

LAKE MICHIGAN COMMERCIAL FISHING BOARD
MEETING
April 10, 2023
Zoom Meeting

1. Organizational Matters:

Call to Order:

Chairman Charlie Henriksen called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m., due to technical difficulties

Members Present: Charlie Henriksen, Mark Maricque, Mike LeClair, Rick Johnson, Brett Schwarz, Todd Stuth, Dan Pawlitzke.

Member Absent: none

DNR Staff Present: Al Blizel, Nick Leger, Brad Eggold, Meredith Penthorn, Ryan Propke, Jean Rombach,

Others present: DR. Winden (UW-Whitewater), Bob Wincek, Dan Lindal, Jerry Fetterer, P. Smith, Keith Pamperin, Fenske, Arnie Arredondo, Will Henriksen, Sharon Moen, Virlee, Gary Seager.

2. A. Minutes: Mike LeClair made a motion to approve the February 20, 2023 minutes, seconded by Brett Schwarz, all present voted to approve these minutes.

3. Discussion Items:

License Transfers of #19, #51, #143, #242.

#19 Transferred from Weyberg to Laughlin Roll call, All Aye.

#51 Transferred from Weyberg to Laughlin; Roll Call, All Aye.

#143 Transferred from Weyberg to Laughlin, Roll Call, All Aye.

#242 Transferred from Weyberg to Laughlin, Roll call, All Aye.

A. Lake Trout Stakeholders: Brad Eggold reported that the Lake Trout Committee only is advisory and will not provide any recommendation to the DNR.

B. The LMCFB reviewed the proposed Lake Whitefish Quota which will take effect January 1, 2024, with the rule saying the completion of the next review date being January 1, 2027. Mr. Marique comment that Zone 1 commercial fishers are agreeable to the 776,647 Whitefish quota. Lindal first questioned what was the quota for Northern Green Bay, then commented that he has lost 50% of the quota last year plus a 25% reduction this year, The harvest data for 2021 has not yet been assembled. There were no comments from the public. The Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board (LMCFB) makes a consensus recommendation on the 2024 quota to the Natural Resources Board (NRB) as outlined below.

Proposed Lake Whitefish Quota **2024** **2022**

Green Bay T.A.C.	1,142,534	1,176,889
Lake Michigan T.A.C.	881,265	800,407
Zone 1 Quota	776,647	569,788
Zone 2 Quota Total	895,665	1,056,021
Zone 2 Green Bay Sub-total	365,887	607,101
Zone 2 Lake Michigan Sub-total	529,778	448,920
Zone 3 Quota	351,487	351,487

C. Economic Value update of the Commercial Fishing Industry by Dr. Matthew Widen, UW-Whitewater Professor. Sports fishing impact from the waters of Green bay on the 5 Counties surrounding the Bay of Green Bay. Professor Widen explained that there are 3 Input-Output models which could be used. Most use **the IMPLAN model** which will define the Commercial Fishing expenditure pattern of direct and indirect support up and down the supply chain. Professor Widen will forward the survey for review and comments.

D. Trawl Rule update - Meredith Penthorn said the process has started for the Trawl Rule.

E. NR 25 Housekeeping Rule update by Meredith Penthorn, in which this Rule will be going to the final stages to the NRB. The public Hearing will be on April 6; Written Comments due by April 14; with action. Prior to the Rule expiration on September 1, 2023.

4. Board Member Matters - Informational

a. Refer to section 3.B. herein pertaining to Whitefish Quota's.

b. A motion was made by LeClair that the LMCFB modifies the Timeline in which the DNR should share their preliminary recommendation with the LMCFB before their stakeholder meeting, by email, which should happen in May. The WDNR should then return to LMCFB with their final recommendation the July LMCFB meeting, and then release it publicly. The LMCFB expects these recommendations to be what the LMCFB have proposed. It should come to the NRB for approval no later than their October meeting to avoid the last-minute snafus that have plagued us in the past, seconded by Stuth. Motion passes with an All-Aye vote.

5. Old Business: Charlie mentioned that Justine Haaz indicated that the EFHRS program has drastic flaws pertaining to nets, nights, total harvest, etc. Al Blizel is retiring May 5, 2023 after 35 years of service the DNR. A replacement maybe hired with

9 months. The DNR will appoint a contact person to receive & distribute information.

6. None

7. Adjournment:

Motion - Moved by Rick Johnson seconded by Todd Stuth.

Motion passed unanimously at 7:23 P.M.