

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
Regular Meeting  
March 10, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 6:16 p.m. by John Keshick III,  
Commissioner

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Commissioner  
Vice-Chairman, Daugherty Johnson III; and Secretary, William  
McNamara.

Absent: Associate Commissioner, Emily Proctor; Treasurer, Phil  
Harmon, excused.

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation  
Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Fishery Biologist Mentor, William  
Parsons; Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; Inland Fisheries  
Biologist, Max Field; and Administrative Assistant, Debra S.  
Browne.

Absent: Great Lakes Fishery Biologist, Stephen Lenart;

Guests: James Bransky, LTBB Tribal Attorney.

Public Comment: Opened 6:18 p.m.

Public Comment: Closed at 6:20 p.m.

NRC reviewed the Agenda.

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair, to adopt  
the agenda as amended, William McNamara, Secretary,  
supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained**

**Motion Carried**

NRC reviewed the minutes of February 24, 2010.

**Motion made by, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair to approve  
the Minutes of February 24, 2010 as corrected, William  
McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained**

**Motion Carried**

**Directors Report – Doug Craven, Director**

- Treaty fishing rights retirement – currently staff and commission does not pay into social security
- Bio Diesel program
- Asian Carp – National Congress American Indians (NCAI) – LTBB needs to get involved on the National Level
- CORA Contract – was forwarded to CORA and today received a email from CORA requesting administration funding amount as usual.
- Reservation rules and regulations are separated from the Inland Consent Decree Ceded Territory rules and regulations. At some point the LTBB reservation needs to be discussed with the Land and Reservation Committee as a separate territory from the Ceded Territory. A comment letter needs to be drafted to MDNRE regarding the proposal from people wanting to trade Indian Land on High Island.
- Regulations need to have an emergency amendment to inland fishing rules & regulations based upon the State Walleye Season – State changed their season and LTBB regulations have not kept pace with the State of MI season for Walleye.

**Motion made by William McNamara to approve the Directors Report as presented by Doug Craven, Director, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to direct Doug Craven, Director, to develop a letter by regarding Tribal Lands to present to the Land and Reservation Committee on behalf of the NRC, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

Break at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

**Conservation Enforcement Report – Kevin Willis, Chief Conservation Officer**

- Ice fishing is sluggish with thin ice and fishing not very good.
- NCAI tour this week and the lady said that tribal members can cross into Canada with your enrollment card and another form of ID.
- Information on the State getting Gill Netters after March 1, 2010 possessing walleye beyond Saughters Point.

- Recruiting a CO

**Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary to approve the Conservation Enforcement Report as presented by Kevin Willis, Conservation Officer, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

**Great Lakes Biologist Report – Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist – Written Report**

- A report was submitted by Stephen and presented by Doug Craven regarding the Harvest Regulation Guideline and Regulation Recommendations for the 2010 Great Lakes Fishery and Apprentice Program Update.
- Lewis Keller has expressed an interest in acting as the Captain Trainer, with Jeremy Hughes acting as the apprentice.

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair to approve the Great Lakes Biologist Written Report as prepared by Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Biologist, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chair to approve the Great Lakes Biologist recommendations for Lewis Keller as the Training Captain and Jeremy Hughes Trainee for the Apprenticeship Program, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

**Inland Biologist Wildlife Report – Bill Parsons, Max Field**

- Meetings
  - American fisheries society Meeting – Max & Doug - 2/25/10
  - Carp/Maple River Task Force meeting – Max & Bill - 3/4/10
  - Sharp Tailed Grouse Conference Call – with MDNRE, LTBB and BMIC - 3/9/10
- ICD Deadlines
  - New Inland Fisheries Assessments & Restoration Proposals
    - Due 3/1/10
    - Submitted 2/26/10

- New Wildlife & Plant Assessments, Enhancements & Restoration Proposal
  - Due 4/1/10
- Field Activities
  - Carcass Cameras (5)
    - Wilderness State Park (2)
    - Jurek's gut Piles
    - Wycamp Lake – Needs Carcass
    - French Farm Lake
- Grants
  - Tribal Wildlife Grant
    - 4 Tribes in Midwest Region awarded
      - LTBB, GTB, LRB, Lac du Flambeau
- Monitoring
  - Wycamp Lake Staff Gauge @ Dam

**Motion made by William McNamara, Secretary, to approve the Inland Wildlife Biologist Report as presented by Max Field, Archie Kiogima, and Bill Parsons, Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

**Commissioner's Report – John Keshick III, Commissioner**

- Story telling about High Island and Cheyenne Point.
- Saturday's meeting attended by John Keshick III, regarding Bell's Fishery and NRC involvement from the beginning.
- Mishomis Trap Net Operation, Howard Keshick and John Keshick III would be setting 3 trap nets off of Cross Village, MI and would like to request sending Howard keshick to the US Coast Guard schooling in St. Ignace, MI and request funding through the Great Lakes Consent Decree Funds which would cost \$900 - \$1000 plus materials, supplies, housing and food. NRD would work on setting up a grant line item utilizing Great Lakes Consent Decree Funds for approval at the next meeting.
- John Keshick III and William McNamara attended the Cross Village launch/dock meeting that was held on March 6, 2010 in Sault Ste. Marie, MI at the CORA building, and funding through grants was discussed. Funding through Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) funding was suspended for 2010 and you can apply next year or this year through a special use grant that would have to be sponsored by a board member. There was another funding source available with a 50 – 50% and would take up to 1 or 2 years. This will be on the CORA agenda on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to approve Natural Resource Commissioner report as presented by John Keshick III, Commissioner, William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on CORA Administrative Services Funding Agreement. James Bransky will check with Tribal Chairman, Ken Harrington to request his support on the Agreement forwarded to him from NRD.

Discussion was held on Bell's Fishery – March 6, 2010 a Work Session was held with Tribal Council that was attended by Daugherty Johnson III, John Keshick III and Doug Craven. Chuck Schofield presented a business plan and presented it to Tribal Council. It was discussed that the funds that the Natural Resource Commission invested from the Great Lakes Consent Decree Funds towards the purchase of Bell's Fishery and should be reimbursed back to the Great Lakes Consent Decree Funds and Tribal Council agreed. A corporation or board will be established that will include members from NRD and NRC involvement and actively participate and focus on establishing a fish market that will buy fish from LTBB tribal fishermen. Chuck Schofield will attend the next NRC meeting to discuss Bell's Fishery to be held on March 24, 2010.

Discussion was held on Sharp Tailed Grouse – March 09, 2010 there was a conference call that Doug, Max, Kevin and Bill participated on the call. A Letter dated February 23, 2010 from Dennis Knapp, MDNRE Native American Affairs Coordinator regarding the intention to permit harvest of sharp-tailed grouse in 2010 requesting consultation with the Tribes regarding sharp-tailed grouse status and allocation. The tribes requested from the State of MI their sharp tailed grouse management plan and the State of MI do not have a management plan or data to back up a population estimate.

Discussion was held on Moose in the Western UP – Michigan Moose Hunt a possibility was the title of an article from the Woods-N-Water News. The State of MI has been assessing the moose population for a couple of years and has not contacted the Tribes regarding a possible hunting season for Moose.

Public comment opened at 9:15 p.m.

Public comment closed at 9:22 p.m.

**Motion made by Daugherty Johnson III, Vice-Chairman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m., William McNamara, Secretary, supports.**

**3 Yes 0 No 2 Absent (Proctor, Harmon) 0 Abstained  
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting will be held on March 24, 2010.

Approved:

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William McNamara, Secretary

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Date