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LAKE STURGEON RESTORATION

Genesee River

Emily, Dawn Dittman (USGS - Tunison Lab) and various technicians from Tunison Lab and volunteers captured 65 juvenile sturgeon (8/2-6). The sturgeon are apparently growing and dispersing throughout the lower Genesee River. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation plans to stock 1000 additional juvenile sturgeon in this river in late September.

Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Tributary Database GIS Web Page

Emily was invited by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust to give a presentation and demonstration of this innovative project at the American Fishery Society Annual Meeting in Madison, WI (8/24). Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM

Erie Canal Educator Workshop

Mike, Ben Carson, and Helen Domske (NY Sea Grant) conducted the second Erie Canal Science Educator's Workshop at Montezuma NWR (8/24). Sixteen educators from central and western New York learned about the role of the Canal in the spread of invasive plants and animals.

Round Goby Round-Up

The Lower Great Lakes Fishery Resources Office (LGLFRO) hosted its annual Erie Canal Round Goby Round-Up (8/28). This one-day public event provides an opportunity to increase awareness among the fishing public and strengthen partnership relations with sportsmen and sportswomen. Twenty people participated, angling for round goby along the shores of the Erie Canal between Tonawanda, NY and Lockport, NY. Over 100 round gobies were collected and saved for stomach content analysis.

Round Goby Creek Survey

Mike, Roseanne Schuster, and Peter Krakowiak conducted surveys for round goby in Chautauqua Creek (8/3). Gobies were collected at several sites and saved for stomach content analysis.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Hawkeye Bowman Summer Youth Camp

Mike gave a 45 minute presentation to 35 students at the Hawkeye Bowman Summer Youth Camp (8/7). Mike discussed the role of the USFWS in conservation efforts and how sportsmen and sportswomen play a critical role in reporting invasive species.

Chautauqua Institute Water Week

Emily and Brian Caldwell set up an informational display at the Chautauqua Institute as part of their kickoff for Water Week (8/1). Over 400 people visited the display learning

about lake sturgeon, invasive species, and the role of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conservation.

Erie County Fair

The LGLFRO set up and staffed a display at the Erie County Fair in Hamburg, NY, (8/11-22). The display highlighted ongoing activities at the LGLFRO, featuring live sturgeon and gobies. The display received the 2nd Premium Award among the environmental conservation displays at the Fair. Approximately 15,000 people stopped at the LGLFRO display to read posters, take literature and ask questions.

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