 30 waters every year.

The fishing season for walleye opens on the first Saturday in May and extends through March 15. The general statewide regulation is a 15-inch minimum length and a daily limit of 5 fish; however, many waters have special regulations where length and daily limits vary, which are listed in the Fishing Regulations Guide.

New York record fish make up one of the three categories of the Angler Achievement Awards Program. Through this program, anglers entering freshwater fish meeting specific qualifying criteria receive official recognition of their catch and a distinctive lapel pin commemorating their achievement.

The three categories that make up the program are: Catch & Release, Annual Award and State Record. Further information on the Angler Achievement Awards Program, including a downloadable application form, can be found out at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7980.html>.

Past winners from previous years can also be accessed by visiting the webpage. Program details and an official entry form can also be found in the current Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide.

*For additional information on the Angler Achievement Awards Program contact (518) 402-8891 or email [fwfish@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:fwfish@gw.dec.state.ny.us).*

Dates of fishing functions are set.

### **Small Game - Dan Tone**

Pheasant Farm

4-H program will continue, thanks to the pheasant farm reversal. Grant received from NRA

Due to mortality rate last year, we didn't spend the entire grant, so we have to return \$400.00

Took some time but we did it

Source inside indicates the top of the list was pheasant farm in budget hearings

LY SCI raised 8000 pheasants - Attica closed dairy farm, expanding pheasants?

Steve A - Not many victories, this one is one!

**Big Game Committee - Paul Stoos**

Preliminary Harvest is out.

217,400 deer harvested

Bear harvest record in Allegany Range

Near-record in Catskills

ADK bear harvest down

**Upcoming Meetings**

Date		BM Time		GM Time		Location
2/26/00	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	George Washington Club, Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY
3/26/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Need location
4/23/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Need Location
5/28/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Erie County Conservation Society, Chaffee, NY
6/25/09	-	6:30	-	7:30	Gen Meet	Alden Rod & Gun Club, Alden, NY

**Need a meeting place for March and April!!**

**Trapping – Patti Wattengel**

Fur Auction at S&S taxidermy on Feb 7

**Waterfowl**

Special snow goose season in NYS in spring 2009

<insert into minutes>

3/11 – 4/15, bag limit 15 per day, no limits. Have at ‘em, way too many of them

**NYSCC – Joe Fischer**

Sandy Palmer has resigned due to travel distance and needing more time

**Environment and Pollution – Tom Marks**

Benefit for Tom Mark's grandson, 1 YO, has a rare form of cancer. Benefit upcoming to help raise funds to pay the mounting

Feb 15, 3-7PM, \$20.00 donation Eden VFW

Grannis is trying to update the bottle bill. Is the Federation taking a position on this?  
Unclaimed funds go to EPF.

Dan Tone motions to support the bottle bill  
2nd Tom Marks

John Susz - makes sense lots of bottles could be removed. Saves money recycling, vs higher landfill costs.

Tom Marks states that the EPF is being cut by 70%. The bottle bill \$\$ from unreturned bottles would go to the EPF.

Can we get an accounting of the expenditures? I would love to get an accounting.

Motion

26 ayes

9 opposed

Send a letter to all on list,

**Legislation - John Susz**

Nothing yet

Bill in legislature to offer property owners 24% break on taxes if they open lands to hunting and fishing and trapping.

Real estate transfer tax .9% went to EPF. Now being funneled to GF.

**Resolutions – Bob Fuller**

None

**Sportsmen’s Ed – Frank Miskey, Sr**

Hunter training posters are in print

Erie County has not dropped in number of classes in 14 years.

45 hunter safety

30 bow

3 trapping

3 waterfowl

Will probably add another 25%.

Instructors in Erie County have grabbed bull by horns and are meeting demand

This weekend, instructor training class. At Elma.

**Awards – Frank Miskey, Sr.**

7 Nominations received

**Banquet – Dan Tone**

For tickets and seating, see Dan.

