

Waubojeeg (White Fisher) Gull Lake, MN 1747-1793

Born around 1747, White Fisher's father was Big Feet (Mamongazida), who was half-brother to the great Dakota chief, Wabasha. Unlike his father, who fought for the French during the French and Indian War, White Fisher refused to be involved in wars between the European powers. Instead, he devoted himself to warfare against tribal enemies such as the Dakota and Fox. The young war chief led seven expeditions against his enemies and was wounded three times in battle. His most famous fight was against the Dakota and Fox at St. Croix Falls in 1873 after the American Revolutionary War. Though the Ojibwe suffered severe losses, including White Fisher's brother, the victory drove the Fox tribe from north-central Wisconsin.

The chief died in 1793 at his native village of La Pointe on Madeline Island. He was 45 years old. He agreed to allow his daughter to marry a white man, John Johnston. Their daughter became the wife of noted Ojibwe agent and explorer Henry R. Schoolcraft.

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