This Commission Order establishes amendments to the Tribes’ bear harvesting regulations for the Wisconsin portion of the 1837 and 1842 ceded territory pursuant to the authority granted by §3.33 of the Tribes’ Off-Reservation Conservation Codes, which provides for the issuance of a Commission Order to provide tribal members more treaty harvest opportunities in line with state harvesters.

Sec. 1: Authority and Applicability; Terms Used and Definitions.

Subd. 1: This Order is issued in accordance with the provisions of the Tribes’ Off-Reservation Conservation Codes (hereinafter “Code” or “Codes”) that codify the provisions of §3.33 of the Tribes’ Model Code and authorizes each Tribal Conservation Department to amend §7.14 of each Tribe’s Code. Upon the issuance of this Order, unless a Tribe chooses to adopt more restrictive measures, the regulations established herein shall be the Tribe’s regulations as provide in each Tribe’s Code.

Subd. 2: This Order is issued to establish culturally appropriate regulations to provide tribal members more treaty harvest opportunities in line with state harvesters. The Wisconsin Legislature recently amended its rules pertaining to bear harvesting regulations. These changes in State law are less restrictive than the current tribal regulations. As a result, this Order is being presented as a way to provide the tribes with more harvest opportunities in a manner that is the least restrictive possible.

Subd. 3: Terms used in the Codes shall be given the meaning set forth in the Codes when used in this Order.

Sec. 2: Tribal Bear Harvesting Regulations. Starting in 2011, and for each year thereafter unless and until changed by a subsequent order, mandatory reversion is required, or the parties make permanent the provisions of this order, the following parameters for Tribal bear harvesting shall apply:

Subd. 1: Hunting with Non-Members. A member may hunt with any person who is not a member of the Tribe or of another signatory tribe during the State of Wisconsin bear hunting season if that person has a state Class A or Class B bear license or is exempt from the need for a class B bear license under Wisconsin state law, except a member may also hunt with any person who is not a member of the Tribe or of another
signatory tribe in accordance with the provisions of Section 3.30 [Permissible Conduct/Assistance by Non-Members].

Sec. 3: Reservation of Each Tribe’s Authority. Nothing in this order is intended to, or shall be construed to, limit the authority of each Tribe to establish tribal trapping regulations or other measures that are more restrictive than what is provided in this Order.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2011.

James E. Zorn, Executive Administrator
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
Model Code Amendment – Tribal Bear Harvesting Regulations

Model Code revision regarding tribal bear harvesting regulations [§7.14 (Hunting with Non-Members)] are (deletions shown by strikeout and additions by redline):

7.14  Hunting with Non-Members.

   Except as provided in Section 3.30 [Permissible Conduct/Assistance by Non-Members], no member may share with anyone who is not a member of a signatory tribe any tribal bear permit, carcass tag, gear, bait, or dogs, except that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit a member from hunting with any person who is not a member of the Tribe or of another signatory tribe during the State of Wisconsin bear hunting season if that person has a state Class A or Class B bear license or is exempt from the need for a class B bear license under Wisconsin state law and if an individual in the hunting party has a state bear harvest permit.