

Leech Lake Advisory Committee
Flip Chart Notes
11/19/09

Comments on Draft Walleye Population Objectives

1. Gillnet objective should represent a “quality” level walleye fishery
2. Consider gill net catch rate of 7.5 – 8.9 walleye per net or higher representing 2nd – 3rd quartile
3. Refer to Special Publication 151 (page 28) for data on total walleye harvest rates
4. Review/prepare for discussion on walleye population objectives at 12/17/09 meeting.

Information Requests

1. University of Wisconsin cormorant study on Green Bay

Suggestions & Future Discussion

1. Triggers for management actions
2. Can fishing guide observations regarding cormorant numbers, etc. be used in monitoring Leech Lake? For example, charter captains on Lake Superior and ____ on Lake Michigan are required to submit harvest/catch data and ____ respectively.
3. MN DNR Commissioners Office should be briefed on cormorant history, Leech Lake status, and cormorant/walleye model using presentations prepared by Steve Mortensen and Doug Schultz.

Questions

1. Can data be obtained from LLBO on subsistence (is there any commercial harvest?) harvest rates?
2. What is the relationship between perceived numbers of cormorants versus aerial survey results?

Initial Recommendations for Cormorant Management Actions, Monitoring, Analyses

1. Control of population needs to continue (convey to USFWS)
2. Control efforts need to be accompanied by diet studies (convey to USFWS)
3. Recommendations to be finalized at January 2010 meeting.