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Agencies sink resources into pulling abandoned nets

HARBOR SPRINGS, Mich. — Five abandoned trap nets were recently removed by tribal and state law enforcement agencies on the Great Lakes. There was no identification on any of the recovered nets, according to a report prepared by Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (LTBB) Conservation Enforcement Officer Roger Willis.

“All agencies are working hard at identifying these abandoned nets and getting them removed from the water,” said Willis.

The agencies work together through a Law Enforcement Committee under the 2000 Consent Decree comprised of law enforcement officers from state and tribal agencies in the 1836 treaty-ceded territory on the upper Great Lakes. The committee members meet regularly to address enforcement issues such as abandoned trap nets. The group also arranges joint patrols.

On June 15, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) along with the Little Traverse Bay Bands and Wilderness State Park staff removed a



This trap net pulled on July 27 was spotted by tribal biologists during a fly-over of the area.

net located just north of Waugoshance Point at a depth of 10 feet. According to Willis, MDNR officers dragged the net to the Cecil Bay boat launch where they were met by LTBB and Wilderness Park staff, who used a tractor to land the net and load it into a truck for MDNR disposal.

A second net was pulled from Lake Michigan on July 2. It was set west of Good Hart at a depth of 8 feet. LTBB officers dragged the net to Cross Village where

they were met by LTBB Maintenance Dept. staff, who dragged the net out with a tractor for disposal.

According to the report, on July 13, two nets in 80 feet of water were removed from northern Lake Huron, one south of Drummond Island and one south of St. Vitals Point. Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA), along with LTBB, Bay Mills Indian Community and the MDNR, met on the water to observe a CORA-contracted fisherman pull the nets with a trap net boat. The pull cost \$3,000, according to the report.

Most recently, LTBB pulled a fifth net out of 17 feet of water on northern Lake Michigan, 5 miles west of Waugoshance Point. LTBB Wildlife Department staff had spotted a possible abandoned net during a fly-over of the area and reported the sighting to LTBB Law Enforcement officers. On July 27, after locating what was indeed an abandoned net, officers dragged it to Cross Village where they were met by their Maintenance Department staff to

help land and dispose of the net, according to Willis.

To report a net you believe

to be abandoned, contact your local tribal or state conservation enforcement agency.



Photo Courtesy Little Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa Indians

Two abandoned trap nets were pulled from Lake Huron by a trapper hired by CORA.



Photo Courtesy Little Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa Indians

Officers from LTBB dragged an abandoned net from west of Good Hart to Cross Village, Lake Michigan, on July 2. The net had been set at a depth of 8 feet.



Photo Courtesy Little Traverse Bay Bands of Ottawa Indians

A crew from Little Traverse Bay Bands Maintenance meet conservation officers to pull the net ashore with a tractor and load it into a trailer for disposal.

TenEyck made CORA's new Executive Director



SAULT STE. MARIE — Jane TenEyck has been made executive director of the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA). The five-tribe agency oversees tribal fishing in Michigan's 1836 treaty-ceded territory.

After proving her mettle as CORA's acting executive director for the past year, TenEyck accepted the position at the Authority's August 26 meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. The 17-year CORA veteran was tapped for the position following the resignation of Jeff Parker, who left the position last year to fulfill his duties as Bay Mills Indian Community's tribal chairman.

“I'm pretty happy about it,” said TenEyck. “I take a lot of pride in preserving our rights and our resource.”

The Sault Tribe member also takes pride in being able to help her people exercise their treaty rights. “It makes me feel good,” she added.

TenEyck started at Sault Tribe as a 16-year-old student worker placed at Contract Health Services. She married just out of school and began serving as the bookkeeper of various tribal enterprises until she applied for a position at CORA, which was then called Chippewa Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority (COTFMA). She was hired as its second-ever employee, under its first executive director, Faith McGruther. She was promoted from secretary/bookkeeper to office manager in 1989.

“COTFMA was growing and I grew



Jane TenEyck
CORA Executive Director

with it,” she said. It was a trend that has continued, as she advanced herself to assistant executive director in 1992 and executive director in 2004.

The executive director of a unique agency such as CORA is a very specialized position. TenEyck works with the leaders, natural resource departments and fishermen of five sovereign tribes, and various federal and state departments and agencies. She handles everything from testimony to Congress to the annual CORA audit while she juggles contracts and grants from numerous sources. To do her job effectively, she has to understand treaties

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CORA JUNE 18 MEETING MINUTES

The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority met at Little Traverse Bay Bands' Victories Hotel in Petoskey, Mich., on June 18, 2004.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by CORA Chairman Fred Paquin at 1:20 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Fred Paquin, Chairman Jeff Parker, Dave Menominee, Chairman Robert Kewaygoshkum, John Concannon, Mick Moore (for Ogema Lee Sprague), Jimmie Mitchell, Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and John Keshick.

Absent: Ogema Lee Sprague and Victor Matson.

Also Present: Aaron Schlehuder, Kathryn Tierney, Bill Rastetter, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Erik Olsen, Larry Koon, Timothy Koon, Walter Maniteau, Kevin Willis, Doug Craven, Stephen Lenart, Paul Ripple, Bob Hardenburgh, Jennifer Dale, Tom Gorenflo, Jane TenEyck and Beverly Aikens.

III. SPECIAL ITEM – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. Executive Session was from 1:25 – 1:50 p.m.

IV. ADDITIONS/APPROVAL – AGENDA

Bill Rastetter asked that under New Business, Item D be added as USFWS MOU with DNR. He also asked that under New Business, Item F be added as Request for Executive Council Agenda Items. Chairman Parker asked that under New Business Item A be removed from the agenda as he had not discussed this issue with Kathryn Tierney. Erik Olsen asked that under Old Business, Item D be added as Great Lakes Fishery Trust Request from

the Access Sub-Committee.

Motioned by Chairman Parker, supported by John Concannon to approve the agenda with the deletion of New Business, Item A. CORA Properties Trust Status and the addition of New Business, Item E. USFWS MOU with DNR and Item F. Request for Executive Council Agenda Items and under Old Business, Item D. Great Lakes Fishery Trust Request from the Access Sub-Committee.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF CORA MINUTES – April 23, 2004

Motioned by Chairman Ettawageshik, supported by Chairman Parker to accept the April 23, 2004 CORA minutes.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

VI. FINANCIALS

A. March 2004

B. April 2004

Motioned by Chairman Parker, supported by John Keshick to accept the March and April 2004 financials as presented.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

VII. REPORTS

A. Information and Education

– Jennifer Dale

Jennifer Dale reported that she and Mark Ebener have been working on news releases for the whitefish studies that different agencies, including the Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program, are currently doing.

Ms. Dale reported that the Great Lakes Fishery Trust grant she applied for was denied. She can reapply in August or she might seek other sources for funding.

Ms. Dale reported that she was contact-

ed by Bruce MacGregor from the Sagamuk Tribe in Ontario regarding information on trap net fishing. She informed the Tribes on what the Sagamuk Tribe was looking for and also gave them HACCP training information. Chairman Ettawageshik had concerns with why the Canadian fishers were asking for help on commercial fishing as they are so close to our tribal fishermen and the potential threat of harming our fishery.

Ms. Dale explained that there are two project meetings in St. Ignace on June 28th & 29th for the Michigan Commercial Fisheries Marketing and Product Development. She was invited to attend the meetings by Ron Kinnunen of the Michigan Sea Grant program.

Ms. Dale will be working on the salmon net safety campaign and it will be based on last year's campaign which will include the map of the salmon fishery. She then asked the Board if they had any opposition to the campaign. It was consensus that Ms. Dale's salmon net safety campaign could move forward and there were no suggested changes to the campaign.

