

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commission
2nd Quarterly Report
April – May – June 2019**



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Natural Resource Commissioners

John Keshick III, Chairman

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The Natural Resource Commission is continuing to work on the Great Lakes Consent Decree for 2020 to define specific issues in areas of the Decree that were not completely specified or clarified at the time of signing the Decree in 2000.

Meetings for 2020 are currently on a monthly basis with the 5 Tribes titled Tribal Talks. Attendees at the Tribal Talks meeting include Tribal Chairs, NRD Program Directors, Legal staff and NRD Commissioners. Individual Tribes each rotate as hosts for the Tribal Talks meetings. There are some very significant issues being discussed by the tribes to present their concerns on such issues. It is very important that the commissioners be present during these meetings so that they are up to date on what is discussed between the tribes.

The importance of the upcoming Great Lakes Consent Decree is a 20-year Decree and the current Decree will expire in 2020. There are many important changes that have had a great effect on LTBB Commercial Fishermen in the last 19 years that will need to be addressed in the upcoming 2020 Decree.

The Natural Resource Commission meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month will have an Executive Session as needed for the 2020 Negotiations. The Executive Session for the 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations will include discussion and review of what has taken place at the Tribal Talk meetings. The Natural Resource Commission will prepare discussion items regarding the 2020 negotiations.

The Natural Resource Commission participation is very important for the commissioners to attend to prepare for the negotiations with the State of MI and the Feds.

LTBB Natural Resource Commission Meetings Attended:

- April 10, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- April 17, 2019 2020 Tribal Talks – Bay Mills, MI
- April 24, 2019 2020 Tribal Talks Meeting LRB – LTBB Community Center
- April 25, 2019 CORA Meeting – LTBB Hosting
- April 27, 2019 NRC Regular Meeting – Gladstone, MI
- April 29, 2019 Tribal Talks – Sault Ste. Marie, MI
- April, 2019 2020 Tribal Talks with GTB & LTBB
- May 8, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- May 22, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- May 23, 2019 CORA Meeting – LTBB Hosting
- May 31, 2019 Tribal Talks Meeting - GTB
- June 12, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- June 19, 2019 Tribal Talks – Bay Mills

- June 20, 2019 Tribal Talks – 5 Tribes
- June 26, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting

Natural Resource Commission

The Natural Resource Commission is comprised of 5 Commissioners with staggered 4-year terms, currently the commission has all 5 positions occupied. Two of the Commissioners term will be ending this year, if interested the two commissioners will have to submit their letter of interest to the Executive Office.

LTBB Rules and Regulations

- The LTBB Natural Resource Rules and Regulations for both Reservation and Ceded Territory for 2020 is currently a work in progress. The Commission has a timeline that is followed to complete the next years regulations.
 - The Natural Resource Commission reviews comments from surveys and takes into consideration the comments to make the appropriate changes to the Rules and Regulations accordingly.
 - The LTBB Natural Resource Department Programs also reviews the Rules and Regulations and makes suggestions on any updates that will apply to the 2020 Rules and Regulations.

The Natural Resource Commission would like to thank Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Chair's Office for recommendation to Tribal Council for their appointments to the Natural Resource Commission.

