2019 LAKE ONTARIO FISHERIES SYMPOSIUM
Finding Fish on the Move

Come see presentations and expert panels to learn about everything from fish basics to cutting edge technology
Door prizes, kids activities, fish tanks and displays, outdoor and fishing gear vendors, and more
Something for everyone from beginners to seasoned veterans
Presenters and panelists will include professional anglers, managers, and scientists from around Lake Ontario

March 23rd, 2019
Fingerlakes Mall:
1579 Clark Street Road,
Auburn, NY 13021
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Symposium Goals
1. Raising awareness about Lake Ontario fisheries and fishing opportunities;
2. Providing new and useful information to a broad range of anglers from the established to the aspiring;
3. Appeal to aspiring anglers to support angler recruitment and retention in sustainable fisheries.

Keynote Speaker 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Silviya Ivanova, Ph.D. Student Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, University of Windsor

Symposium Sessions following a welcome announcement @10:00 am

Morning:
Lake Ontario Fishery History
How did we end up with the world-class fishery we are experiencing in Lake Ontario today?
10:30 – 11:00: Chris Legard (NYSDEC)

Finding Fish: Where are the fish in Lake Ontario and its tributaries and how do I access them?
11:00 – 11:15: Rocky Rockwell (Licensed NY Guide and approved Douglaston Salmon Run Guide)
11:15 – 11:30: Scott Prindle (NYSDEC)

How do we know where fish are unless we catch them? Scientists and Captains talk about locating fish with new and old technology.
11:30 – 11:45: Brian Weidel (USGS)
11:45 – 12:00: Captain Bob Songin (Reel Excitement Charters)

12:00 – 12:30: Question-and-Answer Session with morning speakers

Afternoon:
Why do fish move: How do factors like spawning, water temperature, and food resources influence where fish are?
1:00 – 1:30: Dimitry Gorsky (USFWS)

Now that I know where the fish are, how do I catch them? Sport fishing in tributaries and Lake Ontario
1:30 – 1:45: Fran Verdoliva (NYSDEC)
1:45 – 2:00: Dave Livingston (Rochester Bassmasters)

Fish on! Now what? Fighting, landing, handling, releasing, and preparing/eating fish.
2:00 – 2:15: Steve Levine (Rochester Bassmasters)
2:15 – 2:30: Tom Kielbasinski (NYSDEC)

2:30 – 3:00: Question-and-Answer Session with afternoon speakers

Interested vendors and/or exhibitors please contact Jesse Lepak, New York Sea Grant (JML78@cornell.edu). Vendor fees may include table rental from the Finger Lakes Mall ($10) and a door prize with a value of $25 or more.

Free registration required:
ILoveNYFishing.com or www.nyseagrant.org/losportfish