

GREAT LAKES LAKE STURGEON COORDINATION MEETING

Meeting Announcement & Final Call for Papers

NOVEMBER 9-10, 2004
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We invite biologists, managers, researchers, students and the interested public to participate in the second Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting. This meeting will be held at the Quality Inn in Sault St. Marie, MI, November 9-10, 2004, beginning at 9:00 AM Wednesday and concluding by 4:00 PM Thursday.

PURPOSE: Provide a bi-annual forum to foster communication and exchange of information relating to the study, management, and restoration of lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes basin, to address priority research and assessment needs, and to address selected emerging issues.

The focus of the 2004 meeting will be to address three priority emerging issues identified by participants at the 2002 meeting. They are: habitat classification (spawning, nursery, and juvenile), habitat restoration and enhancement, and fish passage. We will also have follow-up presentations on the two emerging issues covered at the 2002 meeting (use of stocking and genetic considerations to rehabilitate populations, and development of standardized assessment techniques). The meeting will focus on presentations related to habitat classification, habitat rehabilitation and restoration, and fish passage. A panel discussion (open question and answer) related to sturgeon passage will follow the presentations. An evening potluck social gathering will feature poster presentations that describe a wide range of sturgeon work. There will also be facilitated discussion on several topics. Individuals may choose which topic group to attend. Following the discussions will be summary presentations from each group.

Included with this announcement are instructions for preparation of oral and poster presentations (**September 17 submission deadline**), registration materials that includes instructions for a biographical sketch for distribution to participants (**registration due October 15**), information about lodging and travel (**block of rooms reserved until October 22 for "sturgeon meeting" at \$55 a night**), and a tentative meeting agenda. This information will also be posted on the Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Web Page at <http://midwest.fws.gov/sturgeon>.

These meetings are being sponsored by the **Great Lakes Fishery Trust** and organized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Great Lakes Ecosystem Team Lake Sturgeon Committee with assistance from agency and organization representatives from across the region.

Steering Committee:	Rob Elliott (USFWS-Green Bay)	Nancy Auer (Michigan Tech University)
	Adam Kowalski (USFWS-Alpena)	Ed Baker (Michigan DNR)
	Henry Quinlan (USFWS-Ashland)	Brad Eggold (Wisconsin DNR)
	Dave Bryson (USFWS-Cortland)	Doug Carlson (New York DEC)
	John Weisser (USFWS-Marquette)	Marty Holtgren (Little River Band)
	Emily Zollweg (USFWS-Amherst)	Lloyd Mohr (Ontario MNR)

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

Final Call for Papers

SUBMISSIONS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

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SAULT STE. MARIE, MI

PRESENTATIONS: Presentations that address the 2004 meeting theme topics of habitat classification (spawning, nursery and juvenile), habitat restoration and enhancement, and fish passage are sought and encouraged. Presentations will be allotted 15 minutes (10-12 minutes and 3-5 minutes for questions and answers - if you go over your time allotment, you'll be tugged away by a force equal to a sturgeon on a set line). If you wish to give more than one presentation, please make multiple submissions and indicate your order of priority. We will accommodate as many oral presentations as time allows, with preference given to those that address the meeting theme topics. **The steering committee will notify you by October 1** if you are chosen to give an oral presentation. Power Point presentations are preferred but slides or overheads can be accommodated with advance notice. If you are not chosen for an oral presentation you are encouraged to prepare a poster presentation.

POSTER: Poster displays are being sought that describe a wide range of research, management, and other activities or issues involving Great Lakes lake sturgeon. This will provide you an ideal opportunity to inform meeting participants of your initiatives, preliminary or final study results, and issues of concern. Poster presentations or other display materials will be presented for viewing Tuesday evening during the potluck social.

_____ **YES, I would like to give a presentation.** (Submissions due by September 17, 2004)

Presentation Format choice:

_____ **Regular presentation (10-12 min + 3-5 min for questions)**

_____ **Poster or display materials**

Anticipated Presentation Title: _____

Name and Email of Presenter: _____

Brief description of presentation topic: -

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Submissions and questions may be directed to:

Henry Quinlan

2800 Lakeshore Drive East

Ashland, WI 54806

Phone: 715-682-6185 Fax: 715-682-8899

Email: henry_quinlan@fws.gov

Meeting Registration Form

Please Reply by October 15, 2004

There is no registration fee

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Please provide the following information:

NAME: _____

AFFILIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TEL: _____ **FAX:** _____

E-mail: _____

Biographical Sketch: We would like all participants to provide an informal biographical sketch describing lake sturgeon work, initiatives or issues. This information will be compiled into a handout to be distributed at the November 9-10 meeting. This information will help develop contacts and serve as an important means of exchanging information about your work.

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I can contribute to the evening potluck social by providing a Main Dish or Dessert (Y or N)

*** Refrigeration will be provided for anything you bring and outlets will be provided for plugging in crock pots or hotplates prior to the evening social. Serving utensils will also be provided.

Please send this information in an email by October 15, 2004 to henry_quinlan@fws.gov.

Information may also be mailed or faxed to Henry Quinlan at:

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Lodging Information: A block of rooms at the Quality Inn Convention Center will be reserved until October 22, 2004 for "sturgeon meeting" participants at a rate of \$55 a night. A hot breakfast is provided each morning from 7-9 am to hotel guests at no charge. The hotel is located on a main business route affording several restaurant options.

Airport Information: Two regional airports provide access to the meeting. The Chippewa County International Airport (code CIU) is approximately 15 minutes south of Sault St. Marie on the American side and the Sault Ste. Marie Airport (code YAM) is located on the Canadian side.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, November 9 Day 1

Morning	Registration
Session	Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Goal, Objectives and Format Genetic / Stocking Related Presentations – Progress Since 2002 Meeting Break (refreshments provided) Genetic / Stocking and Assessment Techniques - Progress Since 2002 Meeting Lunch (on your own)
Afternoon	Presentations on Participant Selected Emerging Issues:
Session	- Habitat Classification (spawning, nursery, juvenile) Break (refreshments provided) Continued Presentations on Participant Selected Emerging Issues: - Habitat Rehabilitation / Enhancement Adjourn
Evening	Poster Presentations and Display
Session	Potluck and Dessert Social (participant contributed)

Wednesday, November 10 Day 2

Morning	Orientation for Day 2: Discussion Group Format
Session	Disperse to Facilitated Discussion Groups (Participants Choose Group) Break to Reconvene Large Group (refreshments provided) Summary Presentations from Discussion Groups Lunch – Extended to Facilitate Coordination / Interaction (lunch provided for nominal cost)
Afternoon	Presentations on Participant Selected Emerging Issue:
Session	- Sturgeon Passage (research and information needs) Break to reconvene large group (refreshments provided) Sturgeon Passage Panel Discussion (open question and answer session) Meeting Evaluation and Identification of Emerging Issues for Future Discussion <u>Wrap-up, evaluation, and adjourn</u>

Note: a hot breakfast is provided each morning from 7-9 am to hotel guests at no charge