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Executive Summary

This report summarizes information from monthly fishing reports submitted by Lake Superior commercial operators from January through December. All data and analysis on Lake Herring (*Coregonus artedii*) will be reported as Cisco, the term standardized by the American Fisheries Society. Summaries are by statistical reporting districts and include the non-tribal commercial harvest within the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Reservation (Figure 1).

- Twenty-three commercial operators were licensed in 2022: three in MN-1, seven in MN-2, and thirteen in MN-3 (Table 1, Appendix 1). Four apprentices were licensed: one in MN-1, one in MN-2, and two in MN-3.
- The amount of Cisco net licensed was 34,700 feet and the amount of chub (*C. hoyi*) net licensed was 3,000 feet. (Table 1).
- Gross market value for all species harvested was estimated at \$303,358.11 (Table 2). Gross market value is determined as the dockside value of fish in round weight before processing or handling adds value.
- During the traditional Cisco harvest season (all months excluding November) commercial operators set 743,175 feet of net and harvested 235,872 pounds of Cisco, producing a catch per unit effort (CPUE) of 317 pounds of Cisco per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 3-6; Figure 2).
- Fourteen commercial operators requested permits to fish Cisco during the November season (Table 1, Appendix 1). Quotas were implemented for each statistical district and applied to commercial operators who participated. In past years, several operators fished in Grand Portage Band of Chippewa waters, but under the State of Minnesota quota and permit system. However, beginning in 2016 Grand Portage opted to set their own November Cisco quota, but continue to allow some state-licensed operators to fish in their waters. During November, 174,355 feet of net were fished, catching a total of 109,399 pounds (88,414 pounds in Minnesota waters and 20,985 pounds in Reservation waters) of Cisco and producing a CPUE of 627 pounds per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 7 and 8). Thirty-two percent of the total Cisco harvest was taken in the November season (Figure 3). Eleven percent of the available November TAC of Cisco was harvested in MN-1, 12% in MN-2, and 42% in MN-3 (Table 8).
- Lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) became a legally targeted commercial species in MN-3 in 2007, MN-2 in 2010, and MN-1 in 2017. Two commercial operators requested permits to fish MN-1, six in MN-2, and four in MN-3 (Table 1). Lake Trout harvest in MN-1, MN-2, and MN-3 was 2,177 pounds, 1,273 pounds, and 7,050 pounds (Tables 9-11; Figure 4). Lake Trout possession has always been allowed as by-catch in the Cisco, chub, and Round Whitefish fisheries and totaled 701 pounds (Tables 4 and 6; Figure 5).

- Several commercial operators in MN-2 and MN-3 participate annually in the May Lake Trout assessment survey under MNDNR permit. A total of 350 pounds of Lake Trout were harvested in MN-2 and 1,122 pounds were taken in MN-3 (Table 6).
- Nine Round Whitefish permits (*Prosopium cylindraceum*) were granted to commercial operators (Table 1). Operators set 62,700 feet of net and caught 4,812 pounds of Round Whitefish (Tables 2-4 and 6; Figure 6).

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Table 1. License summary of the commercial fishery by statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

<u>Item</u>	<u>MN-1</u>	<u>MN-2</u>	<u>MN-3</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Number of operators	3	7	13	23
Number of apprentices	1	1	2	4
Cisco net licensed (feet) ¹	3,700	10,800	20,200	34,700
Chub net licensed (feet) ²	0	2,000	1,000	3,000
Pound nets (number)	0	0	0	0
Trap nets (number)	0	1	2	3
Round Whitefish permits	0	4	5	9
November Cisco permits	2	5	7	14
Lake Trout assessment permits				
May	0	2	1	3
Commercial	2	6	4	12
Spawning	0	0	0	0

¹ 2.25-2.75 inch stretch measurement gill nets weighted to fish suspended off the bottom.

² 2.25-2.75 inch stretch measurement gill nets weighted to fish on the bottom.

Table 2. Total catch of all species in pounds (all gear combined), by statistical district and dockside gross harvest value in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

Species	MN-1	MN-2	MN-3	Total	Average Price/lb	Approximate Value
Cisco	15,399	34,076	295,796	345,271	\$0.82	\$283,122.22
Chubs	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Smelt	0	0	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Lake trout</u>						
Cisco net ¹	77	353	202	632	\$1.21	\$764.72
Chub net ²	0	0	0	0	\$1.21	\$0.00
Round Whitefish net ³	0	3	66	69	\$1.21	\$83.49
Assessment ⁴	0	350	1,122	1,472	\$1.21	\$1,781.12
Commercial ⁵	2,177	1,273	7,050	10,500	\$1.21	\$12,705.00
Total	2,254	1,979	8,440	12,673		
<u>Siscowet</u>						
Cisco net ¹	0	0	0	0	\$1.21	\$0.00
Chub net ²	0	0	0	0	\$1.21	\$0.00
Assessment ⁴	0	55	62	117	\$1.21	\$141.57
Commercial ⁵	6	96	357	459	\$1.21	\$555.39
Total	6	151	419	576		
Round whitefish	0	676	4,136	4,812	\$0.74	\$3,560.88
Suckers	0	0	7	7	N/A	\$0.00
Burbot	0	0	7	7	N/A	\$0.00
Lake Whitefish	45	11	476	532	\$1.21	\$643.72
					Total	\$303,358.11

