

**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resources Board Agenda Item**

Item No. 6.A.

SUBJECT: Great Lakes commercial fishing update**FOR:** August 2021 Board meeting

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Bradley Eggold, Great Lakes district fisheries supervisor, Bureau of Fisheries Management; Charlie Henriksen, Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board Chair; Craig Hoopman, Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Board Chair

SUMMARY:

Great Lakes fisheries management encompasses a wide variety of issues that are of interest to commercial fishers and others. This update will include the latest information available on the status of commercial fishing and fisheries of the Great Lakes. Topics will include:

- Status of both the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior Commercial Fishing Boards
- Update on commercial harvest
- Lake Michigan: Lake whitefish rules and catch composition studies
- Lake Superior: lake trout and cisco quotas

Department staff maintain a formal relationship with the Lake Michigan and Lake Superior commercial fishing boards. The boards are statutorily established and directed to recommend harvest limits and individual catch quota allotments when the department establishes harvest limits. The boards also approve or deny applications for transfer of licenses, assist with identifying inactive licenses, and advise the department on all other Great Lakes commercial fishing matters. The department holds the authority to establish the harvest limits.

RECOMMENDATION: Information only.**LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS (check all that are applicable):**

- ☐ Background memo ☐ Type name of attachment if applicable
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