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## Executive Summary

This report summarizes data from monthly fishing reports, special permits, and incidental harvest by Lake Superior commercial operators fishing in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Lake Herring (*Coregonus artedii*) are reported as Cisco, the term standardized by the American Fisheries Society for this species. Bloater (*Coregonus hoyi*) and Kiyi (*Coregonus kiyi*) are collectively reported as chubs. There are four morphotypes of Lake Trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) recognized in Lake Superior: lean, humper, redbin, and siscowet. For the purposes of this report, “Lake Trout” refers to lean Lake Trout and “Siscowet” refers to the deepwater morphotype. Humper and redbin morphotypes are generally not encountered in Minnesota waters. Cisco harvest includes the non-tribal commercial harvest within the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation for both the traditional Cisco season and the November roe season. All effort is uncorrected for soak time. Data are summarized by statistical reporting districts (MN-1, MN-2, and MN-3) (Figure 1).

### Cisco

- Twenty-five commercial operators were licensed in 2025: three in MN-1, eight in MN-2, and fourteen in MN-3 (Table 1). Collectively, 36,500 feet of Cisco net was licensed amongst the 25 operators. Fifteen of those operators also received permits for the November roe season.
- The gross market value for all Cisco harvested was estimated at \$198,839.44 (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 659,175 feet of net and harvested 163,516 pounds of Cisco, producing a catch per unit effort (CPUE) of 248 pounds per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 3-6; Figure 2).
- For the November Cisco season, quotas were implemented for each statistical district and applied to commercial operators who participated. Beginning in 2016, the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa opted to set their own November Cisco quota but continue to allow some state-licensed operators to fish in their waters under their quota. During November, state-licensed operators set 229,050 feet of net, catching a total of 173,500 pounds of Cisco (140,130 pounds in Minnesota waters and 33,370 pounds in Grand Portage waters) and producing a CPUE of 757 pounds per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 7 and 8; Figure 2). One percent of the statistical district quota was harvested in MN-1, 16% in MN-2, and 47% in MN-3 (Table 8). Overall, 32% of the November quota was harvested. Fifty-one percent of the total Cisco harvest was taken in the November season (Figure 3).
- Overall, 888,225 feet of Cisco net was set and 337,016 pounds of Cisco were harvested (Tables 3-6). The overall CPUE was 379 pounds per 1,000 feet of net.

### **Chubs (*Coregonus hoyi* and *C. kiyi*)**

- Two operators elected to be licensed for chub fishing. The amount of chub net licensed was 3,000 feet (Table 1).
- A total of 4,000 feet of chub net was set, which caught 94 pounds of chubs for a CPUE of 23.5 pounds per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 3-6).

### **Lake Trout**

- Fourteen commercial operators requested permits to fish the summer expanded commercial assessment (i.e. “commercial season”): two in MN-1, five in MN-2, and seven in MN-3 (Table 1). A total of 200,125 feet of net was set (Table 3). Lake Trout harvest in MN-1, MN-2, and MN-3 was 1,595 pounds, 5,282 pounds, and 10,703 pounds, for a total harvest of 17,580 pounds (Tables 9-11; Figure 4). Total harvest was the highest since the summer expanded commercial assessment was implemented. The overall CPUE was 87.8 pounds per 1,000 feet (Table 5).
- Lake Trout possession has always been allowed as bycatch in the Cisco, chub, and Round Whitefish fisheries and totaled 562 pounds (Tables 4 and 6; Figure 5). The bycatch of Lake Trout in 2025 was the lowest during the past 25 years.
- Several commercial operators in MN-2 and MN-3 assist annually in the May Lake Trout assessment survey under MNDNR permit; in 2025 there were three that participated (Table 1). They set 19,250 feet of net and caught 386 pounds of Lake Trout in MN-2 and 1,134 pounds in MN-3 for a total of 1,519 pounds and an overall CPUE of 78.9 pounds per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 3-5).
- One commercial operator in both MN-2 and MN-3 also assists every other year in a spawning Lake Trout assessment survey under MNDNR permit. The operator in MN-2 set 1,250 feet of net and caught 326 pounds of Lake Trout, while the operator in MN-3 set 2,750 feet of net and caught 914 pounds of Lake Trout. Collectively, they caught 310 pounds per 1,000 of net (Tables 3-5).
- The estimated gross market value of all harvested Lake Trout in the round was \$21,946.13 (Table 2).

### **Round Whitefish**

- Nine operators set 32,200 feet of net and caught 2,604 pounds of Round Whitefish for a CPUE of 80.9 pounds per 1,000 feet of net (Tables 3-6; Figure 6).

### **Other species**

- Relatively little biomass of other species was retained in commercial operations. There were 301 pounds of Lake Whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) and 458 pounds of Siscowet harvested for the year (Table 2).

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**Table 1. License summary of the commercial fishery by statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2025.**

| <u>Item</u>                            | <u>MN-1</u> | <u>MN-2</u> | <u>MN-3</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Number of operators                    | 3           | 8           | 14          | 25           |
| Number of apprentices                  | 1           | 1           | 1           | 3            |
| Cisco net licensed (feet) <sup>1</sup> | 3,300       | 12,300      | 20,900      | 36,500       |
| Chub net licensed (feet) <sup>2</sup>  | 0           | 2,000       | 1,000       | 3,000        |
| Pound nets (number)                    | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            |
| Trap nets (number)                     | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0            |
| Round Whitefish permits                | 0           | 4           | 5           | 9            |
| November Cisco permits                 | 2           | 5           | 8           | 15           |
| Lake Trout assessment permits          |             |             |             |              |
| May                                    | 0           | 2           | 1           | 3            |
| Commercial                             | 2           | 5           | 7           | 14           |
| Spawning                               | 0           | 1           | 1           | 2            |

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

<sup>2</sup> 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, 2025. Prices are in the round, before handling and processing adds value.**

| Species                          | MN-1  | MN-2   | MN-3    | Total   | Average Price/lb | Approximate Value   |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------|---------|---------|------------------|---------------------|
| Cisco                            | 2,202 | 38,774 | 296,040 | 337,016 | \$0.59           | <b>\$198,839.44</b> |
| Chubs                            | 0     | 0      | 94      | 94      | \$0.50           | <b>\$47.00</b>      |
| Smelt                            | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0       | N/A              | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
| <u>Lake trout</u>                |       |        |         |         |                  |                     |
| Cisco net <sup>1</sup>           | 8     | 227    | 280     | 515     | \$1.05           | \$540.80            |
| Chub net <sup>2</sup>            | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0       | \$1.05           | \$0.00              |
| Round Whitefish net <sup>3</sup> | 0     | 0      | 47      | 47      | \$1.05           | \$49.35             |
| Assessment <sup>4</sup>          | 0     | 712    | 2,048   | 2,759   | \$1.05           | \$2,897.38          |
| Commercial <sup>5</sup>          | 1,595 | 5,282  | 10,703  | 17,580  | \$1.05           | <u>\$18,458.60</u>  |
| Total                            | 1,603 | 6,221  | 13,077  | 20,901  |                  | <b>\$21,946.13</b>  |
| <u>Siscowet</u>                  |       |        |         |         |                  |                     |
| Cisco net <sup>1</sup>           | 0     | 2      | 0       | 2       | \$1.05           | \$2.10              |
| Chub net <sup>2</sup>            | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0       | \$1.05           | \$0.00              |
| Assessment <sup>4</sup>          | 0     | 23     | 65      | 88      | \$1.05           | \$92.03             |
| Commercial <sup>5</sup>          | 0     | 157    | 212     | 368     | \$1.05           | <u>\$386.61</u>     |
| Total                            | 0     | 182    | 276     | 458     |                  | <b>\$480.74</b>     |
| Round whitefish                  | 0     | 1,112  | 1,492   | 2,604   | \$0.55           | <b>\$1,432.20</b>   |
| Suckers                          | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0       | N/A              | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
| Burbot                           | 0     | 0      | 0       | 0       | N/A              | <b>\$0.00</b>       |
| Lake Whitefish                   | 33    | 99     | 169     | 301     | \$1.14           | <b>\$343.35</b>     |
|                                  |       |        |         |         | Total            | <b>\$223,088.86</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Bycatch in Cisco nets

