

GREAT LAKES LAKE STURGEON COORDINATION MEETING

2nd Meeting Announcement & Final Call for Papers

DECEMBER 3-4, 2008

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We invite biologists, managers, researchers, students, law enforcement, commercial and recreational anglers, and the interested public to participate in the 4th Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting. This meeting will be held December 3-4 at the Thomas Edison Inn in Port Huron, Michigan. A group rate of \$65/night is being held under the name "Great Lakes Sturgeon" through Nov. 15 (contact information provided above).

PURPOSE: Provide a biennial forum to foster communication and exchange of information relating to the study, management, and restoration of lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes basin, and to address selected emerging issues. This year's focus will be on recovery planning.

This meeting will provide a venue for what has become a regular gathering of over 100 people to discuss, learn about, and share ideas regarding Lake Sturgeon in the Great Lakes basin. A mixture of oral presentations, breakout group discussions, extended question/answer periods, guided discussions, and an evening social and poster session will allow participants to interact, contribute, and learn about recent developments with sturgeon in our region. In particular, we will be discussing management planning for recovery of lake sturgeon in the Great Lakes, our focus topic for this years meeting.

Included with this announcement is a **Meeting Registration and Presentation Request Form**. Please use this form to respond by **October 1** if you are considering or wanting to give a presentation. Please register by **November 1 or as soon thereafter as you are able. There is no cost for registration.** Presentations on any pertinent subject are welcome and will be considered by the Steering Committee. Presentations related to management or recovery planning efforts or providing information important for implementing effective recovery for lake sturgeon are particularly encouraged. As ecological and enforcement concerns for this species grow, more effort is being put into development of management and recovery plans for lake sturgeon throughout the Great Lakes basin and across the continent. These efforts require careful thought and consultation as well as comprehensive scientific information in order to be effective. Discussion group topics focusing on these needs are being planned and will be a featured component of this meeting.

Additional instructions for presenters, a detailed meeting agenda, and further descriptions of discussion group topics will be sent to attendees in future mailings. These notices also will be posted on the Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Web Page at <http://midwest.fws.gov/sturgeon> where they will be available for everyone to view in preparation for this meeting.

These meetings continue to be funded by the Great Lake Fishery Trust (www.glft.org) and organized by members of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Committee with assistance from a steering committee of partner agency and organization representatives from across the region. Additional questions may be directed to Rob Elliott at (920)866-1762 or robert_elliott@fws.gov.

Steering Committee:	Rob Elliott (USFWS-Green Bay)	Nancy Auer (Michigan Tech University)
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PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING