

Citizen Resolution # 411022

(For Hearing Officer completion)



DNR should fully implement the 1996 Natural Resources Board Order (FM-42-96) regarding commercial lake trout harvest on Lake Superior

In 1996, per Natural Resources Board Order FM-42-96, the DNR entered into agreement with the public to reduce the number of state commercial licenses for issuance for Lake Superior lake trout from 21 to 10 and lower their annual nonTribal harvest limit to the agreed upon number 7,140 (revised) of lake trout, in exchange for \$1.4 million public dollars paid to 11 lake trout commercial fishers retiring the commercial licenses and trout quota allocations.

https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/misc/chr/lrb_scanned/cr_96_098_final_rule_filed_with_lrb.pdf . To date FM-42-96 has not yet been fully implemented. In 1996 the DNR instead raised the commercial lake trout limit to 13,430 and have yet to reduce the trout limit to the agreed upon number. The DNR implying FM-42-96 was only temporary is the most common explanation I've heard to date. FM-42-96 is clear with the conditions set forth and nowhere is there any condition as to when FM-42-96 commercial trout limit is no longer valid.

Should the Wisconsin Conservation Congress work with DNR to permanently reduce the annual state licensed commercial lake trout harvest in Lake Superior to the agreed upon number of trout per the 1996 Natural Resources Board Order FM-42-96?

Additional Information provided by author:

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