B. Acting Executive Director Report – Jane TenEyck

Jane TenEyck asked where things are with the Appropriations request. Chairman Ettawageshik stated there is still the question of whether or not the funds are recurring. Ms. TenEyck stated that she was informed by Gary Rankel's office that the funds are recurring for the two new tribes. Chairman Ettawageshik stated he has heard conflicting word from LTBB's lobbyist and people in Washington that these are not recurring funds and until it has been finalized this issue is considered unresolved.

Ms. TenEyck stated that action from the last meeting requires the Board to decide whether or not to move the Public Information and Education Program to CORA and hire Ms. Dale as a CORA employee. Ms. TenEyck stated that it is her understanding from the last meeting that Chairman Parker would need at least two weeks from the Board's decision to hire Ms. Dale so she can train the new person.

Chairman Parker stated that he does not consider this a hire, but a transfer as Ms. Dale receives funds from the CORA tribes. CORA Chairman Paquin stated that the Board agreed to transfer the Program to CORA and make the position full-time. He stated that the job description was given to the Board for review and the Board decided to add a couple of new duties and also added 'other duties as assigned' as other job descriptions have. He stated the Board would like to use Ms. Dale's expertise for assistance in grant writing and her assistance with access.

CORA Chairman Paquin stated that some of the Tribes would like her assistance with Natural Resources projects they have and the Board agreed to allow Ms. Dale to assist the Tribes. He stated that the access duties would need to be worked out in her job description as well as other duties from the Tribes. The Board agreed to the salary requested and giving Ms. Dale 5-year seniority. As for the issues of insurance, Ms. Dale will only be allowed the insurances that are available to the CORA employees now. The Board agreed to the budget submitted and Ms. Dale with fall under a 90-day probation period. He stated that the Board agreed she is a good employee, but she should still fall under a probation period as she is new to CORA as a full-time employee.

Chairman Ettawageshik stated that the Little Traverse Bay Bands would like to add a few things to the job description/work plan and informed Ms. TenEyck they

would be sending those to CORA to be included in the job description.

CORA Chairman Paquin then asked Ms. Dale if she would accept the Board's proposal to transfer her Program to CORA as a full-time employee. Ms. Dale accepted the Board's proposal. The following motion was then made:

Motioned by Chairman Parker, supported by Chairman Ettawageshik to accept the transfer of the Public Information and Education Program to CORA and transferring Jennifer Dale's position as the Public Information and Education Officer to CORA as a full-time position with the starting date of July 1, 2004.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

B. DNR Response to Whitefish Point Project

Ms. TenEyck stated that at the last meeting the Board agreed that Ms. TenEyck was to sign the MOU with the DNR for the Whitefish Point Project. Since that time, concerns arose and some of the CORA Chairmen were called to be informed of the concerns and questions. A letter with those concerns was sent to the CORA Board and Bill Boik of the DNR requesting the questions be answered before the MOU was signed. She stated that in the packet is the response letter from Mr. Boik and in that letter a tentative figure of \$1,196,365.00 is given as CORA's portion of the project. A question was if the MOU is not signed does the Use Permit still pertain to the access site or not. Mr. Boik states that the Use Permit would still be active if the MOU is not signed.

Ms. TenEyck reminded the Board that at the last meeting, the Board agreed to transfer \$150,000 to pay for the engineering study, but the figure Mr. Boik gives as the engineering study is \$182,500.00. She then asked the Board for direction.

CORA Chairman Paquin stated he feels it is very important to get something done at Whitefish Point for the fishermen as there are very few access sites in that area, however, it has to be within CORA's budget. He also wanted to be sure CORA was not locked into paying for it. Chairman Parker stated that signing this permit does not legally bind CORA to pay for anything. The intent was that CORA would help seek funding for this project and Dwight "Bucko" Teeple's plan was to seek funding through the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

CORA Chairman Paquin then asked Tom Gorenflo if the Great Lakes Fishery Trust would fund such a project that is 4.6 million dollars. Mr. Gorenflo stated in the past the most the Trust has given for access is \$586,000. He stated that Grand Traverse Band is on the Trust Board and they may be better to ask if there are any set caps for projects. Mr. Gorenflo stated that the Committee he sits on reviews the projects and gives their recommendation to the Board. Bill Rastetter asked if the DNR is looking to seek funds as well from the Trust on this project. Doug Craven stated that at a recent meeting, the DNR did discuss Whitefish Point with the Trust. Erik Olsen stated that the Trust would like to fund a couple of tribal projects and are short of proposals for the money allocated thus far, but he is not sure if they would fund both CORA and the DNR on this project.

Mr. Olsen and Mr. Craven both stated that the Trust is developing a strategic plan and would like to fund tribal access projects and hope to obtain an updated access site list from the Tribes to work from.

CORA Chairman Paquin asked that the attorneys review the MOU and be sure that

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Anthony LeBlanc, Conservation Committee chairman

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* "Great Lakes Resource Committee" of CORA, which serves as the inter-tribal management body for the treaty fishery in 1836 treaty waters.

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City proclaims official Lake Superior Day

SAULT STE. MARIE — The City of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., has proclaimed the third Sunday of July as “Lake Superior Day.” On July 19, Mayor Tony Bosbous signed the resolution approved by the City Commission. Not to fear, the city was not a day late; it was a year early. Next year, Lake Superior Day will take place on Sunday, July 17, across the entire Lake Superior basin.

PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF LAKE SUPERIOR DAY

July 18, 2004

Whereas, Lake Superior is the world’s largest freshwater lake

and is essential to the quality of life and economic vitality of the cities, villages, towns and counties along its shores and in the surrounding watershed; and

Whereas, Water is life and the quality of water determines the quality of life; and

Whereas, Lake Superior supports recreational, commercial, tourism, tribal, and cultural activities for its residents and visitors; and

Whereas, the responsibility for protecting and restoring the quality of Lake Superior’s waters, land, and wildlife lies with all residents, municipalities, businesses, tribes and visitors;

and Whereas, mayors and other municipal and tribal officials throughout the Lake Superior basin desire to protect the water and habitat quality that all life depends on in the basin.

Therefore be it resolved that I, Anthony G. Bosbous, the Mayor of the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, do permanently establish the third Sunday in July as Lake Superior Day in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, which is a day to acknowledge and celebrate the lake’s importance in the quality of the lives of its residents.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of

the City of Sault Ste. Marie to be set this 18th day of July, 2004.

Anthony G. Bosbous, Mayor

The city’s proclamation was drafted by Inter Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program Environmental Coordinator Mike Ripley as part of an effort by the Lake Superior Binational Forum to encourage all municipalities on the lake to name an official Lake Superior Day.

According to Lissa Radke, U.S. coordinator for the Lake Superior Binational Forum, the Forum started an informal Lake Superior Day on the third Sunday in July 2003 when one Forum member, Bob Browne of Supe-

rior, ambitiously got nine elected and tribal leaders to sign a proclamation that pledged a willingness to protect and respect the world’s biggest lake. Browne’s first signers were the mayors of Ashland, Bayfield, Duluth, Superior, and Two Harbors; the governors of Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin; and the Red Cliff tribal council.

This year, the Forum has a grant to officially launch the first-ever, basin-wide event starting in July 2005. However, the Forum wanted to start to generate interest and awareness this year in preparation for the 2005 event, said Radke.

USGS commissions new research vessel

By Jennifer Dale

CHEBOYGAN — Cheboygan Vessel Base in Cheboygan, Mich., is the home of a newly commissioned research vessel — and she’s a beauty. On Aug. 12, the U.S. Geological Survey/Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC) christened its new 101-foot ship the Research Vessel (R/V) *Sturgeon* by breaking a bottle of local Nicholas Black River wine across the bow.

The commissioning was officiated by USGS Deputy Director Robert Doyle, after which attendees boarded for the vessel’s inaugural cruise — a quick tour of the bay.

