



## Lake Michigan Lake Trout Commercial Harvest Stakeholder Group Timeline and Agenda Topics:

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Draft meeting agendas and proposed topics (agenda could change based on discussions with the Lake Michigan Fisheries Team and presenters). All meetings will be held in-person with an online option. Each meeting will be two hours and are planned to be 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

- 1) Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – Lake trout surveys and assessments
  - a. Discuss meeting series logistics/goals/ground rules
  - b. Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board comments
  - c. Present Wisconsin spring lake trout surveys
  - d. Present Wisconsin fall spawner lake trout surveys
  - e. Present results from partner agency surveys from Lake Michigan including Julian's Reef and the Northern Refuge
  - f. Present how survey results indicate progress towards rehabilitation metrics and goals
  - g. Questions, comments, and input (1 hour)
  - h. Wrap-up and next steps
  
- 2) Monday, March 20, 2023 – Lake Trout Mass Marking
  - a. Present movement patterns
  - b. Present natural reproduction versus stocked
  - c. Present movement off of stocked reefs to provide a sport fishery at Northern and Mid-lake refuges
  - d. Present and discuss other pertinent information such as diet, length at age, etc.
  - e. Present and discuss sport and commercial fishing history and current status
  - f. Questions, comments, and input (1 hour)
  - g. Wrap-up and next steps (5)
  
- 3) Tuesday, April 18, 2023 – Lake Trout Population and Forecast Models
  - a. Present and discuss Lake Michigan, lake trout population model
  - b. Present and discuss lake trout population modelling in WI 3, 4, 5 and WIM
  - c. Present and discuss the forecasting model
  - d. Questions, comments, and input (1 hour)
  - e. Wrap-up and next steps
  
- 4) Tuesday, May 16, 2023 – Working Group Discussion and Recommendations
  - a. Present on additional data / information as identified from meetings 1-3
  - b. Work group members should convey opinions from their respective groups
  - c. Work group members should discuss opinions on the optimal future state for the lake trout fishery
  - d. Work group members should discuss benefits and challenges of pursuing a scope statement
  - e. Work group members should develop a recommendation to pursue or not pursue a Scope Statement.