

**Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Meeting**  
**March 10, 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:** Public: Jessica Resac, Charles Hendriksen, (LMCFB), Mark Halvorson, Todd Stuth (LMCFB), Tom Johnson (WCC), 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,
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. **01202021 Meeting Minutes Approval:** Moved by Mr. Bodin to approve. Second Mrs. Halvorson; Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Chairman & Board Member Communications:** Nothing to report
7. **Public Comment:** Charlie Hendriksen just joined to here what this board was upto.
8. **General Business Discussion:**
  - 8.1 **Old Business:**
    - 8.1.1 Working to fill vacant Board Seats.
  - 8.2 **New Business**
    - 8.2.1 **Action: Election of Officers:** Maurine Halvorson moved to nominated Craig Hoopman as Chair, Maurine Halvorson as Vice-Chair, and Bill Bodin as Secretary, Bill Bodin Seconded, Motion carried unanimously.
    - 8.2.2 **Discussion: Trap Net Rules and Specifications:** Craig Hoopman wanted to change depth restrictions and start with trap nets earlier. Also wants to move the 55 fathoms for siscowet to be shallower. Mark Halvorson wants to set trap nets for siscowet. Maurine Halvorson would like to be able to set trap nets earlier in March, Charles Hendriksen spoke about fishing deep trap nets that are efficient, but are not done very much currently, fish in winter and the fish are fine and use ice buoys and as long as the boat can handle it. Depends on if they left the 150 feet nets fast on the gear ability but did not see a difference in the bycatch survival whether fast or slow and usually took 4-5 minutes to bring nets up. There is data from monitoring of deep trap nets. Brad Ray clarified the email sent on Lake Michigan Laws and thanked the board for the current used specifications of trap nets.
    - 8.2.3 **Discussion: Prioritized list of activities for LSCFB to pursue:** Bill Bodin asked to hear why issues are important, Craig Hoopman talked about wanting to go deeper and fishing into October with Trap Nets. Halvorsons are not in favor of

October fishery and want to see it limited if perused. Bill Bodin sees the potential and prefers to use trap nets that can allow lake trout to be released. Economically need to be able to offer fresh product during the busy tourism season. Jessica Resac brought up to start with gill nets as trap nets are negotiated. Brad Ray mentioned that the rule processes takes time and these can not be quick processes, the process would include identifying existing data and gaps and need to design a study and then work with the tribes to negotiate a study and then need funding for the study and then go through the rule process. Board members are going to reach out to Sea Grant and Red Cliff fishers about a feasibility study of extending trap net depth restrictions. Decision was to rank them the following order.

- 1) Depth > 90 feet
- 2) Time of year Trap nets in October but start with gill nets
- 3) March 1<sup>st</sup> starting time for trap nets
- 4) Gill nets < 55 fathoms

It was also mentioned that Cameras could be used to make sure DNR gets state level CPE, but concerns were raised on identification, law enforcement and privacy.

**8.2.4 Discussion: LSCFB agenda items for next meeting:** Status report on feasibility study on extending depth of trap nets and time of the year, including talking to other users and researchers. DNR to report on Tribal October Harvest and State 2020 harvest along with Tribal rules on winter lifting.

9. **Set Next Meeting date: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 5:00 p.m. @ TBD**
10. **Adjournment:** Motion by Ms Halvorson, Second Mr. Bodin. Motion carried.