¹ Bycatch in Cisco nets

² Bycatch in chub nets

³ Bycatch in Round Whitefish nets

⁴ Taken under permit during Lake Trout assessment netting operations

⁵ Expanded commercial assessment

Table 3. Reported fishing effort (feet of net) by gear type and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

District	2.25 - 2.75 inch stretch		3.0 inch stretch		Lake Trout		Pound Net Lifts	Trap Net Lifts
	Cisco Net	Chub Net	Round Whitefish Net	4.5 inch stretch May ³	5.5 inch stretch Com. ⁴	Spawn ⁵		
MN-1	90,680 ¹ 9,470 ²	0	0		24,000		0	0
Sub-total	100,150							
MN-2	146,505 ¹ 37,785 ²	0	9,200	5,750	28,400	0	0	0
Sub-total	184,290							
MN-3	505,990 ¹ 127,100 ²	0	53,500	12,750	72,300	0	0	0
Sub-total	633,090							
<u>Shorewide</u>	743,175 ¹ 174,355 ²							
Total	917,530	0	62,700	18,500	124,700	0	0	0

¹ Traditional Cisco season, excludes November

² November Cisco season

³ May Lake Trout assessment permit

⁴ Expanded commercial Lake Trout assessment

⁵ Lake Trout spawning assessment permit

Table 4. Harvest (pounds) of major species by gear type and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

District		2.25 - 2.75 inch stretch		3.0 inch stretch	Lake Trout			Pound Net	Trap Net
		Cisco Net	Chub Net		4.5 inch stretch	5.5 inch stretch			
				Round Whitefish	May ⁵	Com. ⁶	Spawn ⁷		
MN-1	Cisco	11,489 ¹							
		3,910 ²							
	Sub-total	15,399							
	Chub		0						
	Smelt								
	Burbot								
	Suckers								
	Lake Whitefish					45			
	Lake trout	77 ³				2,177			
	Siscowet	0 ³				6			
	Round Whitefish			0					
MN-2	Cisco	22,574 ¹		1 ⁴					
		11,502 ²							
	Sub-total	34,076							
	Chub		0						
	Burbot								
	Suckers								
	Lake Whitefish				0	11			
	Lake trout	353 ³		3 ⁴	350	1,273	0		
	Siscowet	0 ³			55	96	0		
	Round Whitefish			676					
MN-3	Cisco	201,809 ¹		145 ⁴					
		93,987 ²							
	Sub-total	295,796							
	Chub		0						
	Burbot			7 ⁴					
	Suckers			7 ⁴					
	Lake Whitefish			⁴	22	454			
	Lake trout	202 ³		66 ⁴	1,122	7,050	0		
	Siscowet	0 ³			62	357	0		
	Round Whitefish			4,136					
Shorewide									
	Cisco	235,872 ¹		146 ⁴					
		109,399 ²							
	Total	345,271							
	Chub		0						
	Burbot		0	7 ⁴					
	Suckers			7 ⁴					
	Lake Whitefish			0 ⁴	22	510			
	Lake trout	632 ³	0	69 ⁴	1,472	10,500	0		
	Siscowet	0 ³	0	0 ⁴	117	459	0		
	Round Whitefish			4,812					

¹ Traditional Cisco season, excludes November

² November Cisco season

³ Bycatch of Lake Trout and Siscowet in Cisco nets

⁴ Bycatch in Round Whitefish nets

⁵ May Lake Trout assessment permit

⁶ Expanded commercial Lake Trout assessment

⁷ Lake Trout spawning assessment permit

Table 5. Catch per unit effort (CPUE) in pounds of major species by gear type and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

District		Pounds/ 1,000 feet of net					Pounds/lift	
		2.25 - 2.75 inch stretch		3.0 inch stretch	4.5 inch stretch		5.5 inch stretch	Pound Net
		Cisco Net	Chub Net	Round Whitefish	May ⁵	Com. ⁶	Spawn ⁷	
MN-1	Cisco	126.7 ¹						
		412.9 ²						
	Sub-total	153.8						
	Chub							
	Smelt							
	Burbot							
	Suckers							
	Lake Whitefish					1.9		
	Lake trout	0.8 ³				90.7		
	Siscowet	0.0 ³				0.3		
	Round Whitefish							
MN-2	Cisco	154.1 ¹		0.1 ⁴				
		304.4 ²						
	Sub-total	184.9						
	Chub							
	Burbot							
	Suckers							
	Lake whitefish				0.0	0.4		
	Lake trout	1.9 ³			60.9	44.8		
	Siscowet	0.0 ³			9.6	3.4		
	Round Whitefish			73.5				
MN-3	Cisco	398.8 ¹		2.7 ⁴				
		739.5 ²						
	Sub-total	467.2						
	Chub							
	Burbot		0.0	0.1 ⁴				
	Suckers			0.1 ⁴				
	Lake whitefish			0.0 ⁴	1.7	6.3		
	Lake trout	0.3 ³		1.2 ⁴	88.0	97.5		
	Siscowet	0.0 ³			4.9	4.9		
	Round Whitefish			77.3				
<u>Shorewide</u>								
	Cisco	317.4 ¹		2.3 ⁴				
		627.4 ²						
	Total	376.3						
	Chub							
	Burbot		0.0	0.1 ⁴				
	Suckers			0.1 ⁴				
	Lake whitefish			0.0 ⁴	1.2	4.1		
	Lake trout	0.7 ³		1.1 ⁴	79.6	84.2		
	Siscowet	0.0 ³			6.3	3.7		
	Round Whitefish			76.7				

¹ Traditional Cisco season, excludes November

² November Cisco assessment

³ Bycatch of Lake Trout and Siscowet in Cisco nets

⁴ Bycatch in Round Whitefish nets

⁵ May Lake Trout assessment permit

⁶ Expanded commercial Lake Trout assessment

⁷ Lake Trout spawning assessment permit

Table 6. Total catch of major commercial species in pounds, by species, month, and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

Month	Cisco	Chub	Smelt	Sucker	Burbot	Round	Lake Trout			Siscowet			Lake Whitefish		
						Whitefish	Bycatch	Permit	Com.	Bycatch	Permit	Com.	Bycatch	Permit	Com.
MN-1 January															
February															
March															
April															
May	404														
June	1,455								530			0			6
July	2,987						3		353			0			0
August	806						13		268			0			14
September	2,408						9		1026			6			25
October	2,219						39								
November	3,910						13								
December	1,210														
Totals	15,399	0	0	0	0	0	77	0	2,177	0	0	6	0	0	45
MN-2 January															
February															
March															
April															
May						277		350		55					
June						387	3		213			36			0
July	692						7		6			0			0
August	2,745						17		260			0			0
September	2,148						15		794			60			11
October	15,379						184								
November	11,502					12	113								
December	1,610						17								
Totals	34,076	0	0	0	0	676	356	350	1,273	0	55	96	0	0	11
MN-3 January															
February															
March															
April	1,230			1	3	1,273	44								
May	825				2	1,416	13	1,122		62				22	
June	2,382				2	1,368	4		1,833			64			91
July	20,360								613			53			33
August	36,612								1,686			58			15
September	18,176								2,918			182			315
October	122,224						90								
November	93,987					46	112								
December				6		33	5								
Totals	295,796	0	0	7	7	4,136	268	1,122	7,050	0	62	357	0	22	454
Shorewide															
Total	345,271	0	0	7	7	4,812	701	1,472	10,500	0	117	459	0	22	510

Table 7. Harvest (pounds) and catch per unit effort (CPUE) of Cisco by statistical district and permit holder during November 2022 in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior. Data from state-licensed operators who fished Grand Portage Band of Chippewa waters is included.

District	License Number	Grid	Feet of Net Fished	Pounds Caught	Number Days	CPUE Lbs./1000 feet
MN-1	<u>13</u>	1303	4,070	2,170	17	533
	<u>18</u>	1303	5,400	1,740	18	322
	Subtotal		9,470	3,910	35	413
MN-2	<u>7</u>	1205	3,900	1,700	13	436
	<u>45</u>	1205	6,900	1,004	7	146
	<u>62</u>	1106	11,975	2,645	7	221
	<u>201</u>	1205	3,300	916	3	278
	<u>202</u>	1106	11,710	5,237	10	447
	Subtotal		37,785	11,502	40	304
MN-3	<u>9</u> ^G	715	850	1,205	5	1,418
	<u>20</u>	811	16,500	13,510	11	819
	<u>21</u>	714	9,600	3,515	8	366
	<u>22</u> ^G	715	7,600	7,820	8	1,029
	<u>29</u>	714	2,400	1,170	8	488
	<u>301</u> ^G	716	4,800	10,760	8	2,242
	<u>302</u> ^G	715	850	1,200	5	1,412
	<u>303</u>	714	63,000	36,720	21	583
	<u>304</u>	811	15,000	11,207	10	747
	<u>305</u>	812	4,000	3,800	8	950
	<u>306</u>	811	2,500	3,080	5	1,232
	Subtotal		127,100	93,987	97	739
Shorewide Total			174,355	109,399	172	627

^G operators whose harvest was from Grand Portage Band of Chippewa waters under their quota

Table 8. Harvest compared to total allowable catch (TAC), fishing effort and catch per unit effort (CPUE) of Cisco, by season and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022. Data from state-licensed operators who fished Grand Portage Band of Chippewa waters is included.

Shorewide Biomass Estimate	November 2021 Harvest	December 2021 Harvest	Jan-Oct 2022 Harvest	Calculated November TAC	% Area of District	November District Quota
649,305	109,021	3,826	235,374	301,084	0.115	<u>MN-1</u> 34,625
					0.314	<u>MN-2</u> 94,540
					0.571	<u>MN-3</u> 171,919
					Total November TAC	301,084

<u>MN-1</u>		% of			CPUE	% of Nov
Season	Pounds Harvested	Annual Harvest	Feet of Net Fished	% of Net Fished	lbs./1000 feet	TAC Harvested
Fillet	11,489	75%	90,680	91%	127	
Roe-Nov*	3,910	25%	9,470	9%	413	11%
Totals	15,399		100,150		154	

*MN-1 November TAC: 34,625

<u>MN-2</u>		% of			CPUE	% of Nov
Season	Pounds Harvested	Annual Harvest	Feet of Net Fished	% of Net Fished	lbs./1000 feet	TAC Harvested
Fillet	22,574	66%	146,505	79%	154	
Roe-Nov*	11,502	34%	37,785	21%	304	12%
Totals	34,076		184,290		185	

*MN-2 November TAC: 94,540

<u>MN-3</u>		% of			CPUE	% of Nov
Season	Pounds Harvested	Annual Harvest	Feet of Net Fished	% of Net Fished	lbs./1000 feet	TAC Harvested
Fillet	201,809	68%	505,990	80%	399	
Roe-Nov ¹	73,002	25%	113,000	18%	646	42%
Roe-Nov ^G	20,985	7%	14,100	2%	1,488	
Roe-Total	93,987	32%	127,100	20%	739	
Totals	295,796		633,090		467	

*MN-3 November TAC: 171,919

<u>Shorewide</u>		% of			CPUE	% of Nov
Season	Pounds Harvested	Annual Harvest	Feet of Net Fished	% of Net Fished	lbs./1000 feet	TAC Harvested
Fillet	235,872	68%	743,175	81%	317	
Roe-Nov ¹	88,414	26%	160,255	17%	552	29%
Roe-Nov ^G	20,985	6%	14,100	2%	1,488	
Roe-Total	109,399	32%	174,355	19%	627	
Totals	345,271		917,530		376	

¹ commercial operators fishing under State of Minnesota November permits and quotas

^G commercial operators fishing in Grand Portage waters under Grand Portage Band of Chippewa quota

Table 9. Effort, harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) for commercial Lake Trout, Siscowet and Lake Whitefish by permit in Statistical District MN-1, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

	Feet of Net Fished	Lake Trout				Siscowet				Lake Whitefish			
		Number	Number	lbs./1000 ft		Number	Number	lbs./1000 ft		Number	Number	lbs./1000 ft	
			/1000 ft	Pounds	CPUE		/1000 ft	Pounds	CPUE		/1000 ft	Pounds	CPUE
<u>Permittee 13 Grid 1303</u>													
June	3,500	44	12.6	184	52.6		0.0		0.0	2	0.6	6	1.7
July	2,500	29	11.6	116	46.4		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August	2,000	42	21.0	183	91.5		0.0		0.0	3	1.5	14	7.0
Sept	4,500	131	29.1	621	138.0	2	0.4	6	1.3	6	1.3	25	5.6
	12,500	246	19.7	1,104	88.3	2	0.2	6	0.5	11	0.9	45	3.6
<u>Permittee 18 Grid 1303</u>													
June	4,500	83	18.4	346	76.9		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
July	2,000	60	30.0	237	118.5		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August	1,500	22	14.7	85	56.7		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	3,500	85	24.3	405	115.7		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
	11,500	250	21.7	1,073	93.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<u>Total effort and harvest in MN1</u>													
June	8,000	127	15.9	530	66.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	6	0.8
July	4,500	89	19.8	353	78.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
August	3,500	64	18.3	268	76.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.9	14	4.0
Sept	8,000	216	27.0	1,026	128.3	2	0.3	6	0.8	6	0.8	25	3.1
Totals	24,000	496	20.7	2,177	90.7	2	0.1	6	0.3	11	0.5	45	1.9

Table 10. Effort, harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) for commercial Lake Trout, Siscowet and Lake Whitefish by permit in Statistical District MN-2, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

	Feet of Net Fished	Lake Trout				Siscowet				Lake Whitefish			
		Number	Number /1000 ft	Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE	Number	Number /1000 ft	Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE	Number	Number /1000 ft	Pounds	lbs./1000 f CPUE
<u>Permittee 45 Grid 1205</u>													
June			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
July			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	2,500	19	7.6	77	30.8	11	4.4	31	12.4		0.0		0.0
	2,500	19	7.6	77	30.8	11	4.4	31	12.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
<u>Permittee 62 Grid 1106</u>													
June	4,500	29	6.4	96	21.3	3	0.7	14	3.1		0.0		0.0
July	500	2	4.0	6	12.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	5,500	27	4.9	121	22.0	5	0.9	15	2.7	1	0.2	5	0.9
	10,500	58	5.5	223	21.2	8	0.8	29	2.8	1	0.1	5	0.5
<u>Permittee 7 Grid 1205</u>													
June			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
July			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<u>Permittee 201 Grid 1105</u>													
June			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
July			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

Table 10 continued. Effort, harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) for commercial Lake Trout, Siscowet and Lake Whitefish by permit in Statistical District MN-2, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

	Feet of Net Fished	Lake Trout				Siscowet				Lake Whitefish			
		Number	Number /1000 ft	Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE	Number	Number /1000 ft	Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE	Number	Number /1000 ft	Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE
<u>Permittee 202 Grid 1106</u>													
June	4,000	32	8.0	117	29.3	4	1.0	22	5.5		0.0		0.0
July			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	6,000	48	8.0	211	35.2	5	0.8	14	2.3	1	0.2	6	1.0
	10,000	80	8.0	328	32.8	9	0.9	36	3.6	1	0.1	6	0.6
<u>Permittee 203 Grid 909</u>													
June			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
July			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August	3,600	60	16.7	260	72.2		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	1,800	77	42.8	385	213.9		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
	5,400	137	25.4	645	119.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<u>Total effort and harvest in MN2</u>													
June	8,500	61	7.2	213	25.1	7	0.8	36	4.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
July	500	2	4.0	6	12.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
August	3,600	60	16.7	260	72.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Sept	15,800	171	10.8	794	50.3	21	1.3	60	3.8	2	0.1	11	0.7
Totals	28,400	294	10.4	1,273	44.8	28	1.0	96	3.4	2	0.1	11	0.4

Table 11. Effort, harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) for commercial Lake Trout, Siscowet and Lake Whitefish by permit in Statistical District MN-3, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

	Feet of Net Fished	Lake Trout				Siscowet				Lake Whitefish			
		Number	Number	lbs./1000 ft Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE	Number	Number	lbs./1000 ft Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE	Number	Number	lbs./1000 ft Pounds	lbs./1000 ft CPUE
			/1000 ft				/1000 ft				/1000 ft		
<u>Permittee 20 Grid 812</u>													
June	9,000	211	23.4	783	87.0	4	0.4	9	1.0	4	0.4	10	1.1
July	5,250	157	29.9	483	92.0	14	2.7	45	8.6	5	1.0	21	4.0
August	8,250	249	30.2	999	121.1	10	1.2	35	4.2	3	0.4	7	0.8
Sept	6,000	209	34.8	900	150.0	8	1.3	26	4.3	8	1.3	49	8.2
	28,500	826	29.0	3,165	111.1	36	1.3	115	4.0	20	0.7	87	3.1
<u>Permittee 21 Grid 714</u>													
June	3,000	14	4.7	65	21.7	4	1.3	12	4.0	1	0.3	3	1.0
July	1,800	11	6.1	39	21.7	1	0.6	3	1.7		0.0		0.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	6,000	57	9.5	204	34.0	36	6.0	91	15.2		0.0		0.0
	10,800	82	7.6	308	28.5	41	3.8	106	9.8	1	0.1	3	0.3
<u>Permittee 303 Grid 714</u>													
June	6,750	124	18.4	500	74.1	3	0.4	9	1.3	13	1.9	66	9.8
July	1,500	15	10.0	91	60.7	2	1.3	5	3.3	3	2.0	12	8.0
August			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
Sept	4,500	135	30.0	726	161.3	6	1.3	17	3.8	15	3.3	85	18.9
	12,750	274	21.5	1,317	103.3	11	0.9	31	2.4	31	2.4	163	12.8

Table 11 continued. Effort, harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) for commercial Lake Trout, Siscowet and Lake Whitefish by permit in Statistical District MN-3, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

	Feet of Net Fished	Lake Trout				Siscowet				Lake Whitefish			
		Number		lbs./1000 ft		Number		lbs./1000 ft		Number		lbs./1000 ft	
		Number	/1000 ft	Pounds	CPUE	Number	/1000 ft	Pounds	CPUE	Number	/1000 ft	Pounds	CPUE
<u>Permittee 304 Grid 811</u>													
June	6,750	147	21.8	485	71.9	13	1.9	34	5.0	3	0.4	12	1.8
July			0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0
August	6,750	206	30.5	687	101.8	9	1.3	23	3.4	3	0.4	8	1.2
Sept	6,750	235	34.8	1,088	161.2	15	2.2	48	7.1	29	4.3	181	26.8
	20,250	588	29.0	2,260	111.6	37	1.8	105	5.2	35	1.7	201	9.9
<u>Total effort and harvest in MN3</u>													
June	25,500	496	19.5	1,833	71.9	24	0.9	64	2.5	21	0.8	91	3.6
July	8,550	183	21.4	613	71.7	17	2.0	53	6.2	8	0.9	33	3.9
August	15,000	455	30.3	1,686	112.4	19	1.3	58	3.9	6	0.4	15	1.0
Sept	23,250	636	27.4	2,918	125.5	65	2.8	182	7.8	52	2.2	315	13.5
Totals	72,300	1,770	24.5	7,050	97.5	125	1.7	357	4.9	87	1.2	454	6.3