<sup>2</sup> Bycatch in chub nets

<sup>3</sup> Bycatch in Round Whitefish nets

<sup>4</sup> Taken under permit during Lake Trout assessment netting operations

<sup>5</sup> Expanded commercial assessment

**Table 3. Reported fishing effort (feet of net) by gear type and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2025. Effort is not corrected for soak time.**

| District         | 2.25 - 2.75 inch stretch                     |          | 3.0 inch stretch    | Lake Trout                           |                                       |                                        | Pound        | Trap         |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                  | Cisco Net                                    | Chub Net | Round Whitefish Net | 4.5 inch stretch<br>May <sup>3</sup> | 5.5 inch stretch<br>Com. <sup>4</sup> | 5.5 inch stretch<br>Spawn <sup>5</sup> | Net<br>Lifts | Net<br>Lifts |
| MN-1             | 16,650 <sup>1</sup><br>2,850 <sup>2</sup>    | 0        | 0                   |                                      | 15,500                                |                                        |              |              |
| Sub-total        | 19,500                                       |          |                     |                                      |                                       |                                        |              |              |
| MN-2             | 89,115 <sup>1</sup><br>59,350 <sup>2</sup>   | 0        | 8,800               | 8,000                                | 62,375                                | 1,250                                  |              |              |
| Sub-total        | 148,465                                      |          |                     |                                      |                                       |                                        |              |              |
| MN-3             | 553,410 <sup>1</sup><br>166,850 <sup>2</sup> | 4,000    | 23,400              | 11,250                               | 122,250                               | 2,750                                  |              |              |
| Sub-total        | 720,260                                      |          |                     |                                      |                                       |                                        |              |              |
| <u>Shorewide</u> | 659,175 <sup>1</sup><br>229,050 <sup>2</sup> |          |                     |                                      |                                       |                                        |              |              |
| Total            | 888,225                                      | 4,000    | 32,200              | 19,250                               | 200,125                               | 4,000                                  | 0            | 0            |

<sup>1</sup> Traditional Cisco season, excludes November

<sup>2</sup> November Cisco season

<sup>3</sup> May Lake Trout assessment permit

<sup>4</sup> Expanded commercial Lake Trout assessment

<sup>5</sup> Lake Trout spawning assessment permit

#### 4. Harvest (pounds) of major species by gear type and statistical district in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2025.

| District         |                 | 2.25 - 2.75 inch stretch |          | 3.0 inch stretch | Lake Trout       |                   |                    | Pound Net | Trap Net |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------|
|                  |                 | Cisco Net                | Chub Net | Round Whitefish  | 4.5 inch stretch |                   | 5.5 inch stretch   |           |          |
|                  |                 |                          |          |                  | May <sup>5</sup> | Com. <sup>6</sup> | Spawn <sup>7</sup> |           |          |
| MN-1             | Cisco           | 1,502 <sup>1</sup>       |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  |                 | 700 <sup>2</sup>         |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Sub-total       | 2,202                    |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Chub            |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Smelt           |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Lake Whitefish  |                          |          |                  |                  |                   | 33                 |           |          |
|                  | Lake trout      | 8 <sup>3</sup>           |          |                  |                  | 1,595             |                    |           |          |
|                  | Siscowet        | 0 <sup>3</sup>           |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
| MN-2             | Cisco           | 16,548 <sup>1</sup>      |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  |                 | 22,226 <sup>2</sup>      |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Sub-total       | 38,774                   |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Chub            |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Lake Whitefish  |                          |          |                  |                  |                   | 99                 |           |          |
|                  | Lake trout      | 227 <sup>3</sup>         |          |                  | 386              | 5,282             | 326                |           |          |
|                  | Siscowet        | 2 <sup>3</sup>           |          |                  | 23               | 157               |                    |           |          |
|                  | Round Whitefish |                          |          | 1,112            |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
| MN-3             | Cisco           | 145,466 <sup>1</sup>     |          | 115 <sup>4</sup> |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  |                 | 150,574 <sup>2</sup>     |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Sub-total       | 296,040                  |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Chub            |                          | 94       |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Lake Whitefish  |                          |          |                  | 28               | 141               |                    |           |          |
|                  | Lake trout      | 280 <sup>3</sup>         |          | 47 <sup>4</sup>  | 1,134            | 10,703            | 914                |           |          |
|                  | Siscowet        | 0 <sup>3</sup>           |          |                  | 65               | 212               |                    |           |          |
|                  | Round Whitefish |                          |          | 1,492            |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
| <u>Shorewide</u> |                 |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Cisco           | 163,516 <sup>1</sup>     |          | 115 <sup>4</sup> |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  |                 | 173,500 <sup>2</sup>     |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Total           | 337,016                  |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Chub            |                          | 94       |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |           |          |
|                  | Lake Whitefish  |                          |          |                  | 28               | 273               |                    |           |          |
|                  | Lake trout      | 515 <sup>3</sup>         |          | 47 <sup>4</sup>  | 1,519            | 17,580            | 1,240              |           |          |
|                  | Siscowet        | 2 <sup>3</sup>           |          |                  | 88               | 368               |                    |           |          |
|                  | Round Whitefish |                          |          | 2,604            |                  |                   |                    |           |          |