The ceremony was a truly community event. The commencement took place in the Cheboygan Opera House, just two blocks away from the dock, with Mayor James Muschell serving as Master of Ceremonies. GLSC Director Leon Carl gave the welcome. Speakers were Senator Levin’s representative, Harold Chase, Senator Stabenow’s representative, Brandon Fewins, and Congressman Bart Stupak’s representative, Heather Grobaski.

Members of the Straits Area Concert band formed a brass choir to provide music. The invocation was given by Rev. Budd Wagner of the St. Thomas Lutheran Church and the christening was performed by Suzette Kimball.

GLSC Asst. Director Tom Todd, decked out in full Scottish regalia, performed the traditional “Road to the Isles,” on the bagpipes.

Doyle read orders to the crew: Captain Ed Perry, Vessel Crew Tom Girard and Phil Pepper, Scientific Crew Jaci Savino, Jeff Schaffer, Dave Warner and Chuck Madenjian, Technicians Courtney Paul, Tim



Photo courtesy USGS GLSC

The USGS RV Sturgeon is a 101-ft vessel that the US Geological Service Great Lakes Science Center will use to conduct research on Lakes Huron and Michigan. The newly commissioned vessel was christened Aug. 12 in Cheboygan, Michigan.

O’Brien, Jeff Holuszko and Tim Descorcie.

The Cheboygan area VFW Post Color Guard raised the ship’s pennant, the U.S. flag and the Canadian flag to the national anthems. Pipecarrier Dwight “Bucko”

Teeple smudged the vessel with the four sacred medicines, tobacco, cedar, sage and sweetgrass before its first official cruise.

The *R/V Sturgeon* is the newest ship to be added to the GLSC fleet of four research

vessels that are used to conduct fisheries and aquatic research across the Great Lakes basin. The 101-foot vessel is designed to operate with a crew of three and can support a scientific staff of seven for up to a 15-day mission. The *R/V Sturgeon* includes all of the necessary features to support a wide variety of aquatic science projects in the open waters of the Great Lakes. It uses state-of-the-art electronic navigational and scientific equipment as well as traditional sampling gear such as bottom trawls and gill nets.

The primary mission of the *R/V Sturgeon* is to support fisheries-related science in Lakes Michigan and Huron, helping the GLSC key science programs in deepwater science, restoration ecology, and invasive species. For over 30 years, the GLSC has provided information on prey fish populations, such as alewife, rainbow smelt, bloater and sculpin. This information helps state, tribal, and federal managers to make better-informed management decisions for top fish predators — lake trout, Pacific salmon, and other sport and commercial fish species — that feed on these prey fish. The science center also provides scientific information for the evaluation of management strategies to restore native fish species such as lake trout and to combat invasive species such as sea lamprey. Headquartered in Ann Arbor with eight field stations throughout the Great Lakes region, the GLSC works to advance scientific knowledge and provide scientific information to resource managers for restoring, enhancing, managing, and protecting the living resources and their habitats in the Great Lakes basin ecosystem.



USGS Deputy Director Robert Doyle calls out the Sturgeon crew.



Photos: J. Dale Pipecarrier Dwight “Bucko” Teeple smudges the Sturgeon with the four medicines.

ITFAP stocks .4 million spring walleye fingerlings

SAULT STE. MARIE — Inter-Tribal Fisheries Assessment Program (ITFAP) recently stocked over 400,000 spring walleye fingerlings in the St. Marys River and the upper Great Lakes. This year's walleye fingerling production was "quite good," according to ITFAP's hatchery manager, Greg Wright, especially considering difficult weather conditions.

"The constant rainfall and cold temperatures during May and June caused flooding of our rearing ponds and slowed the growth of the fish," said Wright. "We lost significant numbers of walleye fry due to the flooding, and we had to add extra fertilizer to the ponds to stimulate plankton [food] devel-

opment. But all things considered, the fish were healthy and robust — we feel fortunate with the numbers we were able to stock."

Eggs used in the stocking program were collected from spawning walleye in the St. Marys River and Bay de Noc, Lake Michigan. The eggs were incubated and hatched at the Sault Tribe's Nunns Creek Facility, near Hessel. The resulting walleye fry were transported to rearing ponds for further growth. Once they reached a length of about 2 inches, the ponds were drained to capture the fingerlings and transport them to various stocking sites.

About 239,000 fingerlings were split among four sites on the St. Marys — Sugar Island Ferry

Dock, Hay Point (Sugar Island), Raber Bay and the north shore of Drummond Island.

Other stocking locations were Brimley Bay, Lake Superior (107,055), Grand Traverse Bay, Lake Michigan (80,560), and Epoufette Bay, Lake Michigan (44,400).

Additional fingerlings were transported to a larger rearing pond for further growth and will be stocked in the fall at lengths of 6 to 8 inches.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians provide funding for ITFAP's walleye stocking program.



Jennifer Dale / CORA file photo

These two-inch fingerlings rest on a streambed on Drummond Island after being released in ITFAP's stocking program.

Rewards offered for tags in two landmark whitefish studies

By Jennifer Dale

SAULT STE. MARIE — A \$5 reward for the return of tagged whitefish is now being offered by the Inter Tribal Fishery Assessment Program (ITFAP). The reward stems from two ongoing whitefish studies now being conducted in cooperation with other Great Lakes agencies on northern Lakes Michigan and Huron.

According to ITFAP Assessment Biologist Mark Ebener, the studies will provide a wealth of information about whitefish populations in the northern lakes, making the recapture of these fish worth much more than the reward money — the whitefish studies will answer questions to help fishery managers better understand population dynamics of the highly sought native species.

"Both studies depend upon the cooperation of the fishermen and giving us the tags, said Ebener.

Of the 7,000 whitefish tagged last fall, ITFAP is already seeing returns, he said. "It's been good so far," he added. Another 16,000 will be tagged this year, said Ebener — 4,000 in Lake Michigan and 12,000 in Huron. The studies are ongoing through 2006.

Ebener is the primary contact for recaptured fish and his phone number is on the tag. He requests that fishermen phone him directly from the boat. "That would be perfect," he said, since ITFAP is attempting to build a GIS-based database for illustrating and analyzing movement and distribution information from each whitefish stock.

If fishers can't call at the time of recapture, Ebener still requests that they note the GPS coordinates, but if they are not attainable, he will record a rough description of the coordinates based on location of the fishing gear.

Funded by the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes Restoration Act, ITFAP is conducting the Lake Whitefish Distribution Study with the USFWS at Alpena, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. The Saugeen and

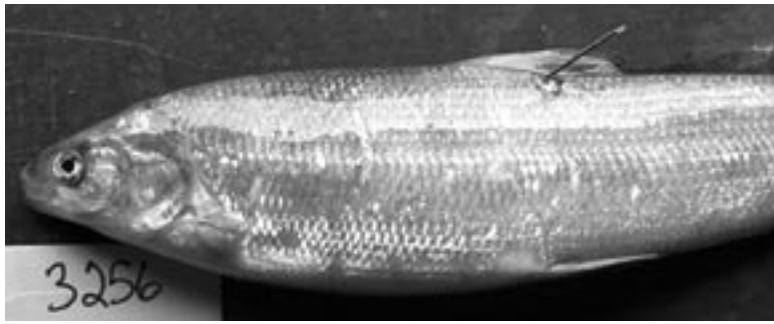


Photo by Allison Niggermeyer, GLFC

The tag marker behind the dorsal fin can be clearly seen in the recaptured whitefish above. The marker is red.

Cape Crocker First Nations, and Bruce Power. Between the six agencies, whitefish stocks in eight areas of northern Lake Huron will be tagged and released each November as they ready to spawn.

ITFAP will tag whitefish in the Detour and Cheboygan areas. Other tagging sites are the Burnt Islands, South Bay mouth, Fishing Islands area, Douglas Point, Sarnia, Saginaw Bay and the Alpena area.

A second study, funded by the Great Lakes Fisheries Trust, is being conducted to learn more about the causes of natural mortality in lake whitefish. Natural mortality is any cause of death besides fishing, according to the study description.

