

Dept. of Natural Resources: To host public meetings on Lake Michigan lake trout population, forms stakeholder group

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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the formation of a Lake Michigan lake trout commercial harvest stakeholder group.

The stakeholder group is charged with providing input to the DNR for consideration as we develop recommendations and final decisions on pursuing a statement of scope for commercial harvest of lake trout.

The DNR will also host a series of four public meetings to present information and gather public feedback on the Lake Michigan lake trout population. The Lake Michigan lake trout commercial harvest stakeholder group, which consists of commercial fishers, anglers, charter fishers, wholesale fish dealers, restaurants and others interested in the Lake Michigan fishery, will be in attendance at each public meeting.

The first of the four public meetings is on Tuesday, Feb. 21 in Cleveland, WI. This first meeting will include an introduction to the stakeholder group and a lake trout survey assessment presentation. The public can join in-person or virtually by [preregistering via Zoom](#). More meeting information can be found on the [DNR's Lake Michigan Fisheries webpage](#).

Additional opportunities to provide input on and learn about Lake Michigan's lake trout population will take place at Lakeshore Technical College's Lake Michigan

conference room on:

- Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6 p.m. focused on Lake Trout Mass Marking
- Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6 p.m. focused on Lake Trout Population and Forecast Models
- Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6 p.m. focused on Working Group Discussion and Input

You can find more information about these information sessions and public input opportunities on the DNR's [event webpage](#) or the [Lake Michigan fisheries webpage](#).