<sup>1</sup> Traditional Cisco season, excludes November

<sup>2</sup> November Cisco season

<sup>3</sup> Bycatch of Lake Trout and Siscowet in Cisco nets

<sup>4</sup> Bycatch in Round Whitefish nets

<sup>5</sup> May Lake Trout assessment permit

<sup>6</sup> Expanded commercial Lake Trout assessment

<sup>7</sup> 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, 2025.**

|                 |                 | 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 | Trap |
| District        |                 | Cisco Net                | Chub Net | Round Whitefish  | May <sup>5</sup> | Com. <sup>6</sup> | Spawn <sup>7</sup> | Net   | Net  |
| MN-1            | Cisco           | 90.2 <sup>1</sup>        |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 |                 | 245.6 <sup>2</sup>       |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Sub-total       | 112.9                    |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Chub            |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Smelt           |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake Whitefish  |                          |          |                  |                  | 2.1               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake trout      | 0.4 <sup>3</sup>         |          |                  |                  | 102.9             |                    |       |      |
|                 | Siscowet        |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
| Round Whitefish |                 |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
| MN-2            | Cisco           | 185.7 <sup>1</sup>       |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 |                 | 374.5 <sup>2</sup>       |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Sub-total       | 261.2                    |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Chub            |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake whitefish  |                          |          |                  |                  | 1.6               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake trout      | 1.5 <sup>3</sup>         |          |                  | 48.2             | 84.7              | 261.0              |       |      |
|                 | Siscowet        |                          |          |                  | 2.9              | 2.5               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Round Whitefish |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
| MN-3            | Cisco           | 262.9 <sup>1</sup>       |          | 4.9 <sup>4</sup> |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 |                 | 902.5 <sup>2</sup>       |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Sub-total       | 411.0                    |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Chub            |                          | 23.5     |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake whitefish  |                          |          |                  | 2.5              | 1.2               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake trout      | 0.4 <sup>3</sup>         |          | 2.0 <sup>4</sup> | 100.8            | 87.5              | 332.3              |       |      |
|                 | Siscowet        |                          |          |                  | 5.8              | 1.7               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Round Whitefish |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
| Shorewide       |                 |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Cisco           | 248.1 <sup>1</sup>       |          | 3.6 <sup>4</sup> |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 |                 | 757.5 <sup>2</sup>       |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Total           | 379.4                    |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Chub            |                          | 23.5     |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Burbot          |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Suckers         |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake whitefish  |                          |          |                  | 1.4              | 1.4               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Lake trout      | 0.6 <sup>3</sup>         |          | 1.5 <sup>4</sup> | 78.9             | 87.8              | 310.0              |       |      |
|                 | Siscowet        |                          |          |                  | 4.6              | 1.8               |                    |       |      |
|                 | Round Whitefish |                          |          |                  |                  |                   |                    |       |      |

<sup>1</sup> Traditional Cisco season, excludes November

<sup>2</sup> November Cisco assessment

<sup>3</sup> Bycatch of Lake Trout and Siscowet in Cisco nets

<sup>4</sup> Bycatch in Round Whitefish nets

<sup>5</sup> May Lake Trout assessment permit

<sup>6</sup> Expanded commercial Lake Trout assessment

<sup>7</sup> 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, 2025.**

| Month                   | Cisco          | Chub      | Smelt    | Sucker   | Burbot   | Round<br>Whitefish | Lake Trout |              |               | Siscowet |             |            | Lake Whitefish |             |            |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
|                         |                |           |          |          |          |                    | Bycatch    | Permit Com.  |               | Bycatch  | Permit Com. |            | Bycatch        | Permit Com. |            |
| MN-1 January            |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| February                |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| March                   |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| April                   |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| May                     |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| June                    | 195            |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              | 376           |          |             |            |                |             | 10         |
| July                    | 620            |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              | 83            |          |             |            |                |             | 18         |
| August                  | 422            |           |          |          |          |                    | 3          |              | 520           |          |             |            |                |             | 6          |
| September               |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              | 616           |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| October                 | 265            |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| November                | 700            |           |          |          |          |                    | 5          |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| December                |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>2,202</b>   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>           | <b>8</b>   | <b>0</b>     | <b>1,595</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>    | <b>33</b>  |
| MN-2 January            |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| February                |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| March                   |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| April                   |                |           |          |          |          | 635                |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| May                     |                |           |          |          |          | 455                |            | 386          |               |          | 23          |            |                |             |            |
| June                    |                |           |          |          |          | 22                 |            |              | 1,195         |          |             | 53         |                |             | 7          |
| July                    | 1,389          |           |          |          |          |                    | 20         |              | 337           |          |             | 51         |                |             | 22         |
| August                  | 2,590          |           |          |          |          |                    | 16         |              | 1,663         |          |             |            |                |             | 44         |
| September               | 1,134          |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              | 2,087         |          |             | 53         |                |             | 27         |
| October                 | 9,929          |           |          |          |          |                    | 82         | 297          |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| November                | 22,226         |           |          |          |          |                    | 96         | 30           |               | 2        |             |            |                |             |            |
| December                | 1,506          |           |          |          |          |                    | 14         |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>38,774</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,112</b>       | <b>227</b> | <b>712</b>   | <b>5,282</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>23</b>   | <b>157</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>    | <b>99</b>  |
| MN-3 January            |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| February                |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| March                   |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| April                   | 238            |           |          |          |          | 657                | 19         |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| May                     | 191            |           |          |          |          | 459                | 16         | 1,134        |               |          | 65          |            |                | 28          |            |
| June                    | 13,938         |           |          |          |          | 200                | 37         |              | 2,279         |          |             | 43         |                |             | 24         |
| July                    | 10,280         | 94        |          |          |          |                    | 11         |              | 1,680         |          |             | 20         |                |             | 29         |
| August                  | 11,522         |           |          |          |          |                    | 7          |              | 3,261         |          |             | 66         |                |             | 55         |
| September               | 10,465         |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              | 3,483         |          |             | 83         |                |             | 34         |
| October                 | 97,600         |           |          |          |          |                    | 133        | 530          |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| November                | 150,574        |           |          |          |          | 23                 | 102        | 384          |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| December                | 1,232          |           |          |          |          | 153                |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| <b>Totals</b>           | <b>296,040</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,492</b>       | <b>327</b> | <b>2,048</b> | <b>10,703</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>65</b>   | <b>212</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>28</b>   | <b>141</b> |
| <b><u>Shorewide</u></b> |                |           |          |          |          |                    |            |              |               |          |             |            |                |             |            |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>337,016</b> | <b>94</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2,604</b>       | <b>562</b> | <b>2,759</b> | <b>17,580</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>88</b>   | <b>368</b> | <b>0</b>       | <b>28</b>   | <b>273</b> |

**Table 7. Effort, harvest, and catch per unit effort (CPUE) of Cisco by statistical district and permit holder during November 2025 in the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior. Data from state-licensed operators who fished Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior 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 |                    |                |             |                     |
|                  | <u>18</u>               | 1303 | 2,850              | 700            | 19          | 246                 |
|                  | <b>Subtotal</b>         |      | <b>2,850</b>       | <b>700</b>     | <b>19</b>   | <b>246</b>          |
| MN-2             | <u>7</u>                | 1205 | 6,250              | 760            | 15          | 122                 |
|                  | <u>45</u>               | 1205 | 13,800             | 2152           | 19          | 156                 |
|                  | <u>62</u>               | 1106 | 25,800             | 13589          | 23          | 527                 |
|                  | <u>201</u>              | 1205 | 10,200             | 3656           | 13          | 358                 |
|                  | <u>202</u>              | 1106 | 3,300              | 2069           | 11          | 627                 |
|                  | <b>Subtotal</b>         |      | <b>59,350</b>      | <b>22,226</b>  | <b>81</b>   | <b>374</b>          |
| MN-3             | <u>9</u> <sup>G</sup>   | 715  | 200                | 180            | 2           | 900                 |
|                  | <u>20</u>               | 714  | 34,500             | 28840          | 23          | 836                 |
|                  | <u>21</u>               | 714  | 4,800              | 2,210          | 4           | 460                 |
|                  | <u>22</u> <sup>G</sup>  | 715  | 2,000              | 3760           | 2           | 1,880               |
|                  | <u>301</u> <sup>G</sup> | 716  | 19,600             | 29430          | 28          | 1,502               |
|                  | <u>303</u>              | 714  | 72,500             | 43240          | 25          | 596                 |
|                  | <u>304</u>              | 811  | 11,500             | 15750          | 23          | 1,370               |
|                  | <u>305</u>              | 812  | 4,500              | 4200           | 9           | 933                 |
|                  | <u>306</u>              | 811  | 10,500             | 15000          | 21          | 1,429               |
|                  | <u>310</u>              | 813  | 6,750              | 7964           | 12          | 1,180               |
|                  | <b>Subtotal</b>         |      | <b>166,850</b>     | <b>150,574</b> | <b>149</b>  | <b>902</b>          |
| <b>Shorewide</b> |                         |      |                    |                |             |                     |
|                  | <b>Total</b>            |      | <b>229,050</b>     | <b>173,500</b> | <b>249</b>  | <b>757</b>          |

