

Presidents Message 09/24/22

Summer is over. I have attended the Bear Forum in St. Ignace. It was moved up to Aug. from Dec. to give a bit more time to get regulations together. We do have last year's figurers to work with, so no major changes. We will need to review this numbers to make final decisions to make sure we harvest the expected numbers.

We have met with the DNR to a couple of times to discuss the forest treatments. We also have walked a couple of jobs. We continue to advocate for timber management regarding cedar and mesic conifers.

We met with Commissioner Anthony to discuss the fishing presentation at the NRC meeting in Oct.

We have a new UP Wildlife Supv.

Cormorant control did not happen this year because of lack of funding.

This year we have 72 hours post kill to register your deer.

There are also certified blood tracking dogs for deer. You can not use any dog for tracking and there is a procedure to follow to certify your dog.

Baiting is not legal in the CWD area.

We are planning a walk of some State treatments on the 16th to view the results of State cutting with the folks working on the Habitat Grants and State Foresters. One of the questions we need to look at is how do we affect a landscape change on 16,500K Sq MI?

Our Fisheries Committee is set to present to the NRC Meeting in Marquette a power point on the Northern Pike no minimum size limit regulation change. Musky migration and Walleye are still on our plate.

We are still waiting on the treaty negotiation and we are waiting for any progress on the Commercial Fishing Bills.