

**Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Meeting
January 15, 2020 5 p.m. WiDNR Building**

Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** Board President Craig Hoopman called the meeting to order 5:00 PM
2. **Roll Call Present:** Mr. Bill Bodin, Ms Maurine Halvorson, Mr. Craig Hoopman Mr. Robert Nelson
Also, present: WiDNR- Lake Superior Fishery Supervisor-Mr. Brad Ray, WDNR-Biologist- Mr. Carl Dray, WiDNR Conservation Warden- Ms Amy Egstad
3. **Meeting posting:** Mr. Ray confirmed the meeting was posted on the WiDNR calendar.
4. **Agenda Approval:** Moved by Mr. Nelson to approve as posted. Second Mr. Bodin, Motion carried unanimously.
5. **10162019 Meeting Minutes Approval:** Moved by Mrs. Halvorson to approve. Second Mr. Bodin; Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Chairman & Board Member Communications:** No communications were brought to the table.
7. **Public Input:** No communications were brought to the table.
8. **General Business Discussion:**
 - 8.1 **Old Business:**
 - 8.1.1 **Possible Action: Vacant LSCFB Commercial Fisherman seat:** Mr. Ray mentioned he is shoring up arrangements with Mr. Smokey Johnson to apply electronically to Governor Evers office for consideration. If this action goes no further by the April meeting the board may seek to resolve.
 - 8.1.2 **Discussion: Lake Trout, Whitefish, and Cisco [Artedi, Hoyi, Kiyi]:** General discussion that implied fish populations are fragile but stable.
 - 8.2 **New Business**
 - 8.2.1 **Discussion: Updates on Lake Superior Fisheries Management Plan:** Board members questioned WDNR rationale to downgrade gill net footage from 50,000 feet to 42,000 feet in 2020. WDNR is firmly committed to downgrade. LSCFB took no further action.
 - 8.2.2 **Discussion: LSCFB follow-up for next meeting:** No action to be taken.
 - 8.2.3 **Discussion: WiDNR follow-up for next meeting:** Mr. Ray will conduct a presentation relative to laws regulating systematic call-in of catch procedures.
9. **Set Next Meeting date:** Tentative Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:00 p.m. @ WiDNR Bayfield field office
10. **Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Nelson, Second Ms Halvorson. Motion carried.