<sup>G</sup> operators whose harvest was from Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior 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, 2025. Harvest in Grand Portage waters is excluded from TAC calculations. Data from state-licensed operators who fished in Grand Portage Band of Chippewa waters during November is shown.**

| 10% of Shorewide<br>Biomass<br>Estimate | December<br>2024<br>Harvest | Jan-Oct <sup>1</sup><br>2025<br>Harvest | November<br>TAC       | % Area<br>of<br>District                                    | November<br>District<br>Quota |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 572,272                                 | 3,608                       | 131,526                                 | -----> <b>437,138</b> | 0.115 <b>MN-1</b><br>0.314 <b>MN-2</b><br>0.571 <b>MN-3</b> | 50,271<br>137,261<br>249,606  |
|                                         |                             |                                         |                       | <b>Total November TAC</b>                                   | <b>437,138</b>                |

| <b>MN-1</b> |                     | % of              | Feet of Net | % of Net | CPUE              | % of Nov         |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Season      | Pounds<br>Harvested | Annual<br>Harvest | Fished      | Fished   | lbs./1000<br>feet | TAC<br>Harvested |
| Fillet      | 1,502               | 68%               | 16,650      | 85%      | 90                |                  |
| Roe-Nov*    | 700                 | 32%               | 2,850       | 15%      | 246               | 1%               |
| Totals      | 2,202               |                   | 19,500      |          | 113               |                  |

\*MN-1 November TAC: 50,271

| <b>MN-2</b> |                     | % of              | Feet of Net | % of Net | CPUE              | % of Nov         |
|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Season      | Pounds<br>Harvested | Annual<br>Harvest | Fished      | Fished   | lbs./1000<br>feet | TAC<br>Harvested |
| Fillet      | 16,548              | 43%               | 89,115      | 60%      | 186               |                  |
| Roe-Nov*    | 22,226              | 57%               | 59,350      | 40%      | 374               | 16%              |
| Totals      | 38,774              |                   | 148,465     |          | 261               |                  |

\*MN-2 November TAC: 137,261

| <b>MN-3</b>          |                     | % of              | Feet of Net | % of Net | CPUE              | % of Nov         |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Season               | Pounds<br>Harvested | Annual<br>Harvest | Fished      | Fished   | lbs./1000<br>feet | TAC<br>Harvested |
| Fillet               | 145,466             | 49%               | 553,410     | 77%      | 263               |                  |
| Roe-Nov <sup>2</sup> | 117,204             | 40%               | 145,050     | 20%      | 808               | 47%              |
| Roe-Nov <sup>3</sup> | 33,370              | 11%               | 21,800      | 3%       | 1,531             |                  |
| Roe-Total            | 150,574             | 51%               | 166,850     | 23%      | 902               |                  |
| Totals               | 296,040             |                   | 720,260     |          | 411               |                  |

\*MN-3 November TAC: 249,606

| <b>Shorewide</b>     |                     | % of              | Feet of Net | % of Net | CPUE              | % of Nov         |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| Season               | Pounds<br>Harvested | Annual<br>Harvest | Fished      | Fished   | lbs./1000<br>feet | TAC<br>Harvested |
| Fillet               | 163,516             | 49%               | 659,175     | 74%      | 248               |                  |
| Roe-Nov <sup>2</sup> | 140,130             | 42%               | 207,250     | 23%      | 676               | 32%              |
| Roe-Nov <sup>3</sup> | 33,370              | 10%               | 21,800      | 2%       | 1,531             |                  |
| Roe-Total            | 173,500             | 51%               | 229,050     | 26%      | 757               |                  |
| Totals               | 337,016             |                   | 888,225     |          | 379               |                  |

<sup>1</sup> harvest from October of the current year is not available at the time of quota setting, so the previous year's

October harvest is used

<sup>2</sup> commercial operators fishing under State of Minnesota November permits and quotas

<sup>3</sup> 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, 2025.**

|                                               | Feet<br>of Net<br>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 |
| <b><u>Permittee 13 Grid 1303</u></b>          |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                          | 2,500                    | 27         | 10.8     | 118          | 47.1  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  | 1              | 0.4      | 5            | 2.0  |
| 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  |
|                                               | 2,500                    | 27         | 10.8     | 118          | 47.1  | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 1              | 0.4      | 5            | 2.0  |
| <b><u>Permittee 18 Grid 1303</u></b>          |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                          | 3,500                    | 51         | 14.6     | 259          | 73.9  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  | 1              | 0.3      | 5            | 1.3  |
| July                                          | 1,500                    | 12         | 8.0      | 83           | 55.5  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  | 3              | 2.0      | 18           | 11.8 |
| August                                        | 4,000                    | 87         | 21.8     | 520          | 129.9 |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  | 1              | 0.3      | 6            | 1.4  |
| Sept                                          | 4,000                    | 105        | 26.3     | 616          | 154.0 |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
|                                               | 13,000                   | 255        | 19.6     | 1,477        | 113.6 | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 5              | 0.4      | 28           | 2.1  |
| <b><u>Total effort and harvest in MN1</u></b> |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                          | 6,000                    | 78         | 13.0     | 376          | 62.7  | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 2              | 0.3      | 10           | 1.6  |
| July                                          | 1,500                    | 12         | 8.0      | 83           | 55.5  | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 3              | 2.0      | 18           | 11.8 |
| August                                        | 4,000                    | 87         | 21.8     | 520          | 129.9 | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 1              | 0.3      | 6            | 1.4  |
| Sept                                          | 4,000                    | 105        | 26.3     | 616          | 154.0 | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 0              | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  |
| Totals                                        | 15,500                   | 282        | 18.2     | 1,595        | 102.9 | 0        | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  | 6              | 0.4      | 33           | 2.1  |