According to Ebener, natural mortality in whitefish is "probably one of the least known factors and one that is the most significant," because it affects calculation of the Total Allowable Catches (TACs) and is an indicator of the health of the population.

ITFAP is cooperating in the natural mortality study with Michigan State University and Environment Canada. Researchers are looking at four whitefish stocks — in Detour and Cheboygan areas on Lake Huron and Big Bay de Noc and Naubinway areas on Lake Michigan — to establish the extent of natural mortality and its potential causes. The stocks being studied are large spawning populations of whitefish that also support substantial commercial fisheries.

CORA regulates commercial fishing for its member tribes (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of

Chippewa Indians, Bay Mills Indian Community, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians) in the 1836 treaty-ceded territory.

Right now, fish managers use a model that uses whitefish growth parameters and environmental temperatures to estimate natural mortality rates. This model concerns fish managers because it has never been scientifically verified. Given widespread declines in Great Lakes Diporeia — the primary diet for whitefish — fish



Photo by Allison Niggermeyer, GLFC

USGS Hammond Bay Biological Station Scientist Ray Argyle implants a tag.

managers are very concerned about possible future impacts on whitefish stocks.

Four times a year, researchers will also collect in-depth fish health information, from general condition of the fish right down to the microbes and parasites within the fish. A study to identify and measure the amount of hostile pathogens in whitefish

populations has never been conducted before. Tag and release in this study will be conducted November 7-17 through 2005. Each year, a fin will be clipped on all tagged fish and a different clip will be used each year. Left pectoral in 2003, adipose in 2004 and the left pelvic in 2005. One out of every 25 whitefish in the study will be given two tags.

GLRC opposes Yellow Dog mine

PETOSKEY — On June 18, the Great Lakes Resource Committee (GLRC) under the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) formally opposed the proposed sulfide mine in the Salmon Trout and Yellow Dog River waters. The committee took the position that the right to fish under the 1836 treaty is dependent on the ability of the Great Lakes ecosystem to support viable and stable fish stocks.

The life of the proposed mine is less than eight years. But, the pollution resulting from such a mine could last hundreds of years. Both rivers have been identified as important fish and wildlife habitat by the Habitat Committee of the Binational Program.

The Kennecott Exploration Company applied for a permit to mine copper and nickel in the Marquette County rivers. According to Mike Ripley, Environmental Coordinator for

ITFAP, the ores for the potential mine contain high levels of sulfide minerals. When mined, these ores can produce acid mine drainage that is lethal to sensitive fish species such as trout. The Salmon Trout River is home to the last native Michigan population of coaster brook trout.

Ore processing would require tailings basins and the production of metal-contaminated wastewater that could cause the release of mercury and other heavy metals, affecting the fisheries.

The surrounding area of the proposed site is pristine wilderness. What little development exists has little impact on water resources. The mine would require extensive infrastructure such as roads, culverts, bridges, clearings for building, utilities corridors.

GLRC passed a resolution that stated its unqualified opposition to "any new or proposed mine in the headwaters and watershed of

the Yellow Dog and Salmon Trout Rivers and supports the enactment of the most stringent environmental requirements for any new sulfide ore mining within the state by the Michigan legislature as soon as possible."

Michigan has no laws on the books to regulate sulfide ore mines. A work group was formed in April to develop regulations for underground mining in Michigan. Representatives from local and state government, conservation groups and the mining industry participate in the work group.

According to the Associated Press, the group was to have finished its work after sessions on Aug. 23 and 24 in Marquette. The group, however, needed more time and scheduled another meeting Sept. 17 in St. Ignace. The AP reported that environmental impact assessments and restoring mine sites were among the unresolved issues.

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CORA can not be held financially bound to this project by signing the MOU and asked if there could be a way the project could be scaled back. Mr. Rastetter then asked the question if CORA could hire their own engineering firm to come within the \$150,000 rather than paying the \$182,500 the DNR quotes. Or does CORA have to go with the firm the DNR chooses.

Chairman Parker stated that the DNR uses a company out of Cheboygan.

After further discussion, CORA Chairman Paquin asked if the CORA Attorney could come up with a new MOU that does not bind CORA financially to this project and fax and/or email it to the tribal attorneys by Monday for review. He had concerns with the wording on the high and low level water marks that CORA was responsible for and it was not certain what or how much it meant. Ms. Tierney stated she would review the current MOU and if she suggests any revisions she would send them around and if a telephone vote is required, it can be done soon. CORA Chairman Paquin noted that the Board already took action that Ms. TenEyck is to sign the MOU, but the MOU was not given to them for review, and what he is asking is that Ms. Tierney review the MOU and send it to the attorneys for review and to discuss it with their respective clients. If the MOU is agreed to, Ms. TenEyck is to sign the MOU. It was then consensus of the Board that Ms. Tierney is to review the MOU, draft an MOU if needed that does not financially bind CORA to the project and send it to the attorneys for review. The attorneys are then to discuss the changes with their clients and if there are no complaints the MOU will be signed.

Mr. Rastetter then asked if the DNR is planning to seek funding from the Michigan Waterways Commission. Chairman Parker stated they are looking for funds from the Michigan Waterways and other funding sources. He noted that the DNR is only looking for funding from CORA for the dock the CORA fishermen will be using and the rest of the project is the DNR's responsibility. Chairman Ettawageshik asked that Ms. Tierney send the MOU draft to both Jim Bransky and Allie Greenleaf Maldonado.

C. 2004 CORA Funding Status
Ms. TenEyck stated that Jimmie Mitchell handed her the Little River Band sub-contracts today and thanked him for all his work on getting those in place. She also noted the Information and Education sub-contract was included.

D. Great Lakes Fishery Trust Access Sub-Committee
Erik Olsen stated that the Great Lakes Fishery Trust

Access Sub-Committee met recently to discuss funding and the strategic planning. The Committee is currently reviewing current access plans for future funding from the Trust. The Committee reviewed the prioritized list done in 1999 and would like the CORA tribes to review the list and determine whether or not there would be changes.

Mr. Olsen stated that the Committee stated if there is an area where there is a current access site that could be improved or an area where fishermen use another persons property to access the water perhaps a piece of land could be purchased near by to develop a site.

Dave Menominee stated that he believes the list remains the same. Mr. Craven stated that the Trust is looking to fund more tribal projects and they do not feel comfortable using the list that was developed in 1999 which was prior to the Consent Decree. Mr. Menominee then suggested the Conservation Committee Chairmen take the list back to their Committees and fishermen to review the list, change as needed and bring back to the CORA Board.

Chairman Parker then asked LTBB how they feel about the Cross Village access site and is it a priority to them still. Mr. Keshick stated that the LTBB Commission voted to leave Cross Village as a small boat launch site. He stated that the Cross Village Township Board Director approached LTBB for funding and LTBB wanted reassurance that the site would be made available to the fishermen 24-7. He noted that since the Director spoke to LTBB and to CORA with a resolution they approved the site for 24-7, it has changed and this resolution has been pulled off the table and it is only opened to the fishermen from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. He noted that since this decision, LTBB has pulled their support and this is no longer a priority as far as the big plans the Township had for this site. However, it is a priority for the small boat fishers to have access at this site. Chairman Ettawageshik added that Cross Village is a priority for LTBB, but the Township's plans keep changing.

Mr. Menominee stated that for Bay Mills the access sites that have been mentioned as important are Pendill's Bay, Hammond Bay and Cross Village. At this time, Mr. Concannon stated that this list should be brought to the Conservation Committees and fishermen to modify as needed as the Trust does not need the list until next year. Mr. Craven then added that the Trust is also looking at what are some of the barriers to tribal access, such as land requisition. It was then consensus of the Board that the current access sites prioritized list

be brought to the Conservation Committees and fishermen for any modifications to be presented to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust.