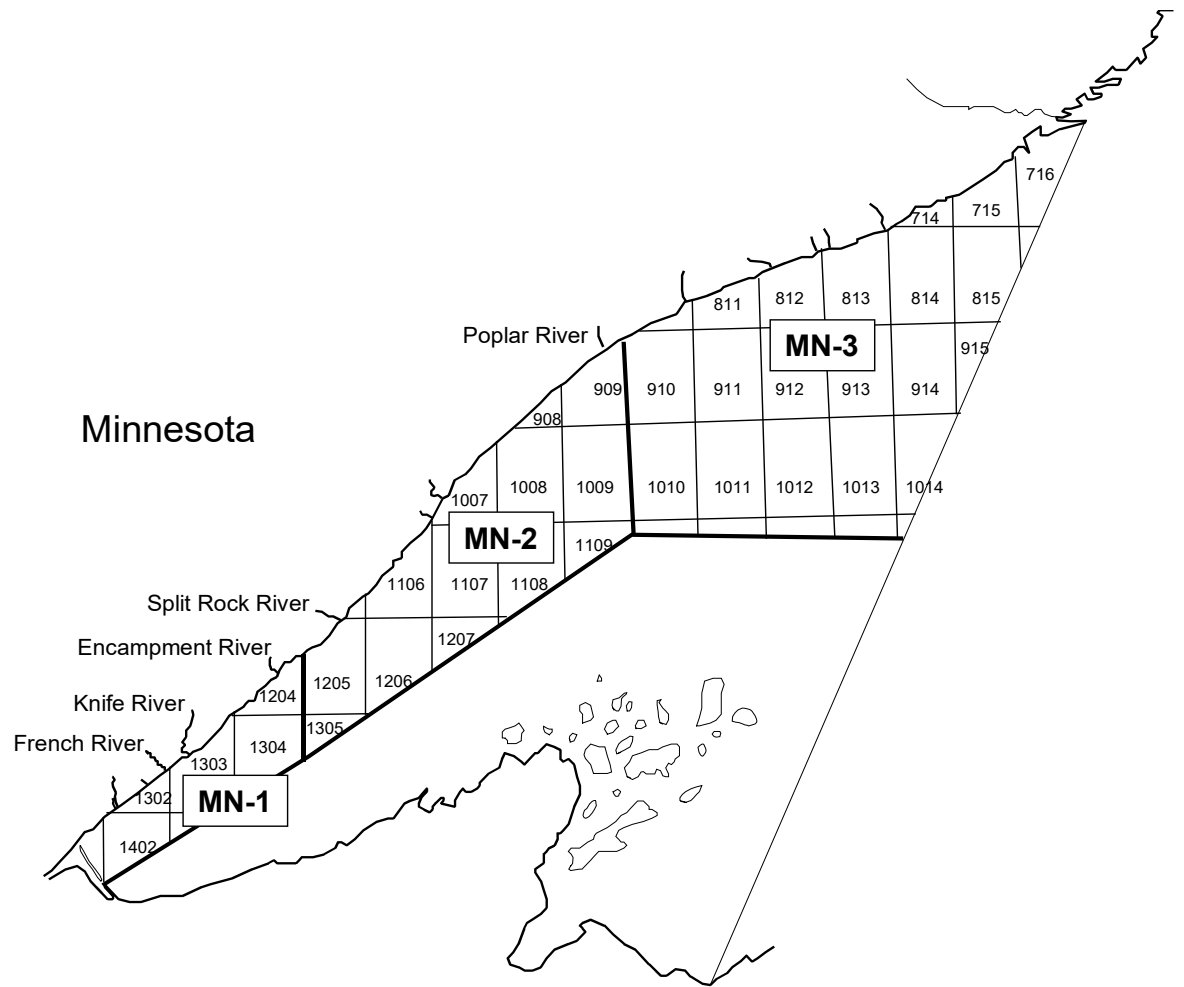


Figure 1. Statistical reporting districts and grids, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior.

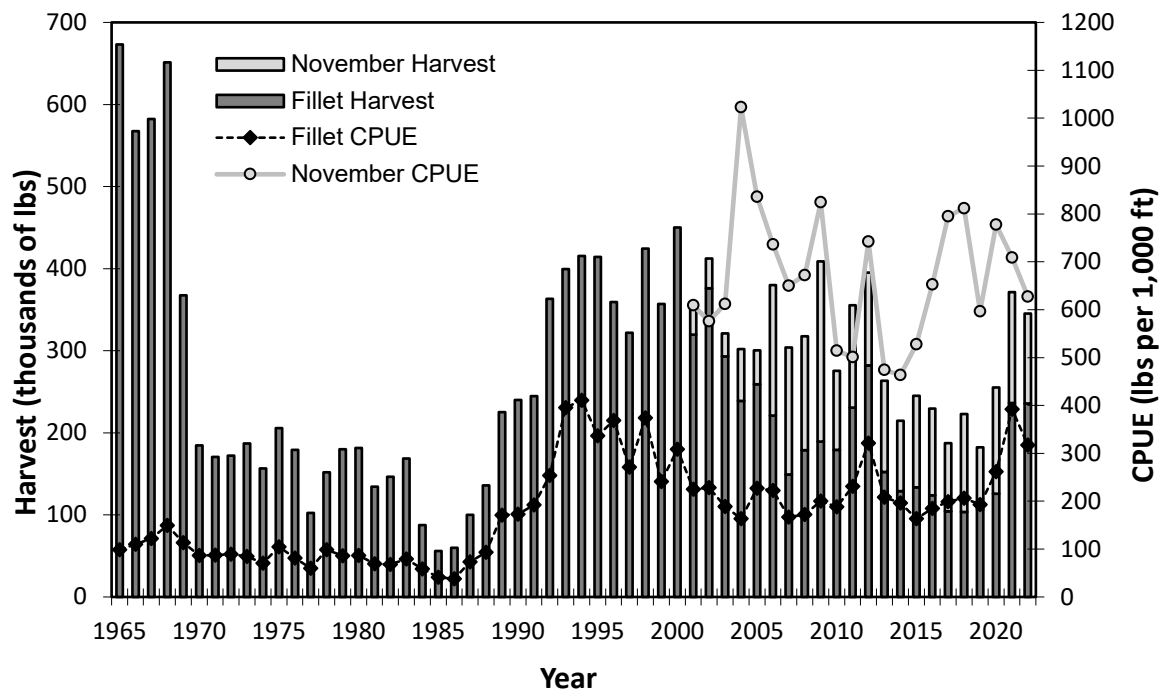


Figure 2. Cisco harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) in the commercial gill net fishery, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 1965-2022. Harvest has been restricted in November since 1973.

