

Guide Reporting Public Meeting  
February 17, 2021

**Agenda – Part 1**

1. Opening Remarks
2. Background – Green Bay case study
3. History of Licensed Guide Reporting: Green Bay
4. Q/A so far

**Agenda – Part 2**

5. Poll questions
6. Great Lakes Guide Reporting
7. Scope statement and proposed new rules
8. Timeline
9. General comments/input

**Questions from Part 1 [Responses in brackets.]**

- Bob – If a guide doesn't report, can their license be denied for the following year? This would be similar to how a tournament permit is denied if the report is not submitted for the prior year's tournament.
  - [Bob Stroess – Technically, a license could be revoked for failure to report, but currently it would be difficult to do this through the courts. It would likely take repeated, egregious violations. This language could potentially be put in the rule moving forward.]
  - [Tom Meronek – Guide licenses are issued through GoWild, and currently there is no capability to provide an automatic notification that a guide report is overdue. The tournament report reminder emails are automatically issued thorough the DNR tournament permitting system, not GoWild.]
- JJ – What is the estimate of the number of pounds of whitefish harvested by guides?
  - [Scott Hansen – The pounds harvested for the sport and guide fishery is based on the average weight of harvested whitefish that are measured by DNR staff.]
- JJ – Could you count ice shacks in a plane to estimate effort?
  - [Scott Hansen – This is a valid method for estimating effort, but we are money and staff limited at this point.]
- Rachel – We have some new help this year, and a refresher on how to fill out the reports would be useful. Is it acceptable for two guides to fill out the trip log together on one form? Does it help or hurt to use one form that includes both names?
  - [Scott Hansen – As long as all anglers and fish are accounted for on that form, and all of the guides are listed, that is okay from a fish management standpoint. However, law enforcement may feel differently from an enforceability standpoint.]

## Poll Results

Polling is closed

13 voted

### 1. Are you a guide?

Yes (7) 54%



No (6) 46%

### 2. If you are not a guide, what is your interest in attending this meeting?

General angler (3) 23%



Guide client (0) 0%

Business owner (7) 54%

Interested citizen (3) 23%

### 3. If you are a licensed guide, where do you guide?

Inland water (2) 15%



Great Lakes waters (8) 62%

Both (3) 23%

### 4. If you guide on the Great lakes, where do you mostly guide?

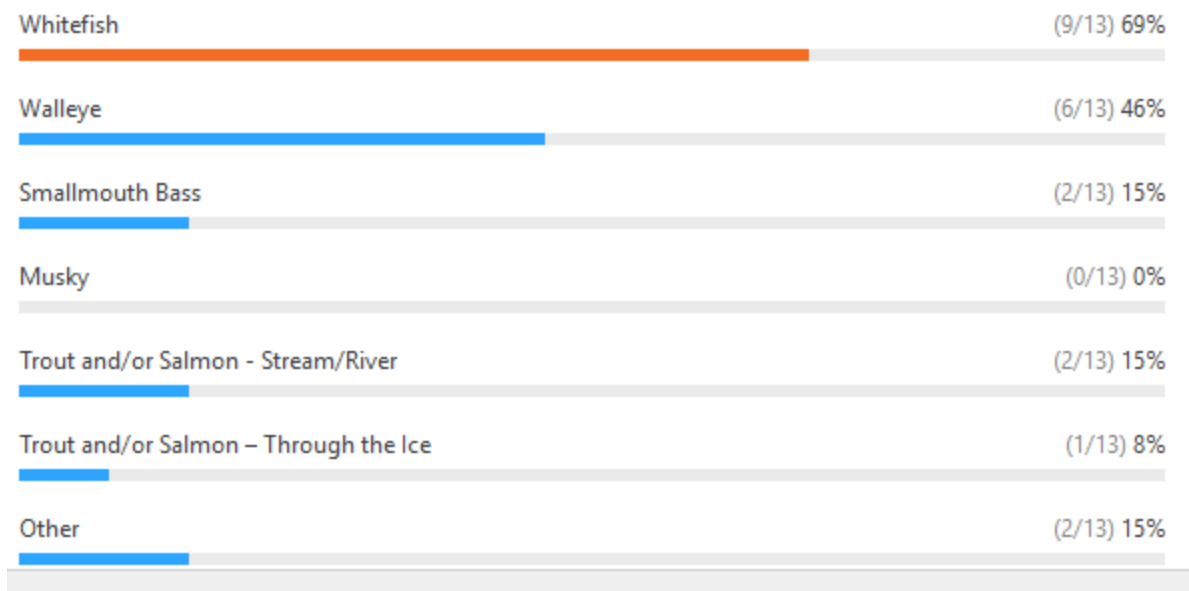
Lake Superior and tributaries (1) 8%



Lake Michigan and tributaries (2) 15%

Green Bay and tributaries (10) 77%

**5. For which species do you currently guide clients on Great Lakes Waters? Please select all that apply. (Multiple choice)**



**General comments/input from Part 2**

- None

More info can be found on the DNR website –

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/lakemichigan/GreatLakesGuideInformation.html>

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