IX. NEW BUSINESS
Item A. was deleted from the agenda.

B. 401K Post-EGTRRA Resolution

Ms. TenEyck informed the Board that Nationwide sent a resolution that has specific wording regarding the Economic Growth & Tax Relief Reconciliation Act that the IRS needs in order to keep CORA's 401K current. What she needs from the Board is approval for the resolution.

Motioned by John Concannon, supported by John Keshick to approve the 401K Post-EGTRRA (Economic Growth & Tax Relief Reconciliation Act) Resolution for Nationwide to submit to the IRS for CORA's 401K Plan.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

C. Protectors of the Earth Budget

Ms. TenEyck stated that in the packet is the 2004 Protectors of the Earth Youth Camp budget that Dwight "Bucko" Teeple has submitted for Board approval. She noted that the Camp did not get as much money in this year as they had hoped and she also noted that some of the dollars CORA will have to carry for the Camp and the funds be reimbursed later. The budget so far is for \$11,000 which funds have been committed. \$5,000 is in advance and \$6,000 will be reimbursed to CORA later. She then asked the Board if they have any questions and if not would they approve the budget. It was consensus of the Board to accept the budget and for CORA to carry some of the expenses for the Camp with the intentions of CORA being reimbursed after the Camp is over.

D. Proposed Annual Sub-Contract Procedures

Ms. TenEyck stated that in the packet are draft procedures for obtaining sub-contracts and contract dollars for CORA. She noted that it seems as though it is getting longer and longer each year to get the sub-contracts signed and money received. She developed these procedures/guidelines to help get things on schedule and to hopefully guarantee monies available for CORA at the beginning of the year. She noted that amendments can be made if needed for each Tribe such as Grand Traverse Band is on a different year than the others.

She explained that her time-frame is that in August she would present a budget and discuss any modifications. In October the tribes will have received authorization to approve a final budget and GTB should be able to sign their sub-contract. By October 31st CORA will

send out subcontracts for signatures and by November 30th all sub-contracts should be in place. By December 15th the Executive Director will request an advance payment for the first quarter so in January, all operating funds are in place.

Motioned by John Concannon, supported by Jeff Parker to adopt the annual sub-contract procedures Ms. TenEyck presented to the Board.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

E. USFWS MOU with DNR – Bill Rastetter

Mr. Rastetter explained that a meeting was held in Bay Mills on June 2nd to discuss the U.S. Forest Service entering into a MOU with the DNR authorizing them to enforce federal laws. He noted that authorization has not been given to tribal Conservation Officers. It was explained at that meeting that the federal law they were using for the authority does not include Tribes and it would have to be changed to include the Tribes. They were talking about trying to see if there was some other means by which they could give this authority to the Tribes.

Mr. Rastetter stated that the GTB Committee thinks a letter from CORA to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should be sent. CORA Chairman Paquin stated he agrees a letter should be sent objecting that the Tribes are not included.

Ms. Tierney added that the US Fish & Wildlife Service told them at the meeting that no Tribe has ever expressed concern about deputizing the DNR until the Michigan Tribes expressed concern. Chairman Ettawageshik stated he could add this issue to the National Congress of American Indians agenda and see if something can be worked out. He also stated that this could also be in violation of the Executive Order regarding consultation with the Tribes.

Ms. Tierney stated other issues were discussed such as the suggestion that a letter from the Michigan DNR that they will not enforce any of the federal laws on the reservations. Jim Ekdahl said he would write this letter and to date no such letter has been received.

Kevin Willis added that this deputization agreement is extended to fifty of the State DNR Officers and they would like to deputize all Officers. Ms. Tierney added that they wanted the names of the fifty deputized Officers and to date, they have not received those names.

Ms. Tierney stated that when the Conservation Officers brought this issue to Bay Mills, she called Priscilla Wilfahrt at the Department of Interior to ask if she was involved in the negotiations and Ms. Wilfahrt did not know what she was talking about. She was referred to the head of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife.

The Department Head stated this was negotiated in Washington but everything is done at the Central Office.

Allie Greenleaf Maldonado suggested getting an MOU passed until legislation can be passed authorizing the USFWS to deputize the Tribal Officers. After further discussion, it was consensus of the Board that Ms. Tierney would draft a letter to the Department of Interior's U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requesting they delegate authority to the Tribal law enforcement and conservation enforcement to enforce federal laws which protect the natural resources, wildlife and to conserve fish. The draft letter is to be sent to the attorneys for review and it was suggested that each Tribe should send a letter to show their concern.

F. Request for Executive Council Agenda Items

Bill Rastetter stated that the Grand Traverse Band Council has a few agenda items for the Executive Council but wanted to know if the other tribes had items to bring to the Council as well.

He stated GTB has one new item and three updates. The one action item deals with a conversion fisherman who has not fished in two years. By the Consent Decree, if you have been out of the fishery for two years and have sold the trap net vessel you may engage in gill net fishing. The problem is this fisherman has been out of the fishery for two years but has not sold his vessel as there is no market for it. The fisherman would like to fish large mesh gill nets off the vessel he received from the conversion. Mr. Rastetter stated that the problem is GTB cannot authorize this to happen. GTB has given the fisherman a license but told him he could not use the license on his trap net conversion vessel. He noted that in order for the fisherman to utilize the trap net conversion vessel it would take action by the Executive Council.

CORA Chairman Paquin asked if there is a tentative agenda available. Beverly Aikens stated there is a tentative agenda and the deadline for additional items is July 1st so the packet can be mailed to the Council that day. He then asked if the Tribes have any additional items to add to send them to CORA by July 1st.

X. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting has been scheduled for August 20th at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be hosted by Sault Tribe.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Chairman Ettawageshik, supported by John Concannon to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

— *Minutes taken by Beverly Aikens, Administrative Assistant*

Great Lakes Fishery Resource Committee meets June 18

The CORA Great Lakes Resources Committee met at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Victories Hotel in Petoskey, Mich., on June 18.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman John Concannon at 11:30 a.m. as Chairman Ettawageshik was running behind.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: John Concannon, Chairman Robert Kewaygoshkum, Chairman Jeff Parker, Dave Menominee, Fred Paquin, Mick Moore (for Ogema Lee Sprague), Jimmie Mitchell, Chairman Frank Ettawageshik and John Keshick.

Absent: Ogema Lee Sprague and Victor Matson.

Also Present: Kathryn Tierney, Mike Ripley, Bill Rastetter, Erik Olsen, Teresa Romero, Larry Koon, Timothy Koon, Walter Maniteau, Hank Bailey, Kelly Sprague, Kevin Willis, Daugherty Johnson, Allie Greenleaf Maldonado, Doug Craven, Stephen Lenart, Aaron Schlehuber, Paul Ripple, Bob Hardenburgh, Tom Gorenflo, Jennifer Dale, Jane TenEyck and Beverly Aikens.

Vice-Chairman Concannon then introduced a few Grand Traverse Band Natural Resources Committee members that were present at the meeting.

III. INVOCATION

Invocation was given Bob Hardenburgh from the Little River Band Natural Resources Department.

IV. ADDITIONS/ APPROVAL – Agenda

Fred Paquin asked to add under New Business, Item B. Approval of Trap Net Consultant in Bay de Noc. Bill Rastetter asked that under Old Business, Item A. CORA Regulations Amendments for Trap Nets be tabled until the next meeting as the Grand Traverse Band and Sault Tribe has not had a chance to discuss this issue.

Motioned by Fred Paquin, supported by Chairman Kewaygoshkum to approve the agenda with the additions of Item B. under New Business, Approval of Trap Net Consultant in Bay de Noc and to table Item A. under Old Business, CORA Regulations Amendments for Trap Nets until the next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

V. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – April 23, 2004

Motioned by Dave Menominee, supported by John Keshick to accept the April 23, 2004 GLRC minutes.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

VI. REPORTS

A. Access

Jane TenEyck stated that Kathryn Tierney requested this issue be brought back to the Board for clarification as in the Use Permits, it does not allow for overnight parking of trailers or other equipment/gear and in the CORA Regulations it allows for the exception of boat trailers being left on access sites. The

Conservation Officers would like this to be clarified as well as there has been a problem at Whitefish Point whether to give tickets to the boat trailer owners or not.

