



Lake Trout Harvest and Regulations in Northern Lake Huron

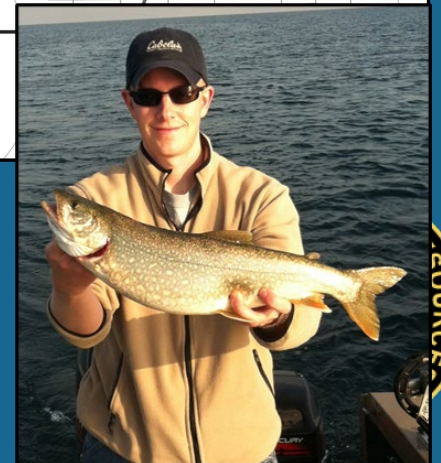
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2000 Consent Decree



- Across the 1836 Treaty Area, annual harvest limits are set for Lake Trout and then allocated to the State and the Tribes.
- The Lake Trout regulations established by the NRC are meant to keep harvest within the allowed limits.
- If either the State or the Tribes exceed their annual harvest limit by more than 15%:
 - The amount of the overage is deducted from the next year's harvest limit, *AND*
 - The party “shall take management action” to ensure its harvest stays within the next year's limit.
- The State exceeded its harvest limit by 20% in MH-1 during the 2021 fishing season.



MH-1 Lake Trout Harvest



- The State's 2021 harvest was not biologically harmful to the lake trout population.
- Lake Trout harvest limit for 2022 will not be finalized by parties until April 26th
- Recreational fishery will likely need to target an expected 40% reduction in harvest.
 - from approx. 68,000 lbs. to 40,000 lbs.



MH-1 Lake Trout Harvest



- **Recommend** reducing daily possession limit from 3 to 2 Lake Trout and Splake in MH-1
- Previous reductions to address penalties have resulted in greater percent reduction than predicted
- Increase in daily possession limit in MH-2 to offset reduction in MH-1 will be further discussed by Lake Huron Fishery Citizen Advisory Committee during meeting on April 24th
 - Similar increase was considered in 2019 and not supported by anglers



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

