

Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Meeting
January 20, 2021 5 p.m. Zoom

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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
Also present: WiDNR- Lake Superior Fishery Supervisor-Mr. Brad Ray, WDNR-Biologist- Mr. Carl Dray, Great Lakes District Supervisor – Mr. Brad Eggold, WiDNR Conservation Wardens- Bob Stroess, Rick Peters, Bryan Harrenstein
3. **Meeting posting:** Mr. Ray confirmed the meeting was posted on the WiDNR calendar.
4. **Agenda Approval:** Moved by Mr. Bodin to approve. Second Mrs. Halvorson; Motion carried unanimously.
5. **10212020 Meeting Minutes Approval:** Moved by Mrs. Halvorson to approve. Second Mr. Bodin; Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Chairman & Board Member Communications:** Bob Nelson resigned from the Board with a letter shared with the LSCFB, potentially Jessica Resac as replacement to apply. Mark Halvorson will apply for the vacant license seat.
7. **Public Comment:** No communications were brought to the table
8. **General Business Discussion:**
 - 8.1 **Old Business:**
 - 8.2 **New Business**
 - 8.2.1 **Discussion: Chequamegon Bay Pollution Update:** Brad Ray relayed the information on the progress the City of Ashland has had to reduce overflow events related to wet weather including budget provision of \$300,000 and progress to identify and prioritize deficiencies. The work by City of Ashland included cleaning 26 miles of sewer main and identifying and eliminating a clear water source. The City of Ashland has plans for 2021 to rehabilitate approximately 3 miles of sewer main using a DNR Clean Water fund loan of around \$1.9 million and in 2020 replaced 2/3 of a mile and rehabilitated 1.75 miles. Additionally, Brad Ray outlined the water quality testing that DNR's Office of Great Waters were conducting including the 2021 CSMI and NCCA assessment plans. Brad Ray also discussed the recent findings that lead to a PFAS consumption advisory for rainbow smelt in Lake Superior.
 - 8.2.2 **Discussion: FH-12-20 (E) and FH-10-20; Lake Trout and Cisco Quotas:** Brad Ray discussed the Lake Trout and Cisco quotas and timeline of the permanent rule process. Discussion centered around having consideration for the pandemic and financial burden of the commercial industry. Bill Bodin requested that the DNR reevaluate the lake trout quota this summer and Brad Ray acknowledged that would

be done, but that there was no guarantee that a change would be made. Comments were made that Lake Michigan fishers do not have buoy restrictions or lifting requirements, Bob Stroess corrected stating that trap nets in Lake Michigan are required to be marked just as they are in Lake Superior and that nets needed to be lifted every 5 days. The discussion lead to thinking about what could be done to benefit the commercial industry and at the next meeting the LSCFB will develop a prioritized list of things that they feel could benefit the commercial fishery. Brad Ray mentioned that the Department was working on a gear standardization report in collaboration with Red Cliff and Bad River.

8.2.3 Discussion: LSCFB follow-up for next meeting: Create Prioritized list of items that could benefit the commercial fishery. Election of Officers

9. Set Next Meeting date: Tentative Wednesday, March 10, 2021 5:00 p.m. @ TBD

10. Adjournment: Motion by Mr. Bodin, Second Ms Halvorson. Motion carried.