

# SAULT TRIBE'S WHITEFISH (ATIKAMEG) REARING EFFORTS



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Treaty of 1836

13.8 Million acres of Land

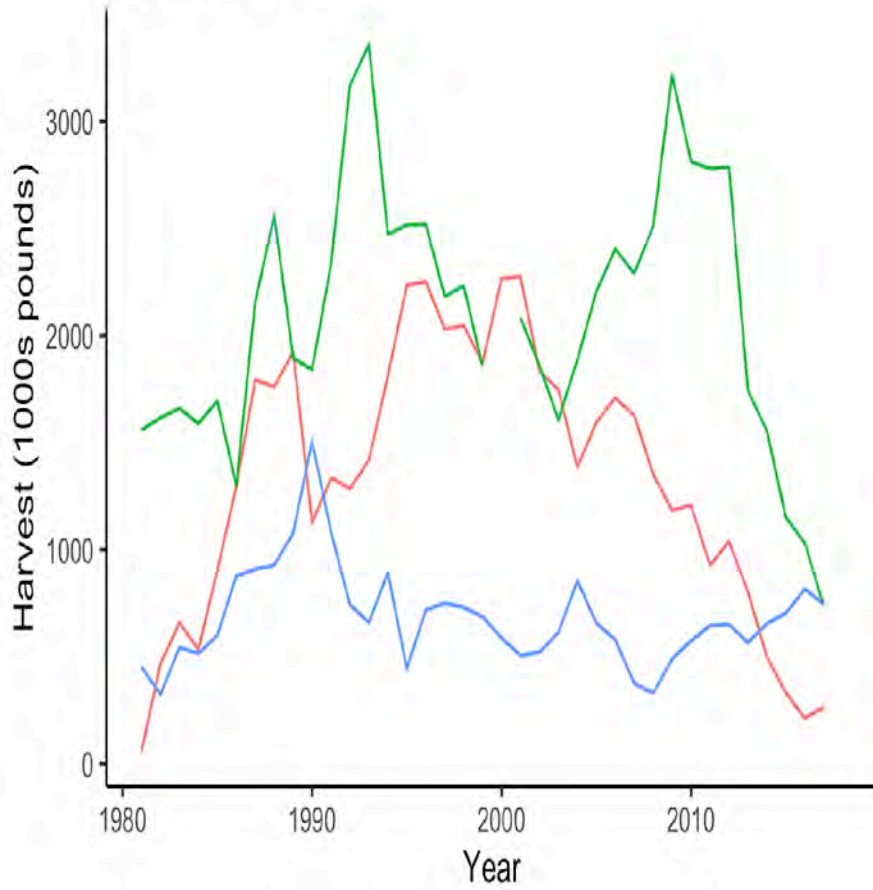
40% of Michigan

Reserved rights to fish, hunt and  
gather

1985 & 2000 Consent decrees

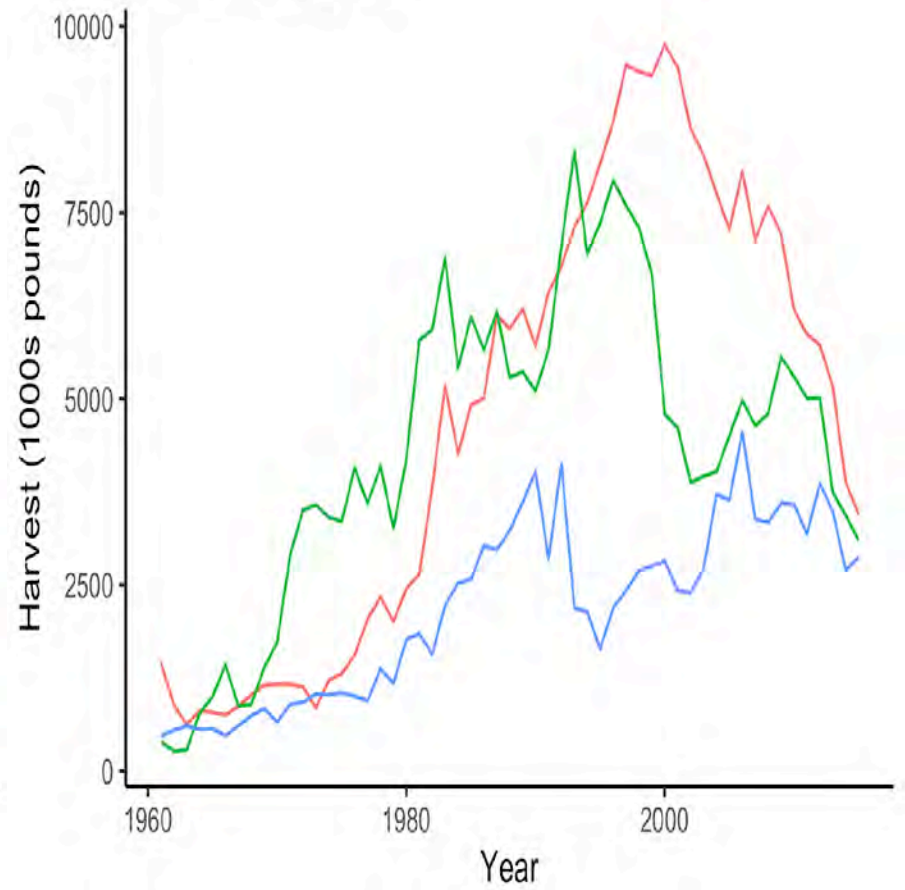


### CORA Harvest



Lake — Huron — Michigan — Superior

### Lakewide Harvest



Lake — Huron — Michigan — Superior



















Small fish specimen

10 cm  
300 mm

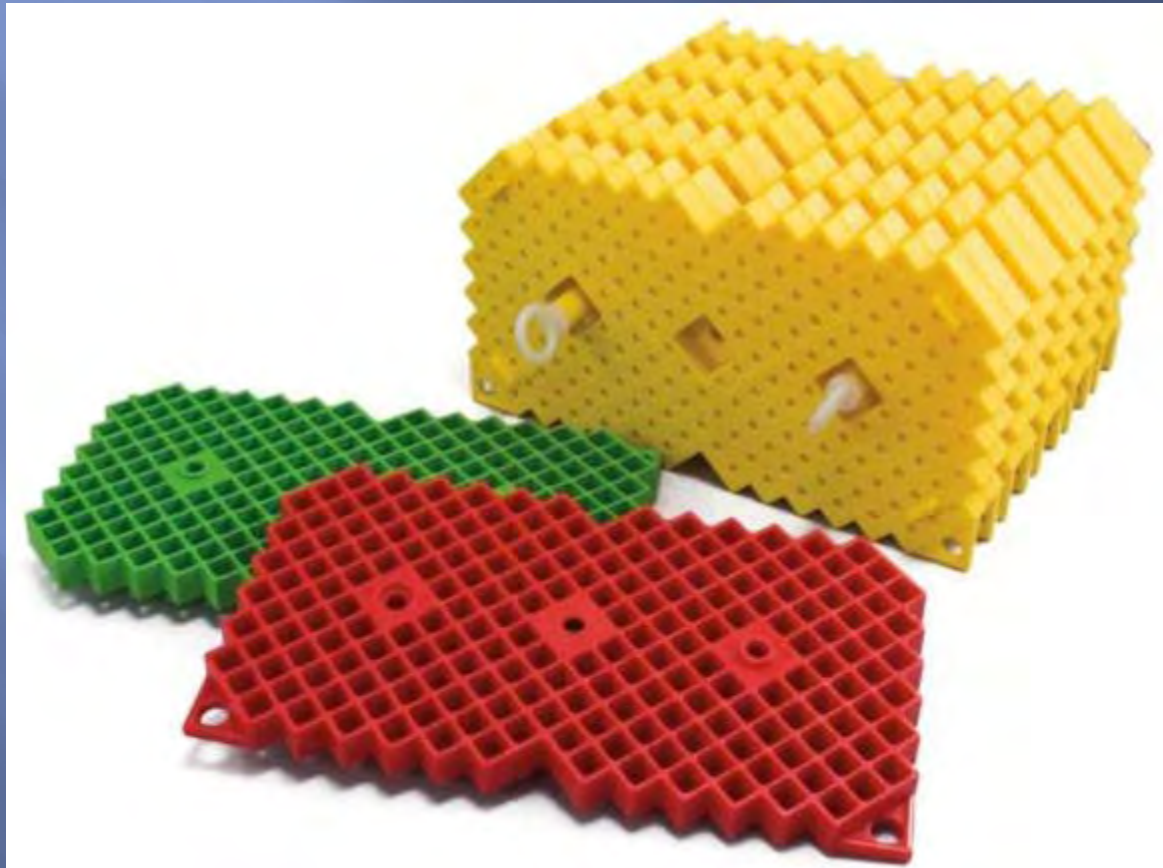
100 mg

Small

- 2020-21 Goals
- Gamete collection
- Test in stream incubation
- Test pond and raceway rearing
  - Survival
  - Growth
- Conduct morphology observations
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## Jordan-scotty incubation system .















## Future plans

- Explore river spawning stocks
  - Fall electroshocking
  - Spring larval drift
- Develop and assess river rearing techniques
  - Inventory River in Eastern U.P for spawning habitat
  - Test Jordan Scotty and AstroTurf in-stream
- Partners
  - Little Travers Bay Band of Odawa Indians
  - The Nature Conservancy



Questions ?

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