



Adopt-A-Stream Newsletter *Fall 2003*

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Web Pearsall and students from ER Examine, weigh, and measure.

Something Fishy

By Linda Driscoll

Adopt-A-Stream and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's collaborative effort to conduct fish sampling last year on the NYS Barge Canal were well received. We did confirming tests on May 20th, with AP Biology and Environmental Science students, and teachers Beth Henderson and Larry Hahl from East Rochester High School. Web Pearsall, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Matt Sanderson, Senior Fisheries Biologist, Marvin Verna, Senior Fisheries

Technician and David Olsolsky, Senior Fisheries Technician collected fish from a gill net that they'd placed in the water the day before, and students watched while they demonstrated electrofishing. Once the fish were unloaded, students assisted with sorting, identifying, getting weights, measurements, harvested scales, and examined external and internal morphology

Despite some initial reservations by the students, their curiosity soon got the better of them. (See the responses written by the students on the next page.)