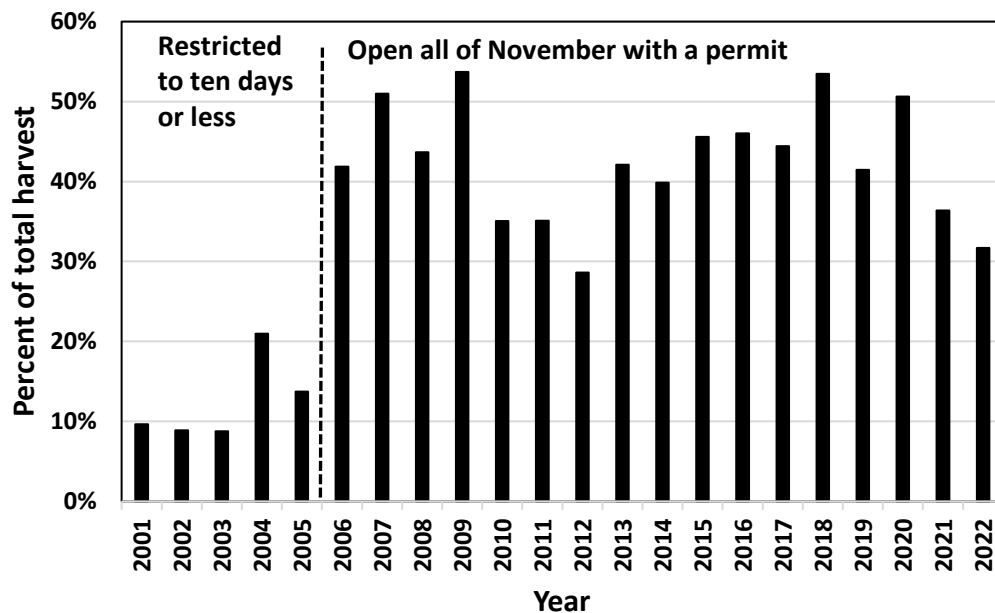


Figure 3. Percent of yearly Cisco harvest taken during November, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2001-2022.

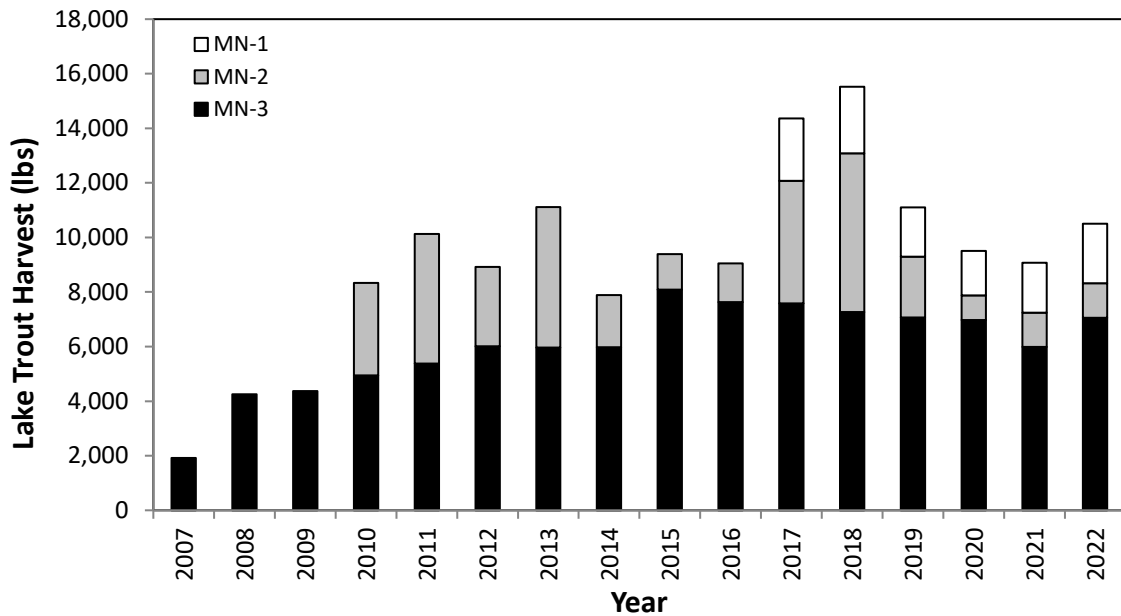


Figure 4. Lake Trout harvest by statistical district in the summer commercial assessment, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2007-2022.

