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Fishskin tanning workshop hosted by Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians touts strategy of increasing value of fish caught in Great Lakes by using 100% of fish

(HARBOR SPRINGS, MI) – GSGP organized a fishskin tanning workshop hosted by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians on June 20, at the Tribe’s Harbor Spring’s offices. The event featured hands-on demonstration led by Joe and Pam Manthei, owners of Fiskur Leather, a leather goods business based in Mora, Minnesota. Participants learned how to tan fishskin into leather.

The event was part of a larger strategy organized by the Conference of Great Lakes St. Lawrence Governors & Premiers (GSGP), which in 2023 launched the “100% Great Lakes Fish Pledge.” This is a first-of-its-kind international effort where companies commit to productively using 100% of each commercially caught Great Lakes fish by 2025.