



**Committee of Advisors
to the
Great Lakes Fishery Commission**



Resolution #1: Lake Trout Coded Wire Tagging

Whereas lake trout restoration in Lake Ontario continues to be a high priority for the Lake Ontario Committee and Lake Ontario stakeholders and

Whereas the use of coded wire tags (CWT's) in stocked lake trout has played a critical role in the restoration efforts and

Whereas data from these tags make it possible to identify a recaptured lake trout's age, parental strain, hatchery raceway origin, size at stocking, stoking date and location and stocking method and

Whereas data from these tags allowed evaluation of factors such as age, strain specific survival, post stocking movements, adult fidelity to stocking sites, age and strain specific fecundity and other factors and

Whereas the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (the Service) provided CWT's in all Lake Ontario lake trout reared at the Allegheny National Fish Hatchery from 1982 to 1995 and

Whereas the Service continues to provide CWT's in lake trout stocked in the upper Great Lakes

Be it resolved that the U.S. Advisors for Lake Ontario request that the Great Lakes Fishery Commission request that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service restore funding for this important program and resume providing coded wire tags in lake trout stocked in Lake Ontario.

Resolution 04-01

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Passed by Committee of Advisors

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