

# BAD RIVER BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

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Resolution No. 12-9-13-216

## Resolution Approving a Commercial Fishing Quota for Management Unit MI-2 of Western Michigan Waters of Lake Superior – 2013-2014 Fishing Season

WHEREAS, the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian tribe with a Constitution enacted pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Sec. 476; and

WHEREAS, the Bad River Band entered into an Agreement with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the shared harvest of lake trout from the Western Michigan waters of Lake Superior; and

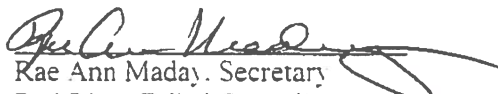
WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has reviewed the proposed fishing quota in MI-2 for the 2013-2014 fishing year and finds it necessary for the conservation of the Western Michigan waters of Lake Superior fishery resource.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bad River Band Tribal Council hereby adopts the following for western Michigan waters of Lake Superior:

The lean lake trout quota for Management Unit MI-2 is hereby set at 1,277. This quota shall remain in effect for the 2013-2014 fishing year, until November 28, 2014.

### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians, an Indian Tribe organized under Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act, hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of seven members, of whom 7 members, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting hereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 9 day of December, 2013; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of 6 members; 0 against; and 0 abstaining, and that the said resolution has not been rescinded or amended.

  
Rae Ann Maday, Secretary  
Bad River Tribal Council

November 22, 2013

Regular Meeting 12-13  
December 4, 2013

REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM NO. \_\_\_\_\_

#### REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM

For the 2013-2014 fishing season, request to maintain the season for commercial fishing of lake trout and lake whitefish in Management Unit Michigan-2 waters of Lake Superior and to adopt a combined lean lake trout quota of 6,000 for all tribal and state users, with a breakdown as follows:

State	3,000
Red Cliff	1,277
Bad River	1,277
Keweenaw Bay	446

#### SUMMARY

Managers of the tribal commercial fishery in Michigan waters of Lake Superior, comprising staff from the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Bad River Band, Keweenaw Indian Community, and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) have been monitoring the lake trout and lake whitefish fishery since the mid-1980's.

From 2001 to 2009, the relative abundance of lean lake trout present in the fishery independent spring lake trout index survey declined in the Michigan-2 management unit, while during the same period fishing effort increased.

The marked decline in the abundance of target fish species in the Michigan-2 management unit led to agreement by fisheries staff that emergency action was needed and the lean lake trout quota was reduced and the commercial fishing season was shortened.

The shortened fishing season and reduced quota in Michigan-2 management unit has allowed the spawning lake trout population to stabilize and the juvenile lake trout population to significantly increase. These positive population trends were reflected in the management unit's current lake trout population model.

Although the lake trout population in the Michigan-2 management unit is starting to recover, it has not fully recovered and the combined lean lake trout quota of 6,000 is still needed to protect the spawning lake trout population in the unit.

RECOMENDATION

Maintain the commercial fishing season and approve the Tribe's annual quota of 1,277 lean lake trout in Michigan-2 management unit for the 2013-2014 fishing season.

Attachments:

Total Allowable Catches for Michigan Waters Memorandum dated November 18, 2013  
Resolution

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Red Cliff Band  
St. Croix Chippewa  
Sokaogan Chippewa

### MINNESOTA

Fond du Lac Band  
Mille Lacs Band

TO: Lake Committee Members and Biologists  
FROM: Bill Mattes, Great Lakes Biologist - *Bill*  
DATE: November 18, 2013  
RE: Total Allowable Catches (TAC's) for Michigan Waters

On October 29, 2013 biologists met to discuss the current stock assessment models for the Michigan 1842 ceded territory management units as agreed to at our September 19, 2011 meeting. The models indicate that the stocks have remained stable therefore it is recommended that the current quotas be maintained at:

MI-2 TAC = 6,000

MI-3 TAC = 5,000

MI-4 TAC = 50,000

MI-5 TAC = 34,000

These TAC's reflect the number of lean lake trout harvestable by all user groups - tribal commercial and subsistence, state commercial, sport fishing, and assessment fishing within Michigan waters of Lake Superior in the 1842 treaty ceded area.

The 1842 Ad hoc modeling group agreed to meet annually for the purposes of updating and evaluating stock assessment models, and to recommend appropriate adjustments to the TAC.

As in past years, I plan to forward these recommended TAC's to the appropriate Michigan DNR personnel.

cc James E. Zorn, Executive Administrator  
Neil Kmiecik, Biological Services Director