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Celebrate World Fish Migration Day, May 24th with the Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office and New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

"Meet a live Lake Sturgeon; Talk with a fish biologist;
Walk along the Niagara River with a naturalist."

Schedule:

Meet and Talk from 10:00AM-11:30AM at the docks located at Joseph Davis State Park, Lewiston, NY. After passing entrance booths, take first right. Following a sharp right turn, take another right and follow road through underpass to parking lot.

Walk and Talk from 11:30AM-1:00PM at the Whirlpool Gorge Trail, Niagara Falls, NY. The trail can be accessed from Devils Hole State Park; meet at gorge side parking area.

About the Event:

World Fish Migration Day 2014 (WFMD) is a one day global initiative, with local events worldwide, to create awareness and understanding on the importance of open rivers and migratory fish.

At the Joseph Davis State Park in Lewiston, NY, fish biologists from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Lower Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office will entertain visitors with discussions of the importance of rivers for migrating fish in the Great Lakes and will demonstrate techniques used by biologists to understand fish migration. They also plan to collect a Lake Sturgeon, and visitors will be invited to come aboard the Service's research vessel to see a live Lake sturgeon. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) will be available and must be worn as visitors board our research vessel to observe the live lake sturgeon in the holding tank. All children must be accompanied by an adult. This will be followed by a live release of a tagged Lake Sturgeon whose migratory behaviors will be monitored over time.

A guided tour of the lower Niagara River along the Gorge Trail will be offered by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, along with expert lake sturgeon biologist, Dr. D. Gorsky, who will talk about lake sturgeon habitat with the hopes of actually spotting lake sturgeon occupying spawning habitat in the river. Hikers should be prepared. The trail includes challenging sections with steep stairs and rocky terrain. Comfortable attire, water bottles and sturdy footwear is recommended, and children must be accompanied by a parent. PFDs for kids or adults are optional, but available during the hike as we will be near fast flowing water.