

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department



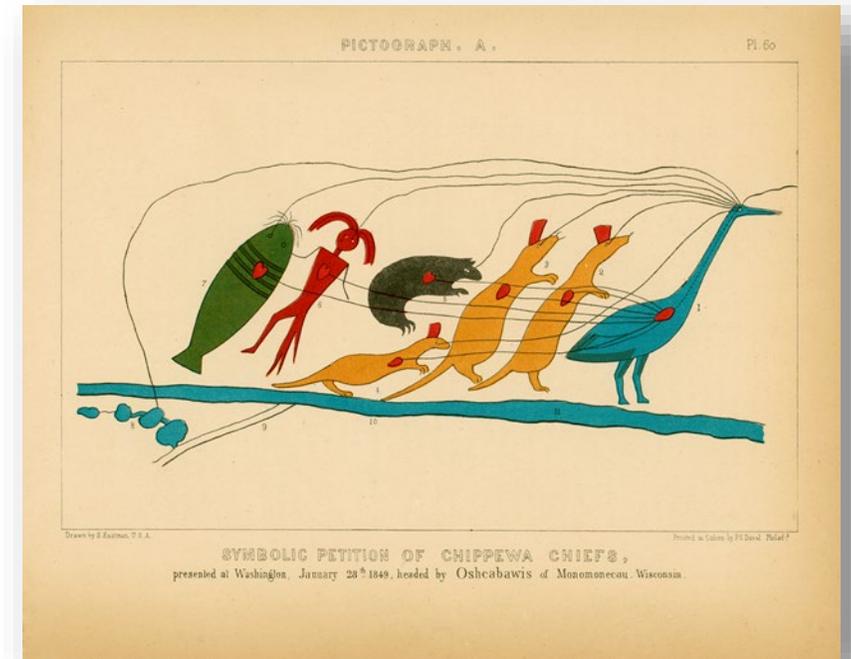
Who We Are

- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is located in northwestern part of Michigan's Upper Peninsula
- KBIC has approximately 3,300 enrolled members
- 70,327 acres of Reservation land
- 17 Miles of Lake Superior Shoreline
- 80 miles rivers & streams



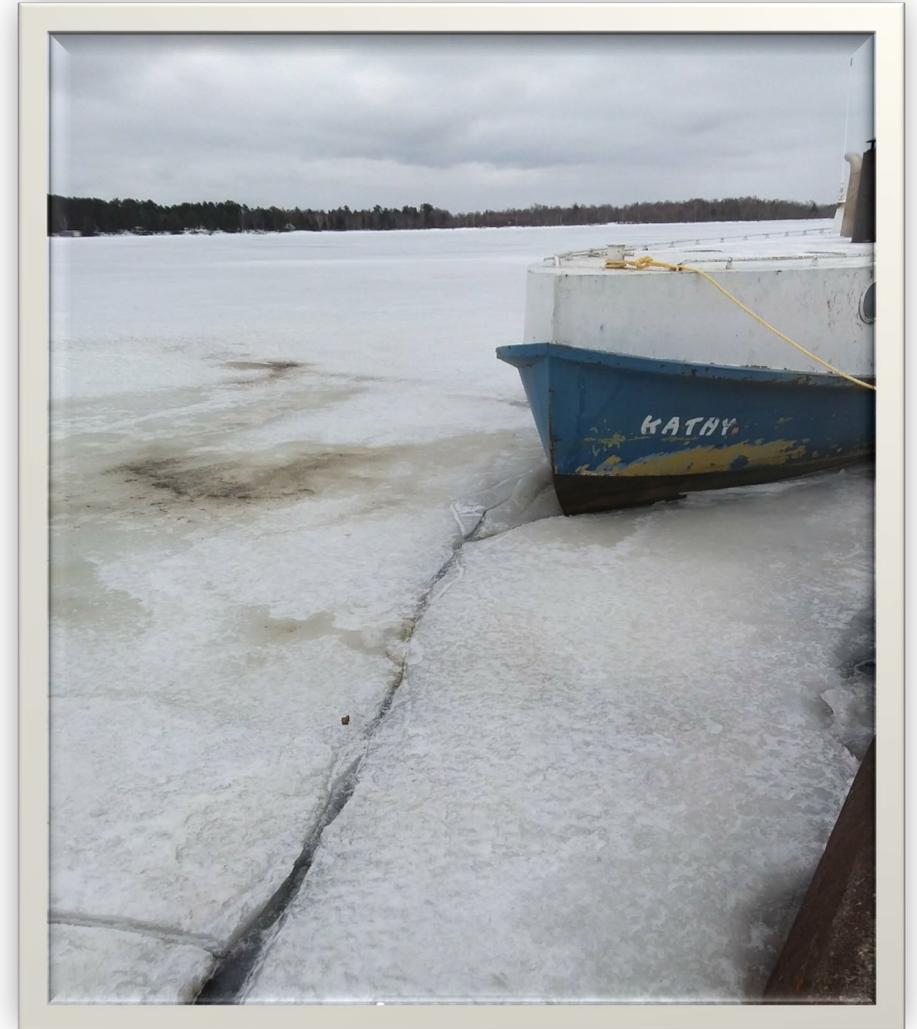
First Treaty

- In addition to recognizing our Treaties with the Federal Government, we honor our First Treaty with all orders of creation which include our obligations and connections to the natural environment.
- To live in harmony while enhancing and sustaining the resources for the Seventh Generation.



What Happened

KBIC Conservation Officer contacted NRD Response Program Specialist Serene Gauthier, regarding tribal commercial fishing vessel “Kathy” taking in water at the South Entry dock in Chassell. The owner was pumping out contaminated water onto the ice to keep his vessel afloat.



Actions Taken

- Filed National Response Center report
- Contacted by United States Coast Guard
- Meet with USCG and the vessel owner on scene
- Owner was served an Administrative Order from USCG
 - KBIC Tribal Leadership took on the financial responsibility to allow for immediate response to protect the environment.



ADMINISTRATION ORDER

1. By 1000 EST Friday February 28, 2020 you must provide a proposed plan of action addressing the following items to my representative:
 - a. Securing the source of water ingress to the vessel.
 - b. Removal of oil, oily water, and oily residues to ensure stability of the vessel.

Fun Begins

- Gather resources, tools and employees to meet the requirements administrative order
- Find a diver to perform repairs on vessel
- Secure a company to pump out polluted water form vessel
- Safety plan



Finding a Diver



Solving The Problem



Collaborations



Outcome

