

Great Lakes Commercial Fisheries Statistics
Information Systems

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Final Performance Report

During the period October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2010 we accomplished the following tasks.

- Processed and renewed an average of sixty two Lake Michigan, ten Lake Superior Commercial Fishing License and Quota Permit applications, and five hundred forty-one Commercial Fishing Crew License applications each year.
- More than five thousand two hundred biweekly commercial catch reports were computer coded and proofed.
- Thirty-seven license and two hundred ninety-seven quota transfer applications were processed.
- An assortment of routine biweekly commercial catch and effort summaries was computer generated and distributed to appropriate biologists and conservation wardens responsible for managing commercial fishing and enforcement.
- The Electronic Fish Harvest Reporting System (EFHRS) program was instituted and continued to be refined. We have developed a deployment plan for Lake Superior that will be used to distribute to all commercial fishers the laptop computers needed for using the EFHRS System. This EFHRS system is based on a recommendation of the Commercial Fishing Task Force, which was charged with developing Wisconsin statute and code revisions to address the problem of large scale illegal over-harvest of commercial fish species in Wisconsin waters of the Great Lakes.
- Continued to electronically notify appropriate law enforcement personnel of license and quota transfers, crew additions as well as port changes.
- We designed and provided custom summary reports to appropriate state conservation officers to monitor compliance with commercial fishing rules.
- We performed liaison duties at all Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board quarterly meetings.
- The Program Assistant continues to be an active member of the Commercial Fishing Task Force Oversight Committee that monitors the development and implementation of the electronic fish harvest reporting system.