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LTBB Natural Resources Commission

Commercial Fishing Apprentice Program 2026 Application

Via the funding received from the 2000 Consent Decree, the Natural Resource Commission (NRC) desires to provide eligible Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians tribal members with the opportunity to gain commercial fishing experience. This apprentice program is designed to provide tribal members with limited or no experience an opportunity to learn the trade of commercial fishing from and experienced tribal commercial fishing captain.

By signing below, the applicant acknowledges receipt of the *Commercial Small Boat Apprentice Program Policy* (Policy) and agrees, if chosen, to abide by all aspects of said policy and all applicable LTBB Natural Resources Departmental rules and regulations. *If chosen for the program, the apprentice will be required to obtain a commercial captain's license. The cost of the license is $20, which must be paid by the Apprentice.*

Applicant Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State ZIP _____

Phone _____

Please describe your experience related to operating motorized vessels. Indicate whether you have any experience on waters of the Great Lakes and whether you have any commercial fishing experience.

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The apprentice must be available to work early in the morning, evenings, and weekends as necessary, depending on weather and scheduling. If chosen for the program, do you have any limitations with regard to days of the week or hours available?

☐ No

☐ Yes. If yes, please describe below

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Commercial fishing requires the ability to routinely lift/move boxes weighing up to 100 pounds and the ability to work in adverse weather conditions. Do you have any physical limitations which would prevent you from carrying out duties as an Apprentice?

☐ No

☐ Yes. If yes, please describe below

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Training is likely to take place in the Petoskey area, Cross Village, or Mackinaw City, depending upon the training captain. Do you have transportation that will allow you to travel to these destinations on a regular basis?

☐ No. If no, please describe below

☐ Yes

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Do you have a valid driver's license?

☐ No ☐ Yes

****Preference may be given to a two-person Apprentice "team". If applying as a team member with another individual, please indicate the name of the co-applicant**

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By signing below, the applicant acknowledges that all the information provided on this application is accurate and truthful.

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Applicant Signature Date

Please provide names and phone numbers for two personal references that we may contact.

1) Name _____
   Phone _____
   Relationship to applicant _____

2) Name _____
   Phone _____
   Relationship to applicant _____