Bill Rastetter stated that this could be brought back to the Executive Council, if needed, for clarification on whether boat trailers can be parked on the access sites as it allowed in the CORA Regulations.

Dave Menominee stated that there is only one reason why boat trailers are left overnight which is so boat owners can have ready access. Some of the fishermen out of Whitefish Point travel approximately 80 miles and it is convenient to leave the trailers at the site for easy access to a trailer versus running the trailer back and forth every day. He however does see the problems the Law Enforcement are having.

Ms. TenEyck stated that this year she signed the permits with the State and there were no changes to the Use Permits from the previous years. She noted the Use Permit has always stated no overnight parking.

Mr. Paquin stated he feels the Officers should enforce what is on the books. Some of the problems at these sites are not so much the trailers left overnight, but those items that have been left for several weeks. The owners of this type of equipment/gear should be ticketed as they are leaving their gear for a long period of time. Ms. TenEyck stated that some gear that has been left for a few months were ice sleds and a boat trailer that had a broken axle. The owners of the gear were ticketed as the ice sleds could not be used in the spring/summer and were obviously left unattended. The trailer with the broken axle is still unclaimed.

Mr. Paquin also noted to the Board that some of the fishermen have been notified in writing of removing their equipment/gear and failed to do so. These fishermen were ticketed as we cannot afford to lose access sites due to negligence of the fishermen not adhering to the use permit rules.

After further discussion, it was consensus of the Board that Ms. TenEyck is to enforce the rules applied to each access site.

B. Conservation Committees
Grand Traverse Band – Vice-Chairman Concannon reported that their Committee meeting dealt with in-house issues and they have agenda items to be discussed during the CORA meeting.

Bill Rastetter added that the issues for CORA are matters that CORA should suggest as items for the Executive Council meeting.

Little River Band – Jimmie Mitchell stated that the sturgeon trailer is up and running. The swelled rivers are making it difficult for the biologists to get the numbers of sturgeon they hoped to have.

Little Traverse Bay Bands – John Keshick stated he had nothing to report at this time.

Sault Tribe – Mr. Paquin stated that Victor Matson has chosen to remain on the Conservation

Committee and the next meeting will be held in July. Mr. Schlehuber added that Mr. Matson announced he was leaving the Committee and no meetings were held during that time.

Bay Mills – Dave Menominee reported that their Committee met on the trap net limitations. As the trap net regulations have been tabled from the GLRC agenda, he will bring the trap net issues back to the Committee for further discussion.

Mr. Menominee reported that the Committee limited their trap net fishermen to twelve trap nets per fisher. The notice was sent to the U.S., other Tribes and State DNR. He noted that this was not an easy decision and it was not all for biological reasons. He would like to meet with the Sault Tribe and any of the other tribes to explain why Bay Mills came to the decision to restrict the trap net fishers to twelve nets.

Mr. Menominee added that along with the net limitation, the fishermen are to give each trap net location (the GPS). Bay Mills would like each tribe to consider this as well which will help the Law Enforcement. Mr. Rastetter asked if this information is kept confidential or is it shared. Paul Ripple stated that it is kept confidential, no other fisher can obtain the GPS and the only way the information would be given out is to Law Enforcement if needed. Mr. Paquin asked if there is a time limit of when the fishermen have to turn in their GPS. Mr. Menominee stated that the fishermen have seven days to get that information to Mr. Ripple.

C. Law Enforcement Committee

Officer Kevin Willis thanked the Board for clarification of the access site problem with boat trailers. He stated that the patrols are moving along very well. The Officers are still locating nets from last year. He reported that through the advertisement in the papers, they have one fisher that replied that is willing to pull the abandoned trap nets. He is in the process of scheduling dates to pull two nets that are in the inter-tribal waters.

Officer Willis stated there is another problem that should be looked at in the Ludington/Manistee area. There is a problem with too much floating line that is causing navigational hazards. He noted that there are no CORA Regulations on limits for floating lines. He added that the Coast Guard was even caught in this line. The Committee will be discussing this problem further and action may be needed to adopt CORA Regulations for the floating line.

D. Biologist's

Grand Traverse Band – Erik Olsen reported that the Department completed the M-712 and M-713 gill net assessment fishery which is part of the Consent Decree to monitor a commercial gill net fishery from May 1st – June 15th in a certain depth. The intent is to approach the TFC with a potential change of

depth strata for lake trout harvest in a targeted whitefish fishery. He noted that this is the second year for the depth assessment. He added that when you look at the study, it is a targeted whitefish study that is trying to avoid lake trout. Last year there was only two days of catch that triggered the maximized target. This year the catch was very successful and there were a few more days of fishing. He stated that with the data they have now, they will be approaching the TFC to expand the fishery to include a 50 -100 foot depth strata.

He noted that outside of the Manitou's there is no lake trout stocked so they primarily got a clean catch with only a couple of lake trout. In shore near Pyramid Point, they did catch more lake trout.

The Department completed the spring lake trout survey in Grand Traverse Bay. They did their first northern lake-wide fish index stations in Grand Traverse Bay. One week of sets were off of the Jordan River for the post-stocking crederation survey and they did not find any walleye with newly stocked Chinook in their stomachs. The Department ran their first set of spring surveys in Sutton Bay for walleye.

Little River Band – Bob Hardenburgh reported that the Department finished the spring assessments off of Manistee and Ludington. Next week the Department hopes to finish some assessments, as the weather has been bad and if it is not the weather, they are having problems with the boat.

Bay Mills – Paul Ripple reported that he is finishing up the lake trout assessments and getting ready for the whitefish assessments this summer. He noted that the weather has put a damper on getting the assessments started.

Little Traverse Bay Bands – Stephen Lenart reported they have completed the spring surveys in WFM-05 and the Department conducted whitefish surveys in WFM-04. The Department is working on yellow perch assessments and there are a few signs there that better things are happening for Lake Michigan.

ITFAP – Tom Gorenflo reported on the Cormorant Control update. Along north shore of Lake Huron it is estimated that there are 5,500 active nests or 11,000 breeding adult cormorants. The USDA is to target reducing this number by 15% of adults. The egg oiling will take a year or two down the road before any reduction in numbers occur. The USDA has invited anyone to participate in eliminating the cormorants.

He reported that the Bay Mills Conservation Department has started cormorant controls in eastern Whitefish Bay last week. Last Thursday they brought a couple dozen cormorants to have ITFAP look at the stomachs to see if there are any walleye in the stomachs. Most of the stomachs were empty and he is not sure if the cormorants were shot before feeding or a certain time after they

had fed. The most items found in their stomachs were stones and some sticklebacks. They will bring more cormorants as they get them to check the stomachs out.

Mr. Gorenflo reported that the USFWS issued a summary document clarifying the Depredation Order for cormorants. It needs to be a governmental agency so a Tribe could do this or designate agents and name the individuals that will be involved in the cormorant control. Mr. Ripple noted that only Bay Mills Conservation can shoot the cormorant and not Bay Mills fishermen. If someone is designated as an agent for the Conservation Department, then they could participate in the control.

Mr. Ripple then asked if Bay Mills designated an agent could they use a CORA registered boat. After discussion it was noted an agent cannot use a boat registered through CORA because there is a CORA Regulation that does not allow for firearms on the boat.

Mr. Gorenflo responded to a question on whether or not the Order allows for inland waters. He knows it is designated in the ceded waters of the Great Lakes but he is not sure whether it applies to the inland waters.

