

Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Meeting

April 20, 2022 5 p.m.

Bayfield DNR Office

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DRAFT Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Agenda

1. **Call to Order:** Craig Hoopman called meeting to order at 5:03 am
2. **Roll Call Present:** Craig Hoopman, Chris Boyd, Bill Bodin, Maurine Halvorson, Brian Bainbridge, Others present: Chris Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Joe Van Der Puy, Jessica Resac: DNR Present: Brad Ray, Dray Carl, Bob Stroess, Amie Egstad, Rick Peters, Bryan Harrenstein
3. **Meeting posting:** Meeting announcement was posted appropriately.
4. **Agenda Approval:** Bill Bodin motion to approve, Maurine Halvorson Second, Chris Boyd Called the question Motion Carried.
5. **2021Oct21 Meeting Minutes Approval:** Motion By Maurine Halvorson Second by Bill Bodin, Motion carried. 1 Abstained.
6. **Chairman & Board Member Communications:** Nothing to report at this time
7. **Public Comment:** This time for public comments and Chair would like to add something to allow fishers (license holders to be able to speak at other times). DNR present introduced themselves.
8. **General Business Discussion:**
 - 8.1 **Old Business:** Herring (Cisco) quota and herring season summary to look at the quota. Concerned by quota would like it as an annual quota rather than the current season allotment. Wants quota to carryover. Keep it on agenda for next meeting.
 - 8.2 **New Business**
 - 8.2.1 **Informational:** Introduction of New Board Members and process Chris Boyd, Chair of Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa was asked to submit his name and Brian Bainbridge, commercial fisher at Red Cliff. Craig Hoopman explained the process of filling vacancies and the encouragement to apply if interested because the goal is to fill seat new members within 30 days. Collaboration between state and tribal during negotiations and hope to work together on the resource. Boyd mentioned the goal is to protect future of fisheries and were asked as citizens to serve and accepted. Hoopman explained that the board can only transfer licenses and there was no conflict of interest; and hopes this opens door for dialogue to work together more. Bainbridge said he advocated for state license commercial fishers during the negotiations and wants equity in the process. Understands the desire to have seat at the table and feel free to reach out.
 - 8.2.2 **Action:** Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

Motion to keep same officers as they are by Bill Bodin and Chirrs Boyd Seconded motion carries. Chair: Craig Hoopman, Vice-Chair: Maurine Halvorson, Secretary: Bill Bodin.

8.2.3 Informational: CARES Act Update: Ray updated process and mentioned that money will be available for projects to benefit the industry. Hoopman suggested using money to help improve Cisco quotas.

8.2.4 Informational: EFHRS rule time and implementation: There will be a paper version form that can be used on the water. Estimated weight is just an estimate and a good faith effort. There will be a learning curve so encourage to start. The tribes are not currently required to use electronic reporting but Boyd mentioned they are moving that way.

8.2.5 Discussion: Period 1 CPE concerns: The concern is that when the state does not get their CPE they are using 3-party CPE and the tribes fish 50 and 75 mesh and the state is required to only use 36 mesh deep so it is not fair to compare different gears. Ray explained that this is part of the agreement and will be discussed in September and encouraged the fishers to have monitors on the boats as much as possible to meet the requirements to use the state CPE. The board would hope to fix for next year to avoid the high CPE because it is not fair. 25% reduction and 50% reduction in CPE.

8.2.6 Discussion: LSCFB agenda items for next meeting: Herring Season summary and Quota, Period 1 CPE data from period one, projects of interest for CARES Act: Update on Lake Trout Harvest for Season creel, gear standardization draft suggestions from LSCFB,

Additionally a suggestion of increasing board size from Joe Van Der Puy; as well as there will be a new warden with responsibilities on Lake Superior starting in July.

9. Set Next Meeting date: Tentative Wednesday, July 20, 2022 5:00 p.m. @ Bayfield DNR office

10. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn.