

GREAT LAKES LAKE STURGEON COORDINATION MEETING

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS & NOTIFICATION OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

DECEMBER 3-4, 2012

(please note date change from Dec. 4-5)

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We invite you to participate in the 5th Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Coordination Meeting. This meeting will be held December 3-4 (please note the date change from the prior announcement) at the Ramada Inn in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. A group rate of \$77/night is being held under the name "Great Lakes Sturgeon" through Nov. 1 (contact information provided above).

PURPOSE: 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, and to address selected emerging issues.

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 lake sturgeon related developments in our region.

Included with this announcement is the **Registration and Presentation Request Form**. Presentations on any pertinent subject are welcome and will be considered by the Steering Committee. Several topics of particular interest for this meeting have been identified by the Steering Committee. They are Adult Assessment Techniques, Open Water Movement/Telemetry Studies, Social/Cultural Interactions, and Hydrokinetics. After nearly two decades of widespread assessment of lake sturgeon populations questions remain regarding the effectiveness and reliability of our assessment approaches, interest in new assessment methods, and movement of lake sturgeon in open water habitats. Human interactions with lake sturgeon from a range of social and cultural perspectives continue to be important management considerations and hydrokinetics (underwater turbines) is an emerging issue for energy generation that is likely to affect lake sturgeon management. Presentations related to these topics that provide vital information for evaluating lake sturgeon abundance, and implementing management and recovery plans are particularly encouraged.

Additional instructions for presenters, a detailed meeting agenda, and further descriptions of discussion group topics will be sent in future mailings. This and future meeting notices also will be posted on the Great Lakes Lake Sturgeon Web Page at <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/sturgeon/index.htm>. Proceedings from meetings held in 2002, 2004, 2006, and 2008 can be found on this web page as well.

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 Henry Quinlan at (715) 682-6185 ext. 12 or henry_quinlan@fws.gov.

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| Steering Committee: | Henry Quinlan (USFWS-Ashland) | Nancy Auer (Michigan Tech University) |
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PLEASE SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ANYONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING