

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Natural Resource Commission  
3rd Quarterly Report  
July – August – September 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 Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations have started with the first meeting being held October 10-11, 2019 in Lansing, MI. The 2020 Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiation meetings will be on a monthly basis at different locations throughout the State. The Schedule that has been set for the upcoming meetings are:

- October 31 – November 1, 2019 in Mt. Pleasant, MI
- November 21-22, 2-19 in Brimley, MI
- December 19-20, 2019 in Petoskey, MI

Attendees at the Tribal Talks meeting include Tribal Chairs, NRD Program Directors, Legal staff, NRD Commissioners and representatives for the State of MI. There are some very significant issues being discussed by the tribes to present their concerns on such issues.

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 20 years that will need to be addressed in the upcoming 2020 Decree.

The Natural Resource Commission meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 negotiation 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:**

- July 10, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- July 21, 2019 2020 LTBB NRC Work Session Tribal Talks
- July 22, 2019 2020 Tribal Talks Meeting Bay Mills – Brimley, MI
- July 24, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- July 25, 2019 CORA Meeting – Petoskey, MI
- August 14, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- August 16, 2019 2020 Tribal Talks with GTB & LTBB

- August 21, 2019 CORA Meeting – Grand Traverse – Traverse City, MI
- August 22, 2019 Executive Council Meeting – Traverse City, MI
- August 28, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- September 11, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- September 11, 2019 Tribal Talks with GTB – Harbor Springs, MI
- September 11, 2019 Regular Scheduled Meeting
- September 19, 2019 CORA – Petoskey, MI
- September 25, 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 (2) of the Commissioner terms have been reappointed and sworn in for another 4-year term.

### **LTBB Rules and Regulations**

- The commission has passed a motion to change the LTBB 2019 Rules and Regulations to allow baiting on LTBB Trust Properties. Due to the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) baiting has been banned for most of the Lower Peninsula and Marquette and Delta counties in the Upper Peninsula.

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.