Mr. Gorenflo updated the Board on the Asian Carp invasion and prevention efforts. Three species of the Asian Carp are invading the Great Lakes through the man-made Chicago Sanitary Ship Canal. The species are mostly plankton eaters and would soon have an impact on the food chain. He noted they are not here yet.

The Army Corps of Engineers installed an electrical barrier in the canal and the barrier failed a few times and everyone decided a second barrier was needed. Construction for a second barrier was sought under Section 1135 of the Water Resources Development Act. The problem of the Act is it requires a 25 percent match by a non-federal partner. The second barrier will cost \$8 million and leaves a deficit of \$1.8 million.

The two methods proposed for resolving this problem was each of the Great Lakes agencies would contribute money towards the 1.8 million or the second option was to pass federal legislation that would either provide full funding or exempt the project from the 25 percent match.

He noted that his opinion to the Lake Committees and Commission is that the federal appropriations would be the obvious route to take as remediation and prevention of exotic species invasion is a federal responsibility.

Mr. Gorenflo then reported on the walleye stocking proposal in Bay de Noc. He noted that this is the first time a group will be contesting the Consent Decree language. He stated the language reads if a party opposes that they will put their opposition in writing and it is up to the other party to take it to the dispute resolution. He added that this has never hap-

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opened before. In the packet is the letter he sent to Kelley Smith as notification of opposition.

Mr. Gorenflo reported on the Chinook stocking at the Cheboygan River. A letter was sent to the State and copied to the parties that stated that GLRC felt the State should have provided a formal stocking change proposal. This issue was brought to the TFC and the letter was to be handed to Kelley Smith, but he did not want it. Mr. Smith stated that his opinion is that it was understood during negotiations that the fish leaving Nunn's Creek were going somewhere in northern Lake Huron and therefore they did not need a stocking proposal. He noted that GLRC needs to decide whether or not to bring this matter to the Executive Council.

He then asked Mike Ripley to give his updates. Mr. Ripley stated that he went to the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society's meeting to make a presentation. The Society made the decision to allow him to represent the Society on the National Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. He then went to the National Task Force meeting and the big issue there was the Asian Carp. During the meeting, they were informed the legislation that was to solve the ballast water problems was going to die in Congress this year. Allie Greenleaf Maldonado asked who is pushing the issue. Mr. Ripley stated it was Senator Levin and a Congressman from Ohio. Ms. Maldonado asked for the bill number and which Committee it went through and she will check into this further. Mr. Ripley will get that information to Ms. Maldonado.

Mr. Ripley then reported on the Lake Management Plans. He sent the plans to the CORA member Tribe's Environmental or Natural Resources Directors. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy they should contact him. He noted it is in CD ROM for Lake Superior and hard copy for Lake Michigan.

E. Biological Services Division

Mr. Lenart reported on issues from the TFC meeting that are important. At the meeting of April 28th the TFC took action on the three-year running sum of deviation penalty by taking the position GLRC established of the annual penalty not counting in the three year running sum. The 15 percent harvest limit change rule was also discussed on whether it is applied to the pre-penalty by the model generated or a penalty elevated TAC. The TFC had consensus that the 15 percent rule should apply to the model generated TAC and this should be an Executive Council issue.

Mr. Lenart reported that the lake trout harvest limits were discussed and it was consensus of the TFC to recommend the final harvest limits as provided by the modeling sub-committee for 2004.

He reported that there was a conference call on June 2nd regarding the walleye stocking

proposal for Big and Little Bay's de Noc. He noted consensus was not reached on the proposal and the State has decided to go back to the drawing boards to drop the proposal entirely or come back with a modified proposal.

At this time, Chairman Ettawageshik arrived and took over chairing the meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Item A. has been tabled until the August meeting.

B. Resolution 06-18-2004: Opposition to Proposed Sulfide Mine in Yellow Dog River Headwaters

Mr. Ripley reported that the resolution was done by action of the GLRC Board at the April meeting. He then asked for approval of Resolution 06-18-2004.

Motioned by Dave Menominee, supported by John Keshick to approve Resolution 06-18-2004: Opposition to Proposed Sulfide Mine in Yellow Dog River Headwaters.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Siscowet Permit – Tom Gorenflo

Mr. Gorenflo reported that every year there are one to three requests by fishermen for a permit to fish siscowet lake trout during the November gill net closure. He noted that the siscowet is a lake trout, a fat form generally living in deep water. They are highly abundant in Lake Superior at six times more abundant than the lean lake trout. The market is low as they are high in fat content, but there is a market for them. This year there has been a request for lake trout under 17 inches and there are markets for fat trout a little smaller.

Mr. Gorenflo stated he gave this information to the BSD and he received comments back on the 17 inch size limit issue. The recommendation for now is to pull the 17 inch size limit issue to discuss further, but to go ahead and approve a permit for siscowet during the November closure with the normal size limit in place. He stated the biologists can discuss this issue further and give their recommendation on the 17 inch size limit later.

Motioned by Dave Menominee, supported by Jimmie Mitchell to approve the issuance of permits for siscowet lake trout fishing during the November closed season.

Discussion: Chairman Parker asked how many permits are being issued. Mr. Gorenflo stated in the past there had never been more than two permits. He noted that last year no permits were issued for siscowet. Chairman Parker then asked who would be issuing the permits and is it inter-tribal permits or for Sault Tribe. Mr. Gorenflo stated that in the past it has been a CORA based permit under the authority of CORA and available to the five member tribes.

Chairman Ettawageshik asked if there is going to be a limit on how many permits are issued

and asked Mr. Menominee if he would like to put a limit of issued permits in his motion. Mr. Menominee said he would leave the amount issued based on what Mr. Gorenflo feels is appropriate. Mr. Gorenflo stated he does not foresee any more than two permits issued, based on past years, but if it would help he could set the limit at five permits.

Chairman Parker asked how the fishermen are going to know about the permit, who they should contact and what they have to do to get a permit. He then asked that Mr. Gorenflo to bring to the Board at the next meeting the notification process for the fishermen and who they contact and what is needed to obtain a permit.

The motion was then modified to read:

Motioned by Dave Menominee, supported by Jimmie Mitchell to approve the issuance of up to five permits for siscowet lake trout fishing during the November closed season to be issued by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

B. Consultant for Trap Net Permit

Mr. Paquin stated there is a Sault Tribe fisherman requesting a trap net consultant permit for one year to fish in the Bay de Noc area. He explained that this fisherman was authorized to fish the last open slot for the Bay de Noc area, but would like to have a consultant for one year to help him learn the fishery better. Chairman Parker asked where the fisherman was fishing before. Mr. Paquin stated he was a small boat fisher out of the west end. The consultant being requested is Kevin Peterson.

Motioned by Jeff Parker, supported by Robert Kewaygoshkum to approve the request authorizing a trap net consultant permit for Gerald Sitkoski to utilize Kevin Peterson as his consultant for one year.

Discussion: Mr. Menominee asked if Mr. Sitkoski had a consultant before. Mr. Paquin stated that he has not as he has just converted to a trap net fisherman. Mr. Paquin stated that Mr. Peterson, to his knowledge, has not been a consultant before as he is a non-Tribal member. Mr. Gorenflo added that the permit is only good for the remaining calendar year and Mr. Sitkoski would have to ask the Sault Tribe Board for renewal of the permit for 2005.

The motion was then modified to read:

Motioned by Jeff Parker, supported by Robert Kewaygoshkum to approve the request authorizing a trap net consultant permit for Gerald Sitkoski to utilize Kevin Peterson as his consultant for the remainder of 2004.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

Ms. Maldonado then voiced her concern about a previous agenda item regarding the three-year penalty for exceeding a harvest limit and how the calculations are

being interpreted. The last paragraph of Mr. Gorenflo's hand-out states 'The TFC will express this opinion to the Executive Council, and recommend that the Council appropriately clarify this language in the Consent Decree'. She suggests that an advisory letter be issued with everyone agreeing to an Executive Council meeting and all the parties sign the letter.

