



Pioneer Commercial Fishers of Manitoba is Born

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Pioneer Commercial Fishers of Manitoba (PCFM) was created by Lake Winnipeg commercial Fishers in order to replace the former Co-Management Board. This new organization will be expanding to offer membership to all Manitoba commercial fishers but the initial undertaking is to represent Lake Winnipeg fishers as currently they are in a desperate position to ensure they continue to exist in a manner that does not cause fatal financial harm to the industry or the many Manitoba communities dependent on the industry.

Mission:

Together we are committed to ensure the sustainability of the commercial fishing industry in Manitoba.

Vision:

We intend to ensure the commercial fishing industry of Manitoba continue to flourish and is available to be passed down to families for decades to come. This industry is a vital part of Manitoba's economy and as such creates thousands of jobs and is in large part a major foundation for many of our rural communities

"We are very optimistic that our new organization will be working directly with stakeholders to outline fact-based third-party evidence that will highlight what is really happening in lake Winnipeg and the true value and commitment our Industry brings to Manitoba." said Einar Sveinson, President PCFM.

This organization is eager to work collaboratively to ensure the sustainability of the lake, industry and communities dependent. There are thousands of jobs directly and indirectly that are impacted by changes to the industry therefore consultation must occur on a larger scale and decisions must be made with facts that are not driven by one side of the argument.

We feel all parties are driven to work together with the common goal to preserve the lake for future generations, but that kind of collaboration means equal representation and constant communication which previously was not occurring through the Co-Management board.

The above goals will be accomplished by undertaking the following activities:

- Continue with the Commission research in relation to the lakes eco-system and the MNP report on economic impact of the industry both directly and indirectly
- Work towards a new working group with Government that ensures equal representation and fact-based discussion
- Educate the public and speak with one voice in relation to the industry

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