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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item

Item No. 4.B.1.

SUBJECT: Harvest of lake trout and other species by commercial and recreational anglers in Lake Superior

FOR: August 2016 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Terry Margenau

SUMMARY:

The Department will be coming to the Natural Resources Board in the near future with an emergency rule and a permanent rule to make changes to the harvest regulations for Lake Superior. The total allowable catch of commercial fish species in Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior is divided among tribal commercial fishers, tribal subsistence and recreational fishers, state-licensed commercial fishers, and state recreational fishers.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Red Cliff and Bad River Bands of Lake Superior Chippewa are signatory to the Lake Superior Fishing Agreement, which specifies the allocation of annual quotas, defines refuges, establishes gear use requirements, and establishes other terms and arrangements for state and tribal fishing activities. The 2005-2015 Lake Superior Fishing Agreement was extended for one year while negotiations occur in 2016. Those negotiations may result in new harvest limits and other provisions related to the management of the fishery. Regardless of the result of the negotiations, adjustments to limits in current Administrative Code must be made to help manage overall populations of Lake Superior fish species and ensure a sustainable fishery over the long-term.

The Department will review the current status of fish populations of commercial and recreational interest in Lake Superior. Changes to the recreational daily bag limit or size limits may certainly be considered in the review as well as changes to other regulations to help manage the fisheries of Lake Superior.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational item

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