

### **Summary of the January 3, 2005 meeting of the Lake Superior Advisory Group**

Sea Grant Building at 2305 East Fifth St., Monday, Jan 3, 2005, 7 to 9:00 p.m.

The following is a brief summary of the initial meeting of the Lake Superior Advisory Group (LSAG). Don Schreiner welcomed people and stated that the meetings purpose is to lay out the process, inform members of responsibilities, and to discuss organization of the meeting topics. The meeting is not to be a decision making meeting and not for the purpose of stating positions. Introductions were made around the room. A list of the official members of the advisory group was presented. Don discussed the addition of Pete Dahl and Harley Toftey to the group. Don discussed group size limitations.

Don moved into some background information, history and expectations for LSAG members. The 1995 plan goal was outlined. The plan includes specific criteria and management actions. The framework for the plan is in keeping with the Fish Community Objectives for Lake Superior. The planning process and timeframe was outlined. Don emphasized that LSAG members responsibilities are to work with their groups and act as liaisons. The importance of LSAG members writing their positions down was mentioned and the input forms were discussed. Meetings are to be issues based. The list of proposed meeting topics was presented. Management recommendations are to be biologically based.

Joe Ostazeski presented a list of issues that summarized from input sheets from the Lake Superior Management Planning Conference. The numbers do not represent rankings or votes, but rather, areas to focus on for the series of LSAG meetings. There may be additional issues that should be discussed and could be added. The proposed list of meetings was presented and the order of the meetings was discussed. The order of the meetings does not represent the order of importance of the topics. The order of the meetings was switched. The predator-prey relationship, commercial smelt and lake herring meeting and the regulations, habitat, enforcement meetings exchanged dates.

Cindy Hagley presented ground rules for the meetings. The plan will be one that has a shared goal and people will have to give and take to meet that shared goal. Input methods were discussed. Opportunities for input on issues were talked about. Discussion on the group representation continued. Cindy asked that only the official representatives are to be seated at the table. The function of the LSAG as input group, not a voting body was reiterated. The concern of whether the commercial fishing industry is adequately represented was discussed.

The 1995 plan goal was discussed. The words *diverse*, *stable* and *self-sustaining* as they pertain to the goal were talked about. Alternative language in the goal statement was discussed.

The issues and meeting order was discussed again. Predator/prey was raised as important to discuss first. It was agreed that Predator/prey topic is to be discussed at the February meeting. The availability of information from the Lake Superior Management Planning Conference was discussed. People needing information were noted. Possible Two Harbors location for a meeting was mentioned. Meeting was adjourned.