

# Lake Trout Meeting January 2017



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# Stakeholder Communication and Information sharing

**June** – Initial stakeholder meeting

**November** – meeting with Lake Michigan Technical Committee

**Jan – March** – various sport group meetings

**April** – LMFF

**August** – Kewaunee/Door angler meeting

**October** - LMFF

**March** – Charter Captains meeting

**April** - LMFF

**October** - LMFF

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

**January** – meeting with Lake Michigan Technical Committee

**April** – Lakewide meeting

**May** – Wisconsin stakeholder meeting

**August** – Wisconsin stakeholder meeting

**December** – Initial LMFF meeting

**Jan – March** – various sport group meetings

**April** – LMFF

**April** – Charter captain meeting

**September** – LMFF

**October** – Charter captains meetings

**March** – Charter Captain meeting

**April** – LMFF

**June** – Salmon and trout meetings

**August** – 9<sup>th</sup> LMFF meeting

**November** –

- Press releases
- GOV delivery
- Individual club meetings
- Web pages
- E-mail address for comments
- Conservation Congress





# Lake Trout season and bag limits



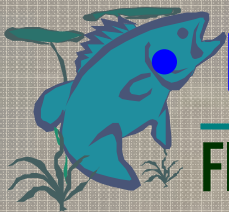
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# Lake Trout season and bag limits

- Lake trout scoping statement
  - Increase open season to year round
  - Increase bag limit
    - Pros and cons of 3 vs. 5
  - Open Mid-Lake Reef to fishing
- Approved by Governor and Natural Resources Board in December
- Get a 150 day Emergency rule in place by April 1, 2017
- Extend it once during the season
- Make a permanent rule for 2018



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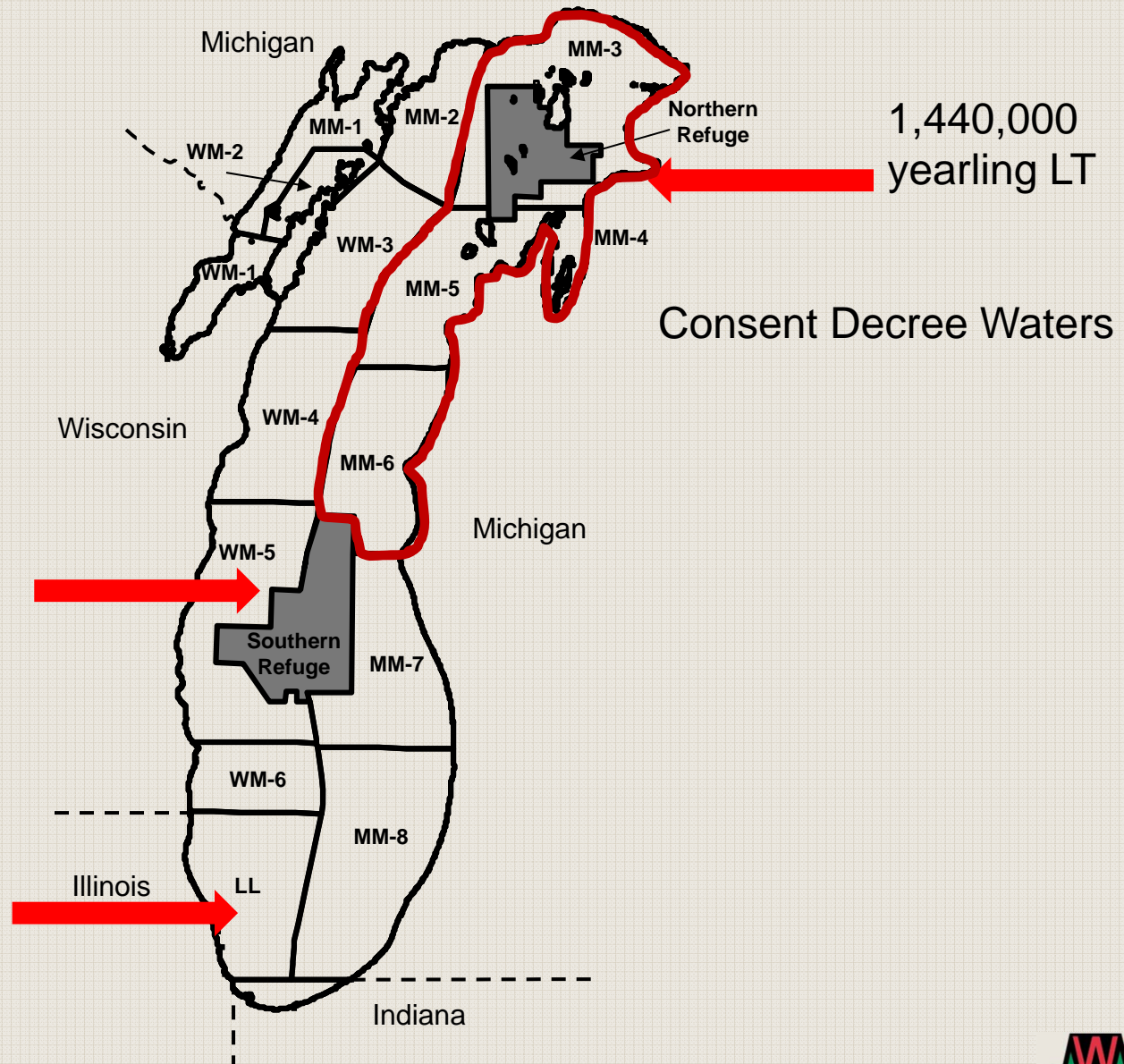