Ms. Tierney stated that the BSD report states that the TFC is ready to make a recommendation to the Executive Council and to let the Executive Council decide how to deal with the issue. She then asked Mr. Lenart if all the TFC members agreed with the recommendation. Mr. Lenart stated that the minutes are in draft form, but the language from the draft TFC minutes are that the TFC letter is going to be sent to the parties that the issue had been discussed and this is what they are recommending and would like the parties to support their recommendation at

the Executive Council meeting. Chairman Parker asked if the State agreed to this as well. Mr. Lenart stated they did agree.

After further discussion, the Board felt the statement in Mr. Gorenflo's report was fine and an advisory letter is not needed as the TFC is giving their recommendation to the Council for clarification of the language in the Consent Decree.

IX. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

After discussion it was decided to have the next meeting August 20th at 11:00 a.m. The Sault Tribe agreed to host the meeting and CORA will be contacted with the location.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned by Dave Menominee, supported by Chairman Parker to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

— Minutes taken by Beverly Aikens, Administrative Assistant



Fishing families of the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are invited to a dinner and talking circle at the Bay Mills Senior Center on Wednesday, Sept. 22, starting at 6 p.m.

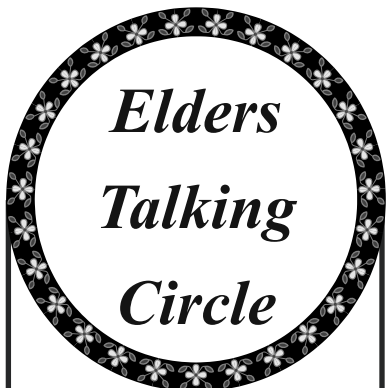
The event will begin with a dinner of whitefish, wild rice, corn soup and a berry dessert. After dinner, 10 to 12 fishers and their spouses will be asked to stay for a focus group to help Inter Tribal Council of Michigan understand fishers' knowledge of fish advisories and those fishers' history catching and eating fish.

The focus group will be conducted like a traditional talking circle, lasting about one hour. A \$50 honorarium will be given to those participating in the circle.

The first 40 people to be registered will be accepted for dinner, with 10-12 randomly selected for the circle. Fishers please limit yourself to your immediate family. (Fishers who are elders have the option of attending the elders lunch on the preceding day.)

Please RSVP by Monday, Sept. 13, by contacting Jennifer Dale at 906-632-0043 or at jmdale@chippewaottawa.org.

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Elders of the Bay Mills Indian Community and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians are invited to a lunch and talking circle at the Bay Mills Senior Center on Wednesday, Sept. 22, starting at 12 p.m. Noon.

The event will begin with a lunch of whitefish, squash, wild rice and blueberry crisp. After lunch, 10 to 12 Elders will be asked to stay for a focus group to help Inter Tribal Council of Michigan understand Elders' knowledge of fish advisories and those Elders' history catching and eating fish.

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McKay Bay dredging complete



While dredging, MCM Excavating struggles to get the jaws around one of many huge boulders at the McKay Bay access site on Lake Huron.



The site was dredged to a depth of 4 feet below low water and boulders moved from the launch site's path.



Photos by Jennifer Dale

Dredged materials were hauled out and the pier laid with fresh gravel while the 40-foot finger piers were reinstalled.

Fisherman's Pilaf: wild rice and fish

This is a recipe for whitefish or chinook salmon and wild rice. Use your leftover baked fish, or smoked fish. Portabella mushrooms are the best type to use. Experiment on your own pilaf!

- 1 Tbls olive or canola oil
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 8 ounces fresh mushrooms sliced or one small canned sliced mushrooms
- 1 tsp fresh parsley or 1/2 tsp dried parsley
- Pinch ground black pepper to taste
- Pinch cayenne pepper, to taste
- Pinch salt optional
- 1/4 cup roasted sunflower seeds
- 8 or more ounces baked or smoked fish
- 1 1/2 cups cooked wild rice

Put the rice on to cook according to instructions. Add oil to skillet on medium heat. Add chopped onions, sunflower seeds, sliced mushrooms (or well drained canned sliced mushrooms), parsley, black and cayenne pepper, and optional salt. Sauté until onions are transparent. Add wild rice as soon as it is cooked — there should be no water left in the bottom of the rice pot. Flake the smoked or baked fish, and carefully toss in to let warm through. Serve with a tossed salad. Good with microwaved broccoli or zucchini.

NAFWS Regional Conference Sept. 13-16 at Lac du Flambeau

The Great Lakes Region of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society will hold its 2004 regional conference at Lac du Flambeau, Wisc., September 13-16. Conference host is the Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa Indians.

A full-day session on the Tribal Wildlife Grants and the Tribal Landowner Incentive Program is planned. For more information, call Don Reiter at 715-799-5116, or Faith McGruther at 906-635-5788.

A reminder for CORA's tribal fishermen:

McKay Bay dredging is now complete, thanks to a Great Lakes Fishery Trust grant, and the site is ready for tribal and public use.

As readers can see from photos to the left, the site is in good working order and dredged out to a depth of 4 feet below low water.

CORA-member tribe fishers using McKay Bay must remem-

ber to not leave anything at the site overnight — such as boats, trailers, tires, and so forth. The site is not meant for long-term use. Anyone keeping such items at the site must remove them immediately.

The site, located just east of Cedarville on Lake Huron, is open to the public.

More fruits and vegetables, omega-3s help women cut risk of ovarian cancer

The American Institute for Cancer Research reports that a plant-based diet that is also rich in omega-3 fatty acids significantly cuts the risk of ovarian cancer.

According to an article from the institute's Karen Collins MS RD CDN, four separate studies conducted in recent years show that women who eat more fruits and vegetables cut their risk of ovarian cancer by one-third to two-thirds compared to women who do not.

Fat can either help or hurt, depending on what kind of fat women eat. Animal fat is linked to a greater risk, while fats rich in omega-3 fatty acids help to cut the risk. In one of the studies, higher red meat consumption was linked with more than 50 percent higher ovarian cancer rates, Collins wrote. In another study, eating more animal fat was linked with a 70 percent increase in risk.

A new study in the International Journal of Cancer reports 40 percent lower ovarian cancer in women with diets highest in omega-3 fat. This is the fat found in coldwater fish (like salmon and whitefish) and certain plant products like olives, flaxseed and walnuts.

Collins went on to write that body fat also seems to play a role, but it is uncertain why since body fat may just be a reflection of diet.

The plant-based diet with foods rich in omega-3 fatty acids is a good way for women to protect themselves against ovarian cancer, Collins concluded.

"The National Cancer Institute says this strategy is important since ovarian cancer often produces no clear symptoms until late in its development and is difficult to detect through current tests and screenings," she wrote.

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and relevant court decisions as well as the litigation process. One day she might be on conference call with the tribes' lobbyists, and the next on a day trip to meet the Michigan DNR at a tribal fishers' access site.

Fortunately, TenEyck has garnered the experience necessary to get the job done. Over the years, TenEyck has learned so much, she said she just takes it for granted. At the same time, she has enjoyed the challenge and the personal growth it has brought her.

Always the supportive supervisor, TenEyck is quick to give her staff the credit she feels they are due. "It's not just my responsibility — I have an excellent staff," she said. "Everybody works really

hard, and we work as a team. I feel very lucky to have the staff that I have."

TenEyck is the daughter of Cub and Mary McKerchie of Sugar Island, where she lives today with her husband, Lake Superior State University employee Bob TenEyck, and their 20-year-old daughter, Danyalle, an LSSU student interested in sports medicine. Their oldest, Alan, 26, and his wife, Dusty, also live on the island with their two boys who are the apples of their grandmother's eye — Kyle, 9 and Avery, 4.

Among various interests, TenEyck and her extended family enjoy gardening, camping and hockey.