East Tawas/Tawas Bay Cruise Proposal Timeline

April 19, 2024 – Initial inquiry to seek East Tawas as a cruise destination was made.

May 13, 2024 – Develop losco Tourism & Recreation committee provided approval to seek input on development of a proposal to submit to Great Lakes cruise lines to consider East Tawas as a destination.

June 5, 2024 – Meeting with Micah Jordan and Lee Martin from the MDNR/East Tawas State Dock.

June 14, 2024 – Meeting with Brent Barringer and Stephanie Loew from the City of East Tawas.

June 17, 2024 – Meeting with Allen Tubbs and Rebecca Buchanan of the East Tawas Business Association.

June 26, 2024 – Development of the Cruise Proposal Subcommittee was requested from the Tourism & Recreation Committee. The committee consists of Rich Castle, Sam Duvall, Jenn Brown, and David Wentworth.

July 18, 2024 – Met with Bill Deckett from East Tawas Public Safety and Frank Anthony from the East Tawas Police.

August 15, 2024 – Presented draft proposal to Develop Iosco Board of Director's. Board provided approval to make submittal of proposal to cruise lines once the City of East Tawas meeting and Stakeholder meeting was complete.

September 3, 2024 – Present finalized proposal to the East Tawas City Council and seek a Resolution of Support to be included in the proposal.

September 17, 2024 – Conduct a stakeholder meeting to review finalized cruise proposal and discuss community needs if East Tawas is selected as a cruise destination.

September 20, 2024 – Send cruise proposal to eight Great Lakes cruise line companies.