# Wisconsin's Salmon and Trout Stocking numbers

Species	2016	2017	2018
	Actual numbers stocked	Projected stocking numbers	Projected stocking numbers
<b>Chinook salmon</b>	812,270	812,270	TBD
<b>Coho salmon</b>	452,867	452,867	TBD
<b>Lake trout</b>	712,377	300,000	300,000
<b>Steelhead</b>	269,512	340,000	TBD
<b>Brown trout</b>	727,014	362,000	362,000
<b>Totals</b>	2,974,040	2,267,137	TBD



# Lake Trout Priority Stocking Sites

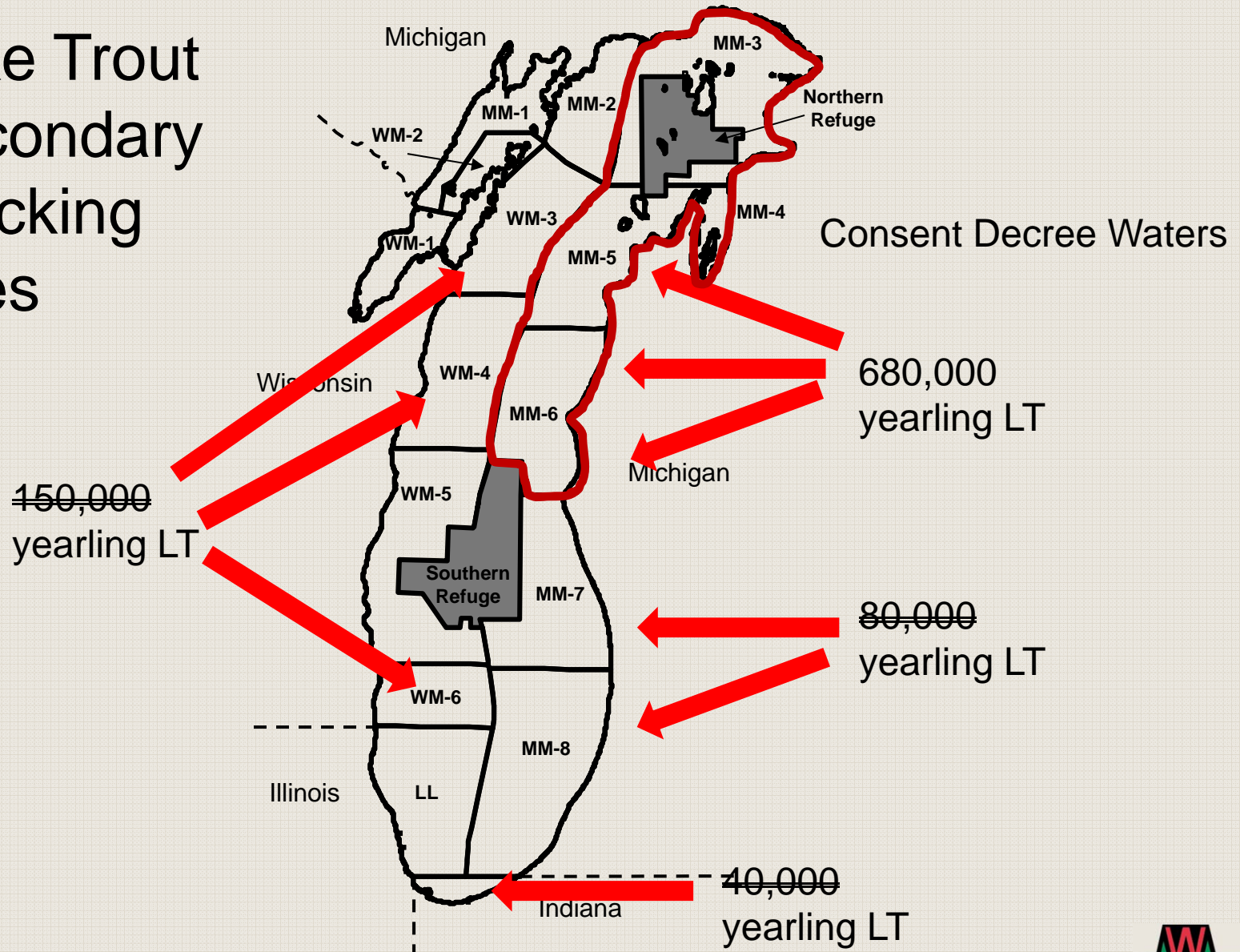


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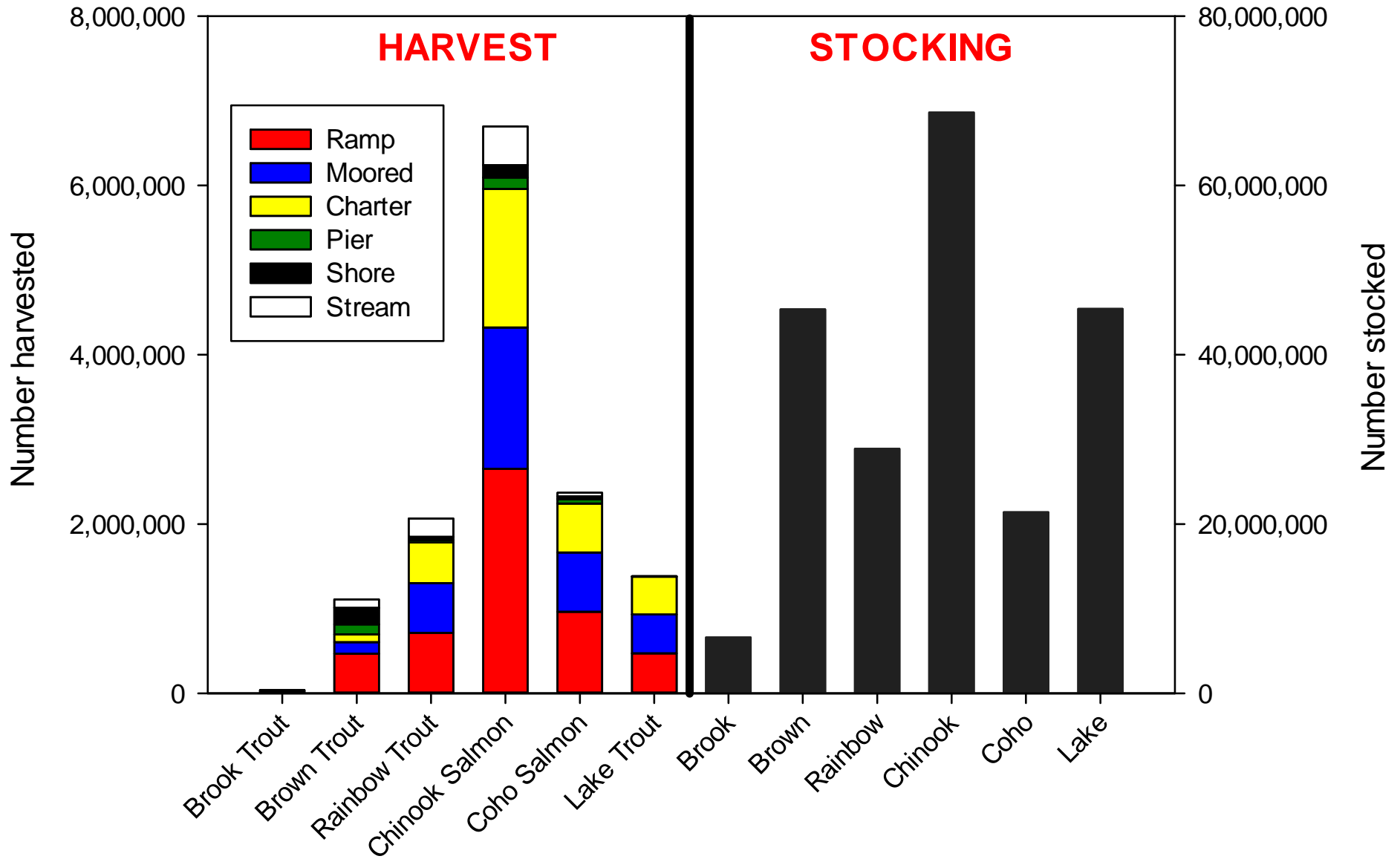
# Lake Trout Secondary Stocking Sites



