

Meeting 2. Forage

	North Shore Processors	Commercial Fisherman	1854 Authority	Western Lake Superior Trollers Association	Northshore Charter Captains Association	Independent	Duluth Charter Fishing Guides Association	Kamloops Advocates	Grand Portage Reservation	Lake Superior Steelhead Association	Trout Unlimited	Independent	Fond Du Lac
Expansion of herring fishery	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Possibly	Yes	Eventually
Rationale	Low harvest presently; Nov closure coincides w/CHS stocking; WI Ont. Examples	Large biomass with surplus production; Not equitable	Expand only if safe	Not used by predators	Increase mesh for larger fish	Current levels may be too high	More large TLC. Allocate large TLC to commercial, leave small TLC as forage	CPE decreasing	Maintain forage for LAT	To remove larger size classes to make prey more available to predators	If DNR determines safe to do so	Expand summer fishery, but not the roe fishery; More value to local tourism than export	Appropriate; Band members may wish to participate
Cut smelt harvest	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	<i>No?</i>	No	No
Rationale	Small commercial impact; Useful for monitoring	Nominal impact	Smelt non-native; Smelting is valued by diverse public	Used by all predators; More valuable as prey than as human food	Preferred forage for gamefish	Declining anyway; Healthier system w/o smelt	Critically low population; Should eliminated harvest	Wouldn't be effective; LAT predation limits smelt	Nonnative detrimental to native spp	Smelt population is at a low point	<i>Insignificant Impact</i>	Invasive species that may compete with TLC	Current harvest of little consequence; Some band members participate
Additional comments	Reduce predator number; Commercial fishery has sacrificed; Manage on biology not politics			Diverse fishery; Not worth their trout stamp	No commercial in MN1; Protect spawning smelt	Continue assessment and research			Maintain balance with native spp; Set forage harvest by modeling plankton		May delay LAT recovery/harvest; May not yet be time to expand herring	Don't protect RBS	RBS stocking ridiculous
Rationale	Balance pred and prey			Poor management results	Most sportfish pressure in MN1	Better understanding and utilization			Common sense; Sound Economics		CPE not increasing		Doesn't make sense to stock an exotic to feed another exotic

Comments in italics indicate position communicated, but not recorded in the issue response