**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, 2025.**

|                                       | Feet<br>of Net<br>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 |
| <b><u>Permittee 45 Grid 1105</u></b>  |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                  |                          |            | 0.0      |              | 0.0   |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| July                                  | 2,200                    | 11         | 5.0      | 33           | 14.9  | 11       | 5.0      | 34           | 15.3 |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| August                                |                          |            | 0.0      |              | 0.0   |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| Sept                                  | 1,200                    | 24         | 20.0     | 138          | 114.8 | 3        | 2.5      | 11           | 9.3  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
|                                       | 3,400                    | 35         | 10.3     | 171          | 50.2  | 14       | 4.1      | 45           | 13.1 | 0              | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  |
| <b><u>Permittee 62 Grid 1106</u></b>  |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                  | 4,000                    | 36         | 9.0      | 147          | 36.8  | 11       | 2.8      | 33           | 8.2  |                | 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                                  | 5,000                    | 34         | 6.8      | 155          | 31.0  | 6        | 1.2      | 23           | 4.6  | 1              | 0.2      | 3.6          | 0.7  |
|                                       | 9,000                    | 70         | 7.8      | 302          | 33.6  | 17       | 1.9      | 56           | 6.2  | 1              | 0.1      | 4            | 0.4  |
| <b><u>Permittee 201 Grid 1205</u></b> |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                  |                          |            | 0.0      |              | 0.0   |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| July                                  | 1,000                    | 2          | 2.0      | 9            | 9.0   | 6        | 6.0      | 18           | 17.8 |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| August                                |                          |            | 0.0      |              | 0.0   |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| Sept                                  | 600                      | 18         | 30.0     | 83           | 138.6 | 1        | 1.7      | 3            | 5.3  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
|                                       | 1,600                    | 20         | 12.5     | 92           | 57.6  | 7        | 4.4      | 21           | 13.1 | 0              | 0.0      | 0            | 0.0  |
| <b><u>Permittee 202 Grid 1106</u></b> |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                  | 4,475                    | 38         | 8.5      | 157          | 35.1  | 4        | 0.9      | 16           | 3.6  |                | 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                                  | 4,000                    | 40         | 10.0     | 164          | 41.1  | 4        | 1.0      | 10           | 2.5  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
|                                       | 8,475                    | 78         | 9.2      | 322          | 37.9  | 8        | 0.9      | 26           | 3.1  | 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, 2025.**

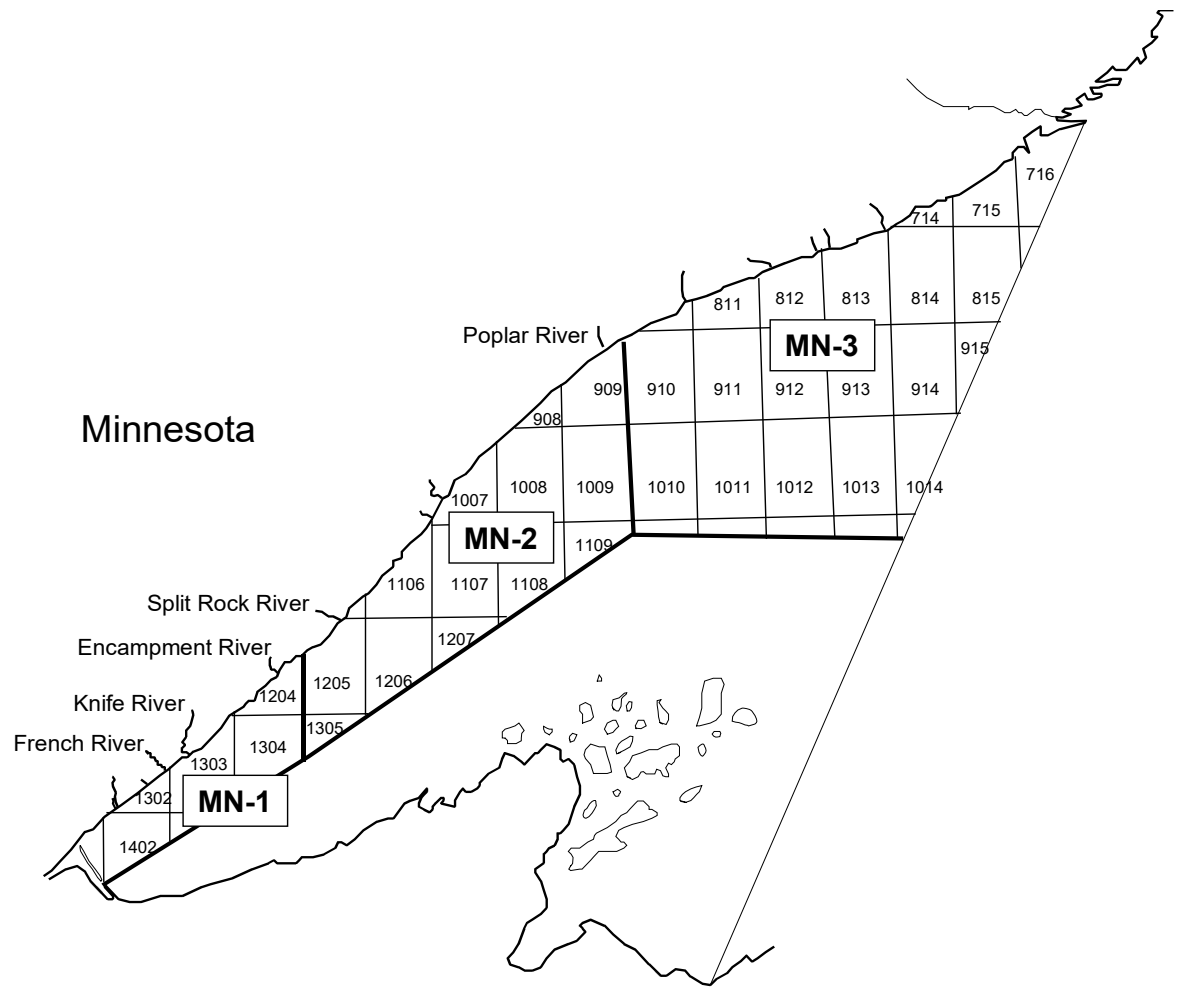
|                                                | Feet   | Lake Trout |          |        |              | Siscowet |          |        |              | Lake Whitefish |          |        |              |  |
|------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|--------------|----------|----------|--------|--------------|----------------|----------|--------|--------------|--|
|                                                | of Net |            | Number   |        | lbs./1000 ft |          | Number   |        | lbs./1000 ft |                | Number   |        | lbs./1000 ft |  |
|                                                | Fished | Number     | /1000 ft | Pounds | CPUE         | Number   | /1000 ft | Pounds | CPUE         | Number         | /1000 ft | Pounds | CPUE         |  |
| <b><u>Permittee 203 Grids 908&amp;1008</u></b> |        |            |          |        |              |          |          |        |              |                |          |        |              |  |
| June                                           | 13,800 | 204        | 14.8     | 890    | 64.5         | 1        | 0.1      | 4      | 0.3          | 2              | 0.1      | 7      | 0.5          |  |
| July                                           | 5,700  | 65         | 11.4     | 295    | 51.8         |          | 0.0      |        | 0.0          | 5              | 0.9      | 22     | 3.9          |  |
| August                                         | 9,600  | 320        | 33.3     | 1663   | 173.2        |          | 0.0      |        | 0.0          | 8              | 0.8      | 44     | 4.5          |  |
| Sept                                           | 10,800 | 309        | 28.6     | 1547   | 143.2        | 1        | 0.1      | 6      | 0.5          | 5              | 0.5      | 23     | 2.1          |  |
|                                                | 39,900 | 898        | 22.5     | 4,395  | 110.2        | 2        | 0.1      | 10     | 0.2          | 20             | 0.5      | 96     | 2.4          |  |
| <b><u>Total effort and harvest in MN2</u></b>  |        |            |          |        |              |          |          |        |              |                |          |        |              |  |
| June                                           | 22,275 | 278        | 12.5     | 1,195  | 53.6         | 16       | 0.7      | 53     | 2.4          | 2              | 0.1      | 7      | 0.3          |  |
| July                                           | 8,900  | 78         | 8.8      | 337    | 37.9         | 17       | 1.9      | 51     | 5.8          | 5              | 0.6      | 22     | 2.5          |  |
| August                                         | 9,600  | 320        | 33.3     | 1,663  | 173.2        | 0        | 0.0      | 0      | 0.0          | 8              | 0.8      | 44     | 4.5          |  |
| Sept                                           | 21,600 | 425        | 19.7     | 2,087  | 96.6         | 15       | 0.7      | 53     | 2.4          | 6              | 0.3      | 27     | 1.2          |  |
| Totals                                         | 62,375 | 1,101      | 17.7     | 5,282  | 84.7         | 48       | 0.8      | 157    | 2.5          | 21             | 0.3      | 99     | 1.6          |  |

