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Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge / Lower Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Conservation Office

February 2016

Lower Great Lakes FWCO Hosts Lake Trout Meeting (February 4-5): The 27th annual meeting of the Lower Lakes Lake Trout Work Group took place at the Iroquois NWR this month. The group is composed of natural resources agencies from the United States and Canada working in Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The group discussed the latest trends in lake trout populations as well as updates on research projects and stocking levels. The latest on sea lamprey treatments was also discussed. (Contact: Michael Goehle)

Biologist Presents at 2016 New York American Fisheries Society Meeting (February 10-12): The New York chapter of the American Fisheries Society annual meeting was held in Cooperstown, NY on February 10-12. Curt Karboski, Biologist, Lower Great Lakes FWCO, presented preliminary results from the office's research using pop-up satellite tags to track movement and behavior of lake trout in Lake Ontario. Over 100 local scientists and managers attended the meeting and Curt's preliminary results were very well received. This pop-up satellite tag research is answering questions about fish behavior that researchers have never been able to address before. The feedback and discussions that arise at fisheries conferences are invaluable to furthering and refining the research being performed by FWS Biologists. (Contact: Curt Karboski)

Engaging Lake Erie Anglers (February 18): Stacy Furgal, Biologist, Lower Great Lakes FWCO presented a talk on the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) program to the Lake Erie Chapter of the Federation of Fly Fishers at the West Seneca American Legion. The event was well attended by 35 members interested in learning about AIS. Members also were interested in new eDNA and genetic barcoding technologies. (Contact: Stacy Furgal)

SPRING INTO NATURE
IROQUOIS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
1101 CASEY ROAD BASOM NY 14013

Artwork by 4th grade student from Oakfield Elementary School.
Winner of the Every Kid in a Park poster contest!

APRIL 30, 2016 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Nature Related Exhibits * Activities for Kids * Food Vendors * Bald Eagle Watch
Live Birds of Prey * Various Presentations * Prizes (drawing at 3 pm must be present to win)
Free Admission and Parking

2016 Spring into Nature Poster Contest (February): Each year, the Iroquois NWR hosts Spring into Nature, an annual event with crafts and hands-on activities with environmental and conservation themes. Our theme for Spring into Nature this year is migration, in honor of the Migratory Bird Treaty Centennial 1916-2016. As part of the new Every Kid in a Park initiative, we asked the local fourth grade classes to help us announce this event by designing our official event flyer.

We are pleased to announce that we had an amazing turnout with 62 entries from two schools. Our hope is that the contest sparked an interest in students for migratory birds and going outdoors to witness the magical migration of birds, and enjoy being outside. All the artwork will be displayed at the April 30th event for families and friends to view. We encourage the students to stop by, get their brand new Every Kid in a Park pass and celebrate with us! (Contact: Madeline Prush)

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