

Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Meeting
October 20, 2022 5 p.m.
Bayfield DNR Office
141 South Third Street
Bayfield, WI 54814

Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** 501 PM
2. **Roll Call Present:** Craig Hoopman, Christopher Boyd, Bill Bodin, Maurine Halvorson, DNR present: Brad Ray, Dray Carl, Rick Peters, Ryan Propson, Others: Jeff Johnson
ABSENT: Bryan Bainbridge
3. **Meeting posting:** Meeting was posted accordingly
4. **Agenda Approval:** Motioned Maurine, second Bill, motion carried
5. **2022Jul20 Meeting Minutes Approval:** Chris motioned, Maurine seconded, motion carried.
6. **Chairman & Board Member Communications:** Nothing to Report.
7. **General Business Discussion:**
 - 7.1 **Old Business:**
 - 7.1.1 **Action: Cisco Quota Discussion:** Put back on next agenda, would like every license holder to have a say so the question is to keep it the way it is or go to an individual quota on a Calendar year. The quota will change for 2024 details about the quota setting were shared about how it is an estimate of spawning adults.
 - 7.1.2 **EFHRS implementation and update:** Bill had no problems. Halvorson's did it on paper and then a computer. Gill nets do not need lat/long just grid. Talk about round vs dressed. Did get kicked out occasionally when first entering. Introduced Ryan Propson and mentioned there will be a Marine Warden based in Ashland sometime in 2023. Overall the system is working well and there are no complaints, especially after some glitches were remedied.
 - 7.2 **New Business**
 - 7.2.1 **Informational: NR 25 House Keeping Rule:** Brad gave a brief update about the rules goal of better organization, improved language but there are no substantive changes for example establishing three subchapters for general, commercial and wholesale rules, moving definitions between subchapters, adding maps, and adding or correcting cross-references. Brad also shared the timeline: Nov 2022 Economic Comment, Public Hearing and NRB Winter spring 2023 rule in effect Winter 2024)
 - 7.2.2 **Informational: Trap Net Standardization:** Dray shared a few slides that outline the State-Tribal review of literature and data to develop standards for trap nets in Wisconsin waters as an escapement fishery. Recommendations include maintaining escapement-based fishery with closed areas, seasons and depth.

Bycatch is low and lake trout not a concern in the fishery. Gilling is low and no difference in mesh size between 4.25 and 4.50 inches. Need to work with fishers to examine sturgeon bycatch in the leads. Recommend markings to be consistent with current state regs. Need to improve monitoring. Craig mentioned that the only issue with sturgeon in the hearts with the 14 inch mesh. Maurine and Craig mentioned no issues with self reporting sturgeon or working with the DNR to monitor. Maurine likes the March opening and hopes DNR continues examining possibility.

7.2.3 Discussion: LSCFB agenda items for next meeting:

- 8. Public Comment:** Jeff asked about point of crew cards and if there was a way to make it easier. DNR will look into other ways to make sure everyone has the appropriate permissions. Will bring information back at next meeting.
- 9. Set Next Meeting date:** Tentative Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 5:00 p.m. @ Bayfield DNR office
- 10. Adjournment:** 613 pm Motion by Chris, second by Maurine.