Wisconsin 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territory Tribal Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

This Commission Order establishes amendments to the Tribes’ wild turkey hunting 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 §8.26 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 wild turkey hunting 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 Wild Turkey Hunting 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 wild turkey hunting shall apply:

Subd. 1: Turkey Harvest with the Aid of Dogs. A member may hunt wild turkeys with the aid of dogs.

Subd. 2: Disabled Hunter Turkey Harvest with the Aid of Electronic Calls. A member in possession of a valid disabled hunter permit pursuant to Section 3.32 of the
Code may hunt wild turkey with the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.

**Subd. 3: Wild Turkey Hunting Season Extension.** During the spring hunting season, a member may hunt wild turkeys from the Wednesday nearest April 13 for forty-two (42) consecutive days. For state park hunting zones, the spring season will be limited to the first three periods, which will open on the Wednesday nearest April 13 for twenty-one (21) consecutive days.

**Subd. 4: Wild Turkey Registration.** A member killing a wild turkey pursuant to this ordinance shall register the wild turkey no later than 5:00 p.m. of the third working day following the killing.

**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 wild turkey hunting 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 Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations

Model Code revision regarding tribal wild turkey hunting regulations [§8.26 (Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations)] are (deletions shown by strikeout and additions by redline):

8.26 Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations.

[Subsection (1) unchanged]

(2) Season. No member shall harvest any wild turkeys except during the open season which shall be as follows (all dates are inclusive):

(a) Fall Season: Day after Labor Day to December 31.

(b) Spring Season: Wednesday nearest April 13 for forty-two (42) consecutive days.

(i) For State Park Hunting Zones, the spring season will be limited to the first three periods, which will open on the Wednesday nearest April 13 for twenty-one nineteen (21) consecutive days.

[Subsections (3) - (5) unchanged]

(6) Methods of Turkey Harvest. No member shall hunt wild turkeys:

(a) By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow or a crossbow.

(b) With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds, except when a member possesses a valid disabled hunter permit pursuant to Section 3.32 of this ordinance.

(c) Open. With the aid of dogs.

(d) With live decoys for the purposes of enticing wild turkeys.

(7) Registration Required.

(a) A member killing a wild turkey pursuant to this ordinance shall register the wild turkey present the carcass for registration to a tribal registration station no later than 5:00 p.m. of the third working day following the killing.

(b) No member shall fail to inform the tribal registration station of the location, including the wild turkey management zone if applicable, where the animal was killed or to provide such other information as is required by the registering official.
(c) No person shall provide information to the registering official which the person knows, or has reason to know, is false or misleading.

(d) Any tribal or Commission warden authorized pursuant to Section 4.02 to enforce the provisions of this ordinance is authorized to register wild turkeys in the field provided such warden provides all registering information to a tribal registration station no later than 5:00 p.m. of the first working day after field registration.

[Subsections (8) - (9) unchanged]