CHEQUAMEGON BAY AREA

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Ashland, Bayfield, Red Cliff, Washburn

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INSTRUCTIONS: Please write your response or use an 'x' to mark your choices. If a question or statement does not apply to you, please move on to the next item.

1.	In what community do you live?	3.	How many years have you lived in the Chequamegon Bay region?
2.	Are you a permanent or seasonal resident?	4.	Do you live?
	Permanent		In town
	Seasonal		At the edge of town
			In the countryside
			On a reservation
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re following statements.

I live here because	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My family is here					
My friends are here					
I have roots or ancestry here					
I have a spiritual or traditional connection					
People here are open to new ideas					
People here are welcoming to others with different identities, beliefs, and values					
I feel supported by the community					

6. Some people live here because of the features of the place and the opportunities that are available. Please indicate to what extent you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.

I live here because of the	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Employment opportunities					
Medical and care facilities					
Rural landscape					
Public access to land					
Community parks					
Clean water					
Fishing opportunities					
Hunting opportunities					
Places to gather wild food					
Proximity to Lake Superior					
Summer recreation					
Winter recreation					
North woods trees, plants, and animals					
Small communities					
Native American culture and heritage					
Local food producers					
Schools in my community					
Community organizations					
Public transportation					
Access to Treaty protected lands					
Music and arts					
Housing options					
Downtown amenities					
Northern climate					
Natural beauty					
Low cost of living					

Pleas	se check the top THREE aspects of living here that are most important to you.
	Outdoor activities and recreation (hunting, fishing, canoeing, skiing, snowmobiling, etc.)
	Jobs and employment opportunities
	Family, friends, or roots in the area
	Agriculture and local food options
	Arts and entertainment
	Small communities
	The cost of living
	Community services and organizations (healthcare, schools, churches, libraries, etc.)
	Native American culture and heritage
	The natural environment (natural beauty, rural landscape, native species, clean water, etc.)
	Other

7. Now we would like to know what you value <u>most</u> about living in the region.

Quality of life and the natural environment

8. Consider the following potential changes related to the natural environment in our region.

For each item below, please indicate to what extent your quality of life would IMPROVE or

DECLINE. If your quality of life would decline to the point that you would leave the area, check
'I would leave'. By quality of life we mean how your needs are fulfilled in terms of your livelihood, health, relationships, education and knowledge, and spiritual and cultural fulfillment.

	Improve a lot	Improve a little	Stay the same	Decline a little	Decline a lot	would leave
Summers are longer						
Summer tourism increases						
There is more flooding						
There is less ice cover						
Winter tourism decreases						
Lake Superior becomes polluted						
Beaches are closed more often						
Winters are shorter						
Quality of trout streams declines						

	Improve a lot	Improve a little	Stay the same	Decline a little	Decline a lot	I would leave
Summers are hotter						
Winters are warmer						
There are fewer north woods plant, tree, and animal species						
Important cultural areas are damaged or changed						
Opportunities for subsistence harvest are lost (e.g. wild rice, deer, birch)						
Wind damage increases						
There are fewer trout, whitefish, and steelhead in Lake Superior						
Lower lake levels reduce boat access						
Forest fires are more common						
Road construction is more common						
Shoreline erosion increases						
Agricultural soil washes away						
More people move to the area						
There are fewer forested areas						
There are more ticks and pest insects						
There is less snow						
Drought is more common						

9. Next, we would like to know how much you like living in the Chequamegon Bay area. Please indicate to what extent you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
This area is the perfect place for me					
I would never leave this area					
I feel like I belong here					
I am unable to move away from this area					
I would feel sorry if I had to leave this area					

Household and community resources

10. We would like to understand what resources are available to your household to help you avoid harm or to get through a difficult time. Please indicate to what extent you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I have people I can stay with if something happens to my home					
My neighbors watch out for me					
I know how to find information about the quality of my drinking water					
I know how to find information about beach closures					
I am prepared to deal with a prolonged power outage					
I have adequate resources to respond to a family health problem					
I have adequate resources to deal with property damage					
I have shelter in case of severe weather					
My vehicle can withstand most road conditions					
I would conserve water if that's what our community needs					
I know who to call if I have an emergency					
I know when a weather advisory is in effect					
I am able to avoid exposure to ticks and other harmful insects					
I am able to keep my home warm in the winter					
I am able to keep my home cool in the summer					
My utility rates are affordable					
I have enough food in my home to last a week					
I have multiple routes to the places I need to go					

11. We would like to know how your local government and community respond to situations. Please indicate to what extent you AGREE or DISAGREE with the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
If I called a city/tribal office here with a complaint, I would likely get a quick response					
I feel like my interests are represented by at least one local elected official					
My local leaders know how to respond in emergency situations					
My local government is prepared for extreme weather events					
My local government provides us with enough information about water quality					
Community groups in this area help people in need					
If I had an emergency, even people I don't know would help me out					
Residents of this community are receptive to new people moving in					
When something needs to get done here, the whole community gets behind it					

12. Finally, we would like to know your opinion on how your local government should prioritize its efforts in the future. Please check the top <u>THREE</u> areas you think your community should focus on. Although you may think many of these areas are important, please limit your selection to <u>three</u> so we can identify priorities.

Business and jobs development
Social and public services (infrastructure and programs for health, nutrition, education)
Emergency response services
Water infrastructure (wastewater, drinking water, etc.)
Transportation infrastructure (streets, roads, bridges, culverts, etc.)
The natural environment (open space, water, forested areas, etc.)
Historical and cultural preservation
Recreation and alternative transportation (trails, bikeways, parks, etc.)
Renewable energy and energy efficiency
Communication services
Other:

Den	nographics		
1.	How many people are in your household (adults and children)?		2. How many are under 18?
3.	What is your age? 4. What	t is yo	our gender?
5.	Are you a tribal member?	8.	Are you Hispanic/Latino/a?
	Yes, Bad River Band		Yes
	Yes, Red Cliff Band		No
	Yes, Other		
	No	9.	What is your highest level of education?
_	What level of accommont has		Less than 9th grade
6.	What level of government best represents your interests?		Some high school, no diploma
	Town		High school graduate (includes equivalency)
	City		Some college (no degree)
	County		Associate's degree (including
	Tribal		occupational or academic degrees)
	Other		Bachelor's degree
			Graduate or professional degree
7.	Which race or races do you best identify with? Select all that apply.		
		10.	What was your approximate gross (before taxes) household income from all sources
	White/Caucasian		for 2017?
	Black/African American		Less than \$10,000
	Native American/American Indian/Indigenous		\$10,000-14,999
	First Nation		\$15,000-24,999
	Alaskan Native		\$25,000-34,999
	Asian American/Pacific Islander		\$35,000-49,999
			\$50,000-74,999
	Other		\$75,000-99,999
			\$100,000 or more
Would	d you like us to contact you about participatir	ng in a	a community member interview?
	nterview participant will receive a \$30 Visa gif	_	-

Thank you! Please fold the questionnaire in half and put it in the enclosed business reply envelope.