

CWSC Meeting Notes

1. 10 Trout Bag Limit in UP
 - a. Currently 1,100 miles of stream in this new program of Type 1 Streams, but only 8% of these streams have a bag limit of 10. Map is online and shaded in Pink.
 - b. NRC voted Yes to this 6 to 0 in favor (NRC reasoning wanted to get more anglers on the stream.
 - c. There is interest in adding more streams or sections to this program. NRC ordered additional shocking and research from DNR.
 - d. Note there is folks who do not want this expanded. (Trout Unlimited)
2. Bryan Darland from Jays: Suggested we stagger opening days for Trout, Pike and Walleye
 - a. Group agreed to discuss at a later date. Everyone agreed to maybe do some social surveys on this issue to gauge the Publics opinion.
3. Use of Sediment Trap presentation by Mike Hessenauer
 - a. New Long-Term study started in 2001 to see affects on width, depth and river channels
 - b. These traps and different studies have been going on since 1988
 - c. Annual cost is high for construction and maintenance
 - d. Banks did not widen, no negative affects nor positive
4. I asked concerning Manistee weir
 - a. The tribe owns half the river and will try using there newly designed weir design on ½ the river.
 - b. The Feds have yet to approve their weir design yet. Hence why they will try it on half the river.
5. Mud Snails
 - a. Now in the following rivers Manistee, P.M. Boardman and Ausable
6. Mio to Meadow Springs Stretch Trout Study:
 - a. Shocking 1,545 fish 5-11' average fish
 - b. Fin clips were done in 2017 and 2018 to monitor Wild vs Stock
 - c. 23.6 Pounds per acre and 830 fish per mile
 - d. Unclipped fish were found 1,217 wilds
7. Muskegon River Trout Reg Change:
 - a. Below Croton to Newago currently a type 4 proposed to change it to Type 3
 - b. Benefit would be to grow larger Trout minimum 15 inches
 - c. Also looking at predation from trout on Chinook Fry
8. Grayling Survey Sites funded by Consumers Energy:
 - a. Habitat what's important?
 - b. Studied and tested 49 sites total
 - c. All sites were given a score to see if it would support all stages of life for Grayling (Egg, Fry and all life stages.
 - d. Program will not have fish in the Rivers until 2023
9. Scented Materials on Type D Rivers and Lakes:
 - a. Discussion on removing the words scented materials from all Type D Rivers and Lakes. Due to the fact many and most artificial baits are currently scented. More discussion to come. Most agreed it should be revised.