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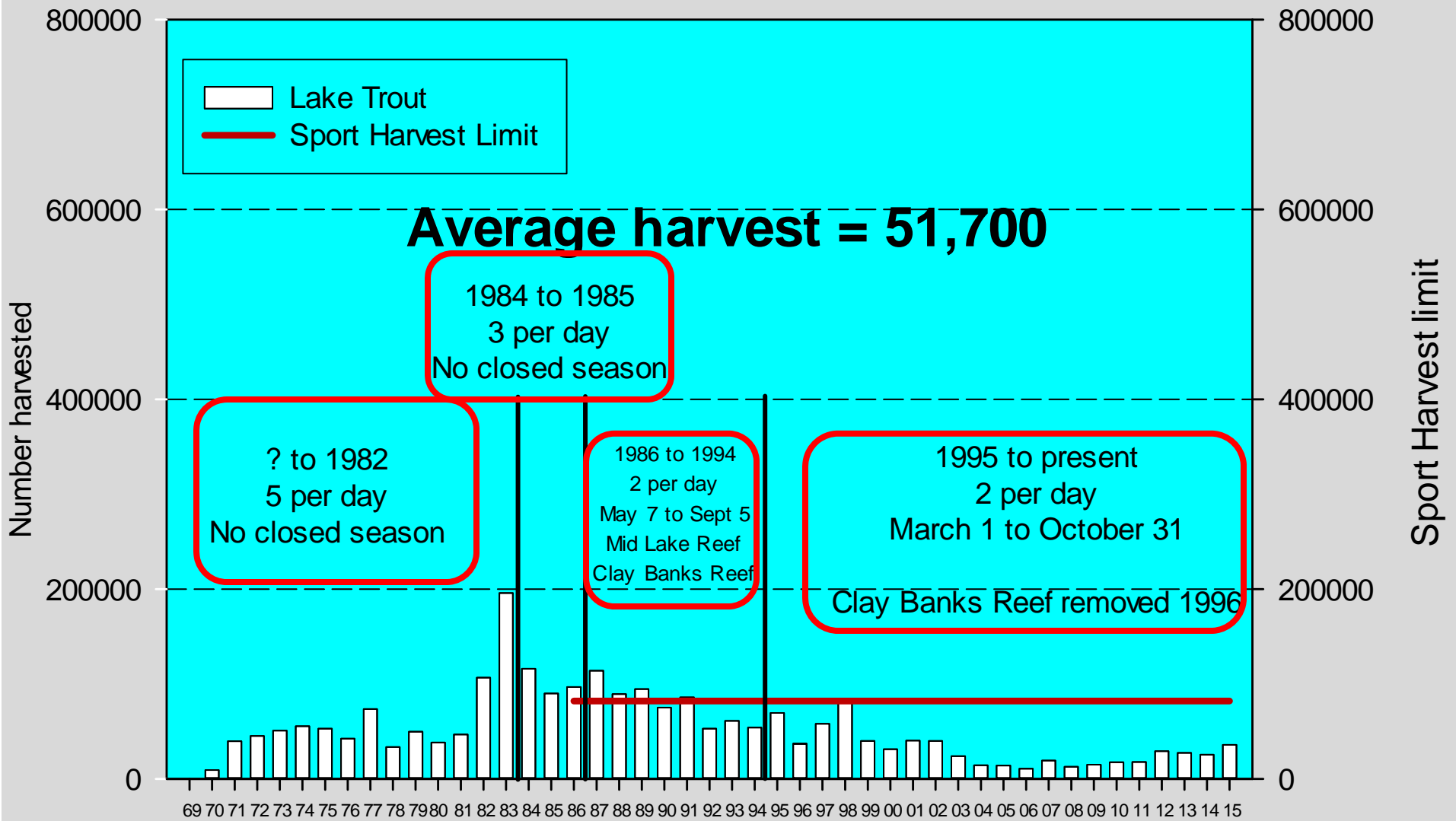


# Lake Michigan Salmon and Trout harvest and stocking from 1969 to 2015





# Lake Michigan Lake trout harvest from 1969 to 2015



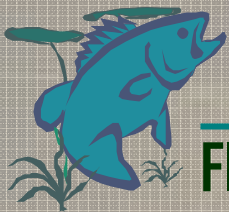


# Current Regulations

5 fish daily bag limit for salmon and trout but only 2 can be lake trout

Lake trout season – March 1 to October 31

No possession of lake trout in Mid Lake Reef



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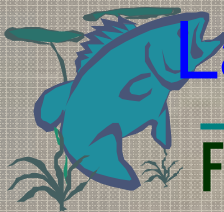
## Option 1 for Lake trout regulation changes

- Bag limit - Increase bag limit from 2 to 3
- Season - Allow fishing year round

## Other Options ??

## Other regulations

- Refuge closed to lake trout fishing - Mid Lake Reef - continue
- Season - No possession of lake trout in Mid Lake Reef - continue





# Proposed Timeline for 2017 Lake trout regulations

Step 1

- March - December, 2016
- Gathered initial stakeholder comments

Step 2

- December 2016 – Scoping statement
- Approved by Governor and Natural Resources Board in December

Step 3

- Comment period until February 8, 2017 – phone, mail or email
- [DNRLAKEMICHIGANPLAN@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRLAKEMICHIGANPLAN@wisconsin.gov)

Step 4

- March 2017 – Emergency lake trout rule
- Natural Resources Board - approval

Step 5

- Get an emergency lake trout rule in place by April 1, 2017
- Convene hearing on the emergency rule

Step 6

- Work with stakeholders and others to create a permanent rule



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# QUESTIONS / COMMENTS