For baskets - donation 675-0057 - Debbie Godfrey could use more

For donations other than banquets see

Dave Barus  
Dave S.

President's raffle tickets \$1.00/ ticket, see Steve.  
Tony Gonnello - are we doing banquet Ads.

Joe McAdams has the flyers on costs of Ads for Banquet booklet.  
See Norby for cost of raffles

**REMINDER – ALL MEMBER CLUBS, IF YOU CAN DONATE A BASKET TO THE LADIES RAFFLE, PLEASE DO! TIME IS SHORT.... Be sure to communicate your intended theme of the basket as to make certain we're not duplicating baskets.**

**CFAB**

Invite to Dale Dunkelberger to one of our meetings

**Fund-Raising**

Need a fund-raising chairman!!!!!!

**FWMB**

Covered

**Shows – Need a chair, Chuck Godfrey currently working it**

Chuck has sign up list to volunteer for working at Expo in March  
Dates are 3/12-15/09  
Immediately follows banquet

**NHFD - Ray Gwarek**

Too late - Wood & Brook is doing something

**WNYEF**

Opposing rails and trails  
Support the early ML season  
ADD value to the licenses, and sell more licenses

**Pay Bills**

Dave S motion  
2nd George Rockey  
Motion passes

**Website - Dave S**

New website is up and running  
Dave Barus motions to give Joe McAdams 2 banquet tix and a thank you letter  
2nd Tom Fischer

carried

Also coming up with domain name renewal fee - will forward for payment

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Fair - trying to promote getting more mounts. Extended deadline for taxidermy entries.  
Hope to get more entries, application is on fair website.

Special Theme award, fair will donate \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd and \$25 for 3rd.  
Federation to ADD another \$25 per prize category

Dan Tone motions to add \$75.00 to this  
2nd Tom Fischer

Motion carries

Al Guy - NWTF  
Would request we buy 3 tickets to NWTF banquet  
Dan Tone motions to buy 3 tix  
2nd Dave Barus

Motion carries

Feb 7 Lucerelli's on Abbott & Ridge

Tony Gonnello motions we buy 5 tickets to Blake Jones benefit  
2nd Rich Davenport

Motion carries

### **Good & Welfare**

None

### **50/50 Raffle**

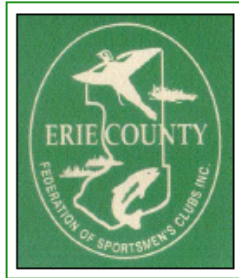
Winner is NYB

## **Thank You Elma Conservation Club**

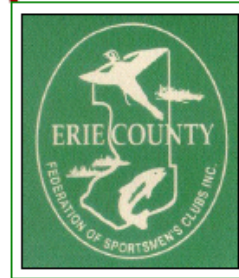
Motion to adjourn  
Rich Davenport  
2nd Tom Fischer

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 PM

# Erie County Federation of Sportsmen



## Annual Banquet & Awards Dinner



**Date: Saturday, March 7, 2009**

6:00 PM - Social Hour (**Open Bar All Night**)

7:00 PM – Sit Down Dinner



### Father Justin Knights of Columbus Hall

2735 Union Rd.

Cheektowaga, NY 14225

**\$40 Per Ticket - \$70 Per Couple**

Send checks to:

Please make checks payable to:  
Erie County Federation of Sportsmen, Inc.

Dan Tone, 1829 Davis Rd.

West Falls, NY 14170

Phone: (716) 655-0975



**Great Food, Great Door Raffles,**

**Great Silent Auction, Great Prizes!!**

Please join us to promote Conservation Youth Scholarships, 4-H Pheasant Raising Programs, Kids Fishing Clinics, Outdoors Conservation, and to Honor Individuals for Work in Conservation.

**Enjoy the Open Bar All Night**

*Banquet Program Ads, contact Joe McAdams at [joe.mcadams@ericyfsc.org](mailto:joe.mcadams@ericyfsc.org)  
Add your club into Erie Federation history!*