

Lake Sturgeon Committee FY2003 Action Plan

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offices throughout the Great Lakes are working together with other partners to conserve, protect and enhance lake sturgeon populations in the Great Lakes. Below is a list of activities that the Lake Sturgeon Committee will be involved with during FY2003.

Great Lakes Basin Lake Sturgeon Rehabilitation Plan

During FY2003, the Lake Sturgeon Committee will continue efforts to develop a Great Lakes Basin lake sturgeon rehabilitation plan. The Committee identified the need for this plan in 1997 and began initial work in 2000. The plan will require considerable time to complete; however, when implemented, this plan will better define the Service's role in lake sturgeon restoration across the Great Lakes basin.

Great Lakes Fishery Trust Lake Sturgeon Workshop

The lake sturgeon committee is receiving funding from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust to hold three Great Lakes basin wide lake sturgeon coordination meetings. The purposed for these meetings is to provide a forum to foster communication and exchange of information relating to the study, management, and restoration of lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes basin. The first meeting was held in December of 2002 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Planning and holding of the future meetings will continue through 2003-2005.

Update Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Web Site



This site (first posted in April 1999) was established to provide focus for lake sturgeon restoration and management activities throughout the Great Lakes Basin. This page contains a tremendous amount of information from the multitude of agencies working on lake sturgeon management, research, conservation and restoration in the Great Lakes Basin, as well as links to other lake sturgeon associated web sites. Information from 8 different agencies and organizations representing 28 different offices is currently displayed on the page. Posting and maintenance of the page has been made possible by funding support of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem Team.

Continue Partnership with Commercial Fishers

The Lake Sturgeon Committee will continue working with commercial fishers across the Great Lakes basin to collect information on lake sturgeon.

Biologists from the Great Lakes FROs (Ashland, Alpena, Green Bay and Lower Great Lakes) will provide the commercial fishers with training and equipment to gather data from lake sturgeon that they encounter. These data will assist the Service in determining the number, distribution, movement patterns, growth and reproduction of lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes. Information gathered during this project will be compiled into a report and distributed at the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's Lake Committee Meetings.



Lake Sturgeon Tributary Inventory



The Lake Sturgeon Committee will continue development of the web-based lake sturgeon database and GIS map. This project will create a unified, interactive web-based GIS map and meta-database of Great Lakes lake sturgeon information important to researchers and managers. The objective of the project is to compile

available lake sturgeon data sources to help focus and coordinate restoration and research activities on priority lake sturgeon waters.