**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, 2025.**

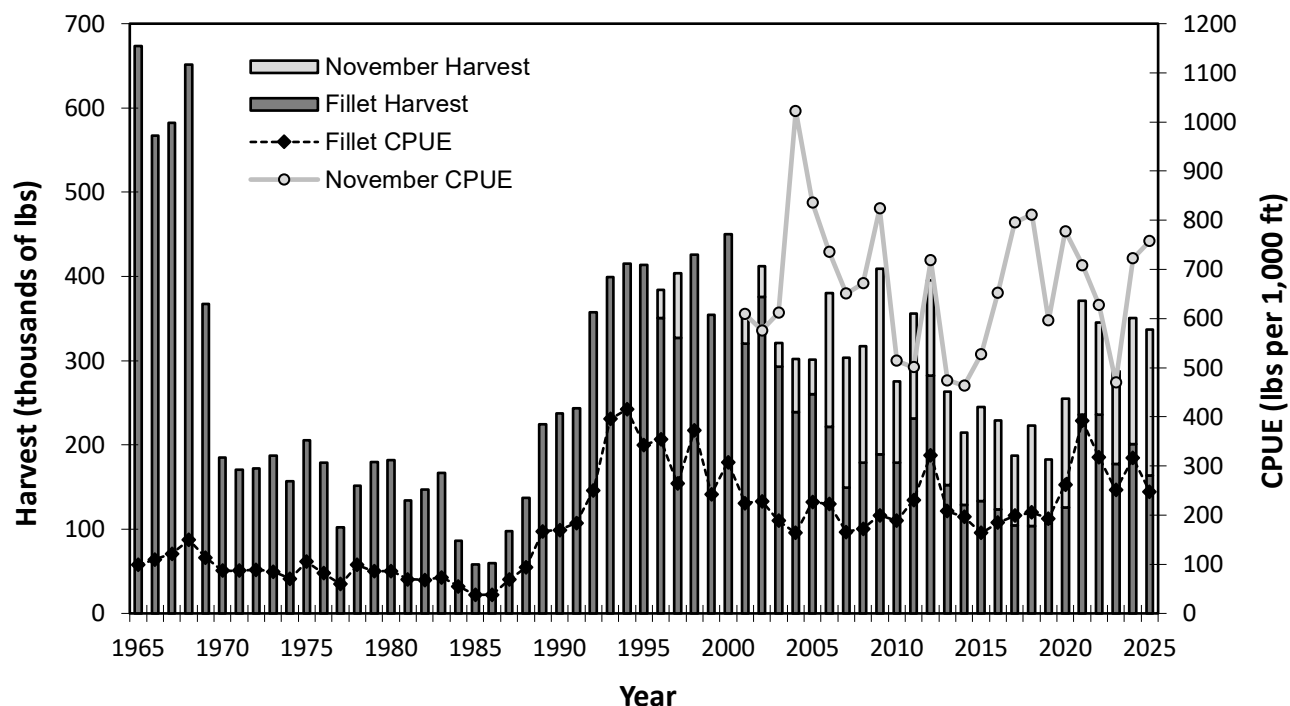
|                                      | Feet<br>of Net<br>Fished | Lake Trout |          |              |       | Siscowet |          |              |      | Lake Whitefish |          |              |      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|--------------|-------|----------|----------|--------------|------|----------------|----------|--------------|------|
|                                      |                          | 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 |
| <b><u>Permittee 20 Grid 812</u></b>  |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                 | 5,250                    | 122        | 23.2     | 461          | 87.8  | 3        | 0.6      | 7            | 1.2  | 1              | 0.2      | 3            | 0.5  |
| July                                 | 3,000                    | 123        | 41.0     | 384          | 128.2 | 2        | 0.7      | 4            | 1.4  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| August                               | 4,500                    | 125        | 27.8     | 420          | 93.3  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| Sept                                 | 3,750                    | 125        | 33.3     | 581          | 155.0 |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
|                                      | 16,500                   | 495        | 30.0     | 1,847        | 111.9 | 5        | 0.3      | 11           | 0.7  | 1              | 0.1      | 3            | 0.2  |
| <b><u>Permittee 21 Grid 714</u></b>  |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                 | 3,600                    | 39         | 10.8     | 176          | 48.8  | 3        | 0.8      | 12           | 3.4  | 2              | 0.6      | 9            | 2.6  |
| July                                 | 1,200                    | 6          | 5.0      | 27           | 22.3  | 2        | 1.7      | 5            | 4.3  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| August                               | 1,200                    | 21         | 17.5     | 90           | 75.3  | 6        | 5.0      | 19           | 16.1 | 3              | 2.5      | 14           | 11.3 |
| Sept                                 | 6,000                    | 37         | 6.2      | 146          | 24.4  | 32       | 5.3      | 77           | 12.8 |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
|                                      | 12,000                   | 103        | 8.6      | 439          | 36.6  | 43       | 3.6      | 113          | 9.4  | 5              | 0.4      | 23           | 1.9  |
| <b><u>Permittee 303 Grid 714</u></b> |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                 | 4,500                    | 84         | 18.7     | 265          | 58.9  | 3        | 0.7      | 14           | 3.2  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| July                                 | 5,250                    | 118        | 22.5     | 386          | 73.5  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  | 5              | 1.0      | 15           | 2.8  |
| August                               | 6,000                    | 167        | 27.8     | 594          | 99.1  | 3        | 0.5      | 7            | 1.2  | 1              | 0.2      | 6            | 1.0  |
| Sept                                 | 5,250                    | 125        | 23.8     | 521          | 99.2  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  | 2              | 0.4      | 8            | 1.6  |
|                                      | 21,000                   | 494        | 23.5     | 1,766        | 84.1  | 6        | 0.3      | 22           | 1.0  | 8              | 0.4      | 29           | 1.4  |
| <b><u>Permittee 304 Grid 811</u></b> |                          |            |          |              |       |          |          |              |      |                |          |              |      |
| June                                 | 6,750                    | 123        | 18.2     | 536          | 79.4  |          | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |                | 0.0      |              | 0.0  |
| July                                 | 5,250                    | 122        | 23.2     | 354          | 67.4  | 2        | 0.4      | 7            | 1.2  | 2              | 0.4      | 4            | 0.8  |
| August                               | 4,500                    | 123        | 27.3     | 527          | 117.1 | 3        | 0.7      | 14           | 3.1  | 1              | 0.2      | 2            | 0.5  |
| Sept                                 | 4,500                    | 125        | 27.8     | 576          | 127.9 | 2        | 0.4      | 6            | 1.4  | 4              | 0.9      | 16           | 3.6  |
|                                      | 21,000                   | 493        | 23.5     | 1,993        | 94.9  | 7        | 0.3      | 27           | 1.3  | 7              | 0.3      | 23           | 1.1  |

