

MEDIA STATEMENT

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President Wildcat Statement: Social Media Fish Net Photo

LAC DU FLAMBEAU—JUNE 13, 2018—Tribal President Joseph Wildcat, Sr. issued the following statement on a recent photo circulating on social media.

"The Lac du Flambeau Tribal Council is aware of and investigating a recent photo circulating on social media of dozens of expired fish caught in a net. The net in the photo appears to be a Tribal Natural Resources Department fishing net used to capture fish species for spawning fish to re-populate various fish species in our lakes and even in off-reservation lakes.

"Our Tribe and our Tribal Natural Resources Department staff work to ensure we support a vibrant fish population now and for future generations. This is evident in the hundreds of thousands of Walleye, Muskie, and other fish we produce annually in our fish hatchery for re-populating lakes.

"Here's what we know so far about the photo. The fish captured in the photo are bluegill, crappie and perch. As protectors of natural resources, our culture, our leadership and our membership find this unacceptable. We are continuing our investigation to determine what happened and what we can do to prevent it from happening in the future."

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