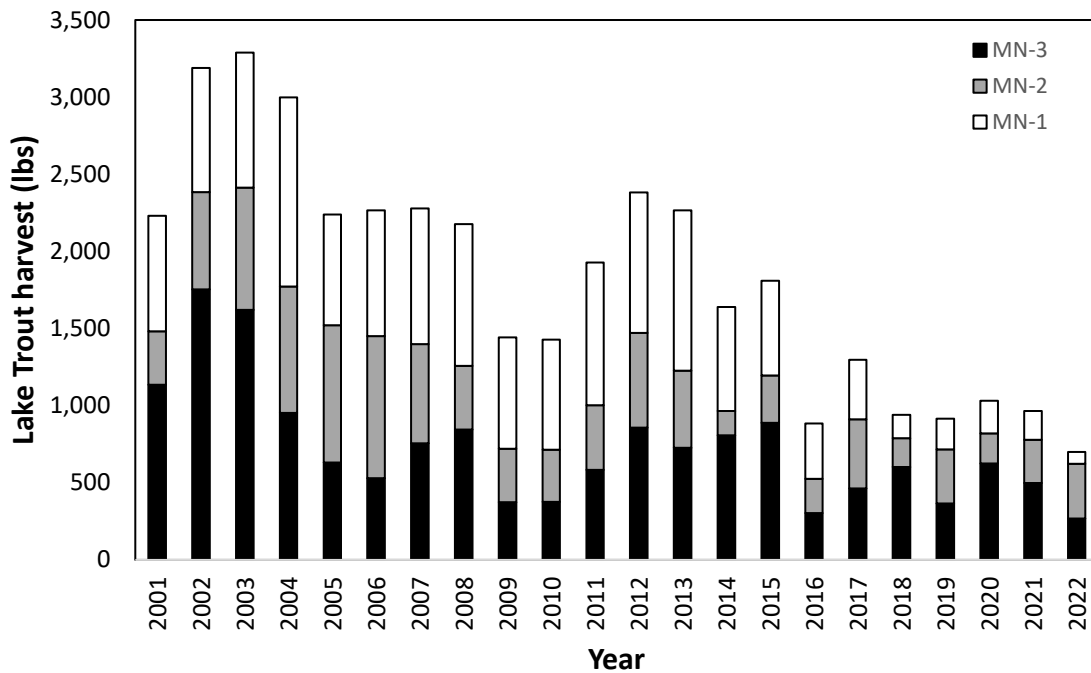


Figure 5. Incidental Lake Trout harvest in Cisco, chub, and Round Whitefish nets by statistical district, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2001-2022.

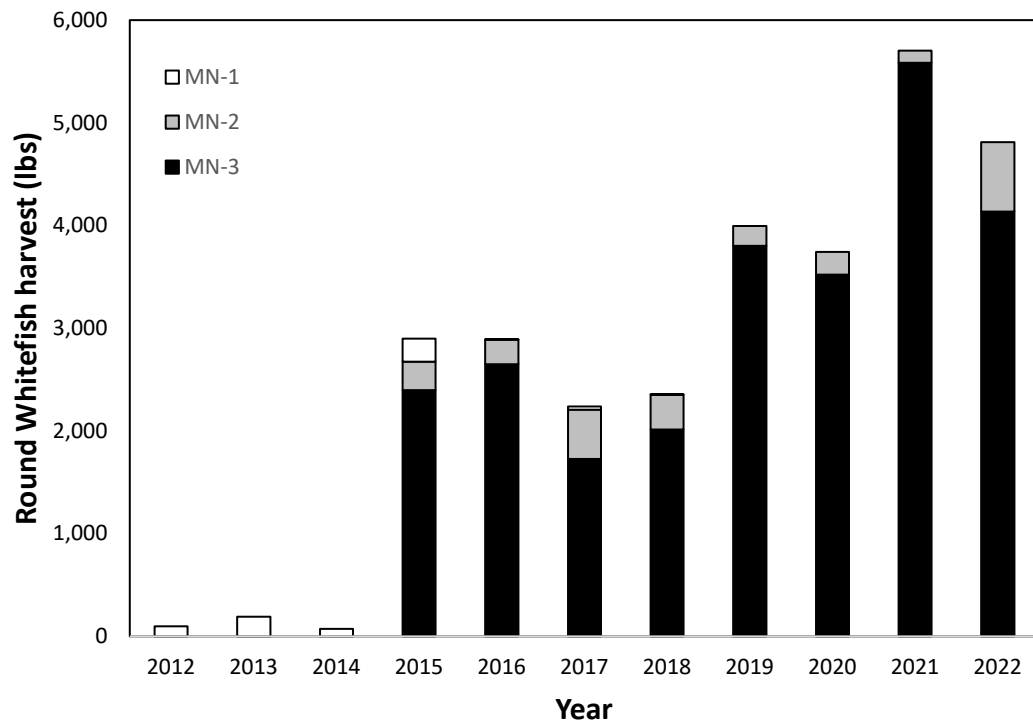


Figure 6. Round Whitefish harvest by statistical district, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2012-2022.

Appendix 1. Commercial operators, apprentices, gear allocation, and special assessments, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2022.

Master License No.	Apprentice License	Name	Feet of Cisco Net	Feet of Chub Net	Feet of Round Whitefish Net	Pound Nets	Trap Nets	Special Assessments	Statistical District
7		Bradley, Jason	800					Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-2
9		Spry, Gerald ¹	500				2		MN-3
13		Dahl, Stephen	1,500					Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-1
15		Hanson, Eric	1,200						MN-1
	Yes	Duecke, Scott							
18		Torgersen, Mark	1,000					Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-1
20		Smith, Tyler	2,000	1,000	400			May Lake Trout Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-3
21		Axtell, Treg	2,000		400			Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-3
	Yes	Meyer, Molly							
22		Spry, Larry ¹	1,000						MN-3
29		Carlson, Robert	1,200					November Cisco	MN-3
45		Sve, Eric	1,800		400			May Lake Trout	MN-2
	Yes	Sve, Darren						Expanded Commercial November Cisco	
46		Spry, Paul ¹	1,000						MN-3
62		Maxwell, Clint	2,400	2,000	400		1	May Lake Trout Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-2
78		Toftey, Harley	2,000						MN-3
79		Fenstad, David	1,000						MN-2
201		Sve, Steven	2,000					Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-2
202		Maxwell, Lief	2,400		400			Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-2
203		Schliep, Kelly	400		400			Expanded Commercial	MN-2
	Yes	Schliep, Tim							
301		Spry, Chad ¹	1,000						MN-3
302		Spry, Michael ¹	500						MN-3
303		Brisson, Eric	3,000		400			Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-3
	Yes	Larson, Ben							
304		Smith, Zachary	2,000		400			Expanded Commercial November Cisco	MN-3
305		Brisson, Adrianna	2,000		400			November Cisco	MN-3
306		Smith, Sherri	2,000					November Cisco	MN-3
Total			34,700	3,000	3,600	0	3		

¹ commercial operators who only fished in Reservation waters with permission from the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa

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