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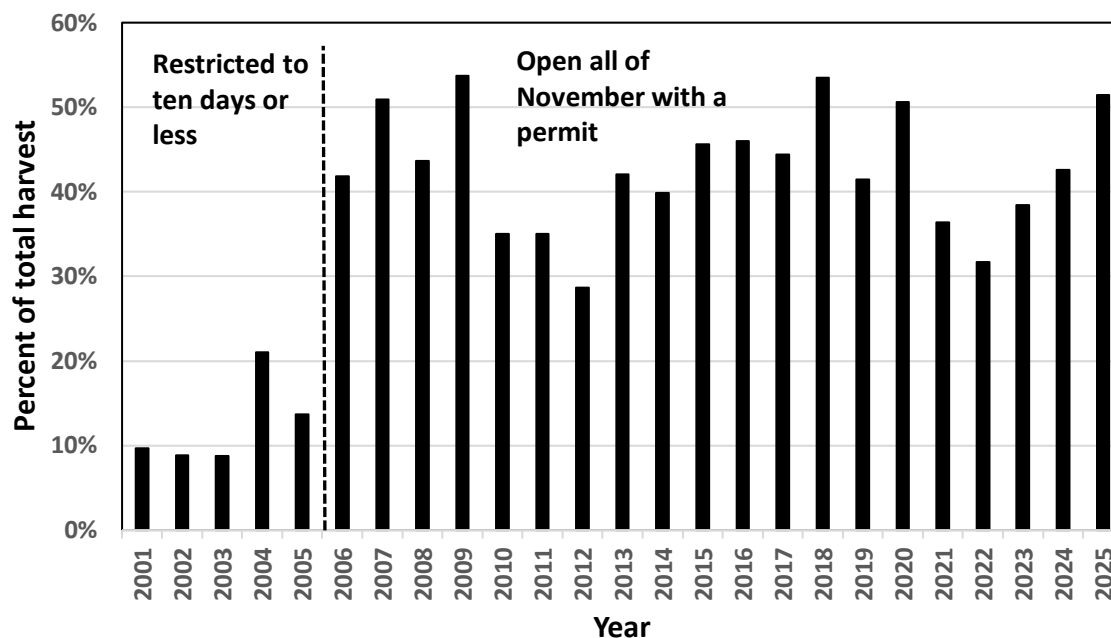
|                                        | Feet<br>of Net<br>Fished | Lake Trout |                    |        |                      | Siscowet |                    |        |                      | Lake Whitefish |                    |        |                      |  |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|--------|----------------------|--|
|                                        |                          | Number     | Number<br>/1000 ft | Pounds | lbs./1000 ft<br>CPUE | Number   | Number<br>/1000 ft | Pounds | lbs./1000 ft<br>CPUE | Number         | Number<br>/1000 ft | Pounds | lbs./1000 ft<br>CPUE |  |
| <b>Permittee 305 Grid 814</b>          |                          |            |                    |        |                      |          |                    |        |                      |                |                    |        |                      |  |
| June                                   | 6,000                    | 123        | 20.5               | 494    | 82.3                 | 2        | 0.3                | 5      | 0.9                  | 1              | 0.2                | 5      | 0.9                  |  |
| July                                   | 2,250                    | 26         | 11.6               | 80     | 35.7                 |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |                | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |  |
| August                                 | 7,500                    | 186        | 24.8               | 782    | 104.3                |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  | 6              | 0.8                | 24     | 3.2                  |  |
| Sept                                   | 6,000                    | 161        | 26.8               | 828    | 138.1                |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  | 2              | 0.3                | 10     | 1.6                  |  |
|                                        | 21,750                   | 496        | 22.8               | 2,185  | 100.5                | 2        | 0.1                | 5      | 0.2                  | 9              | 0.4                | 39     | 1.8                  |  |
| <b>Permittee 306 Grid 811</b>          |                          |            |                    |        |                      |          |                    |        |                      |                |                    |        |                      |  |
| June                                   | 5,250                    | 88         | 16.8               | 347    | 66.1                 | 2        | 0.4                | 5      | 0.9                  | 2              | 0.4                | 7      | 1.3                  |  |
| July                                   | 5,250                    | 74         | 14.1               | 268    | 51.0                 |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  | 4              | 0.8                | 10     | 1.9                  |  |
| August                                 | 6,750                    | 176        | 26.1               | 713    | 105.7                | 5        | 0.7                | 16     | 2.4                  | 2              | 0.3                | 9      | 1.3                  |  |
| Sept                                   | 5,250                    | 155        | 29.5               | 831    | 158.2                |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |                | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |  |
|                                        | 22,500                   | 493        | 21.9               | 2,159  | 95.9                 | 7        | 0.3                | 21     | 0.9                  | 8              | 0.4                | 25     | 1.1                  |  |
| <b>Permittee 310 Grid 814</b>          |                          |            |                    |        |                      |          |                    |        |                      |                |                    |        |                      |  |
| June                                   |                          |            | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |                | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |  |
| July                                   | 6,000                    | 52         | 8.7                | 181    | 30.1                 | 2        | 0.3                | 4      | 0.6                  |                | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |  |
| August                                 | 1,500                    | 31         | 20.7               | 134    | 89.3                 | 3        | 2.0                | 9      | 5.9                  |                | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |  |
| Sept                                   |                          |            | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |          | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |                | 0.0                |        | 0.0                  |  |
|                                        | 7,500                    | 83         | 11.1               | 315    | 42.0                 | 5        | 0.7                | 13     | 1.7                  | 0              | 0.0                | 0      | 0.0                  |  |
| <b>Total effort and harvest in MN3</b> |                          |            |                    |        |                      |          |                    |        |                      |                |                    |        |                      |  |
| June                                   | 31,350                   | 579        | 18.5               | 2,279  | 72.7                 | 13       | 0.4                | 43     | 1.4                  | 6              | 0.2                | 24     | 0.8                  |  |
| July                                   | 28,200                   | 521        | 18.5               | 1,680  | 59.6                 | 8        | 0.3                | 20     | 0.7                  | 11             | 0.4                | 29     | 1.0                  |  |
| August                                 | 31,950                   | 829        | 25.9               | 3,261  | 102.1                | 20       | 0.6                | 66     | 2.1                  | 13             | 0.4                | 55     | 1.7                  |  |
| Sept                                   | 30,750                   | 728        | 23.7               | 3,483  | 113.3                | 34       | 1.1                | 83     | 2.7                  | 8              | 0.3                | 34     | 1.1                  |  |
| Totals                                 | 122,250                  | 2,657      | 21.7               | 10,703 | 87.5                 | 75       | 0.6                | 212    | 1.7                  | 38             | 0.3                | 141    | 1.2                  |  |



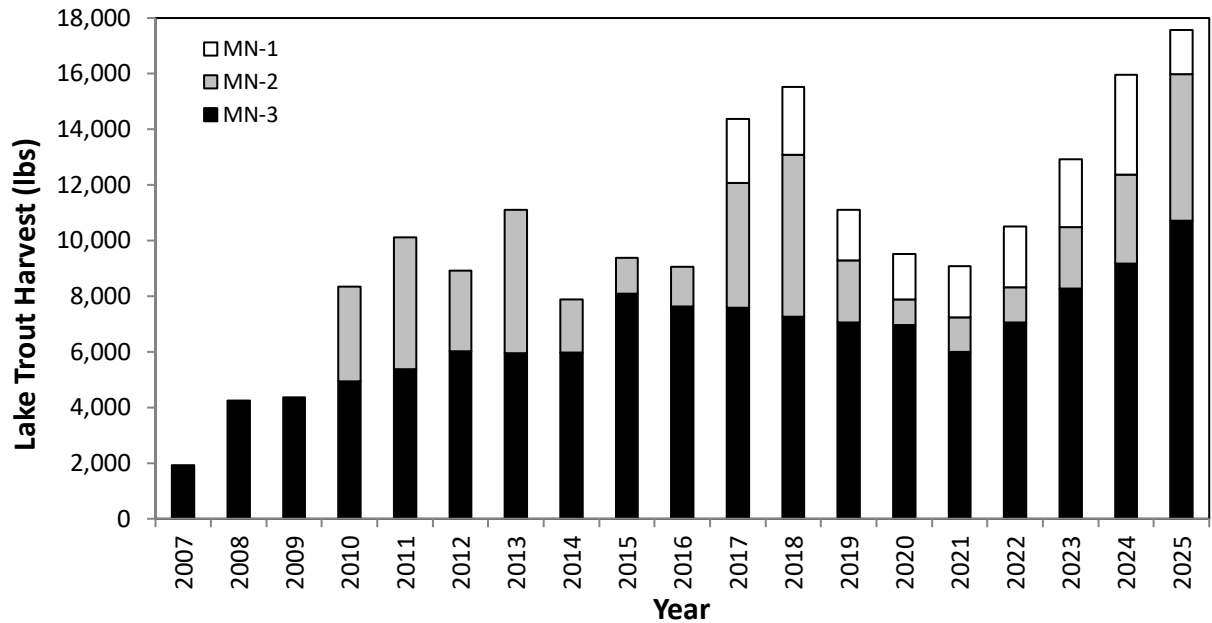
**Figure 1. Statistical reporting districts and grids, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior.**



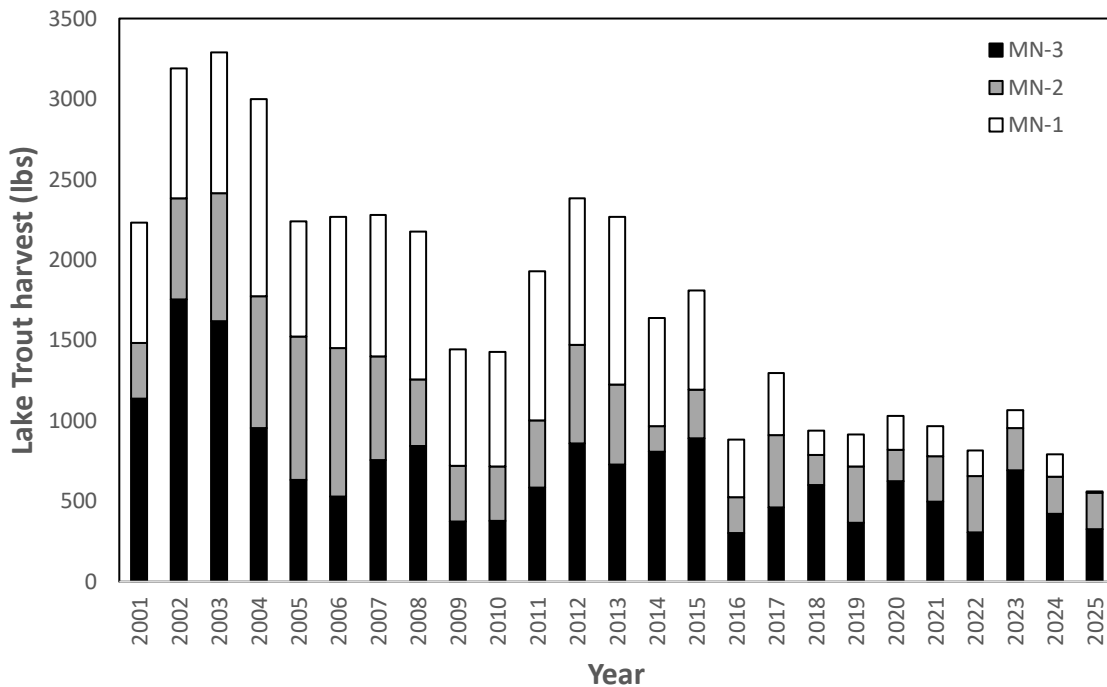
**Figure 2. Cisco harvest and catch per unit effort (CPUE) in the commercial gill net fishery, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 1965-2025. Harvest has been restricted in November since 1973.**



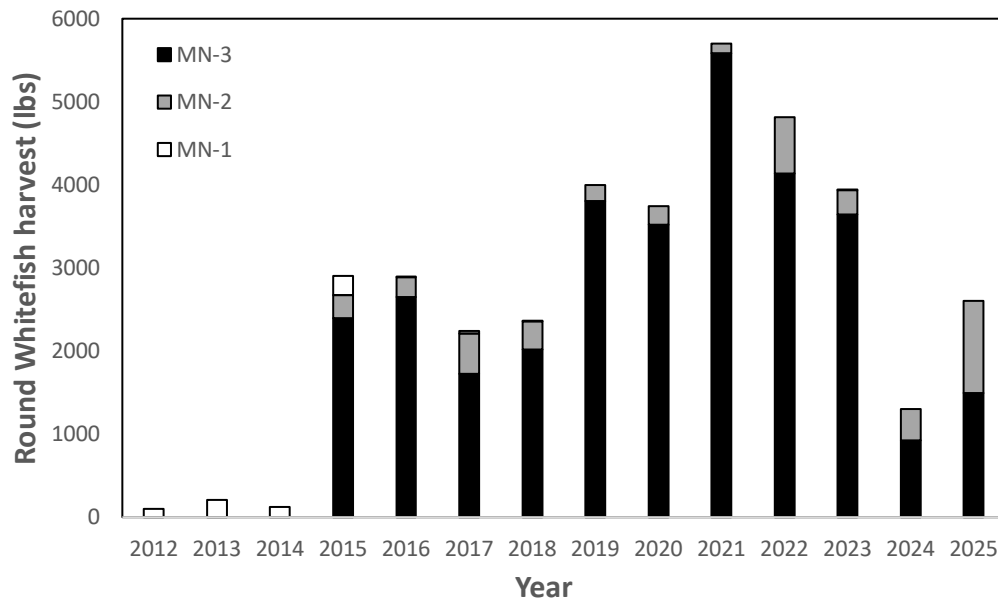
**Figure 3. Percent of yearly Cisco harvest taken during November, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2001-2025.**



**Figure 4. Lake Trout harvest by statistical district in the summer expanded commercial assessment, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2007-2025.**



**Figure 5. Incidental Lake Trout harvest in Cisco, chub, and Round Whitefish nets by statistical district, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2001-2025.**



**Figure 6. Round Whitefish harvest by statistical district, Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, 2012-2025.**

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