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GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION ORDER

Order No. 2015-01

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 2015, 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: Tribal Wild Turkey Youth Hunt. Members aged 10 to 15 years of age shall be entitled to youth turkey hunting permits valid for two consecutive days starting on the Saturday immediately preceding the beginning of the spring turkey hunting season. Members aged 10 to 15 years of age may hunt during the spring wild turkey hunt under

the following circumstances: (1) one member aged 10 to 15 years old is accompanied by one parent, guardian or other adult member designated by a parent or guardian; or (2) if a member is 12 to 15 years old and has been issued a certificate of accomplishment under a tribal hunter education and firearm safety course or a similar certificate issued by another tribe, state or province, two members aged 10 to 15 years old may be accompanied by one adult parents, guardians or other adult member designated by parents or guardians. The parent, guardian or adult member may not hunt turkey while accompanying the youth and must remain within visual and voice contact of each youth. Members born on or after 1/1/1977 accompanying members aged 10 to 11, and members aged 12 to 15 lacking certification, must have been issued a certificate of accomplishment under a tribal hunter education and firearm certification course unless one of the exceptions in Sec. 3.17(1)(b) applies and must stay within arm's reach of the member aged 10 to 15. Only one firearm, bow or crossbow may be possessed jointly between the adult and the youth 10 to 11 and members aged 12 to 15 lacking certification.

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 10th day of April, 2015.



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)] and [§3.17 (Hunter Education Requirements and Restrictions on Hunting by Members Under 16 Years of Age)] 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-(21) consecutive days.

(c) Tribal Youth Hunt: Two consecutive days starting on the Saturday immediately preceding the beginning of the Spring Season for tribal members aged 10 to 15, pursuant to subs. 3.17(4).

[Subsections (3) - (9) unchanged]

3.17 Hunter Education Requirements and Restrictions on Hunting by Members Under 16 Years of Age.

[Subsection (1) unchanged]

(2) Additional Restrictions on Hunting by Members Under 14 Years of Age.

(a) Persons Under 10 Years of Age. No member under 10 years of age may hunt while possessing a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow.

(b) Persons 10 to 12 Years of Age. No member 10 years of age or older but under 12 years of age may hunt while possessing a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow unless at all times while hunting, the person is a mentored hunter who meets the requirements as specified in subs. (3) **or the person is participating in a Tribal Youth Hunt as specified in subs. (4);**

(c) Persons 12 to 14 Years of Age. No member 12 years of age or older but under 14 years of age may hunt while possessing a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow unless he or she is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult member designated by a parent or guardian.

(d) Persons 14 to 16 Years of Age. No member 14 years of age or older but under 16 years of age may hunt while possessing a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow unless he or she:

(i) is accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult member designated by a parent or guardian; or

(ii) has been issued a certificate of accomplishment under a tribal hunting education and firearm course or a similar certificate issued by another tribe, state or province, **except that members aged 14 to 15 participating in a Tribal Youth Hunt as specified in subs. (4) must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult member designated by a parent or guardian;**

(e) Parental Obligation. No parent, guardian or other member shall authorize or knowingly permit or encourage a child under 16 years of age to violate this section.

[Subsection (3) unchanged]

(4) Tribal Youth Hunts.

(a) Tribal Youth Hunts established. Members aged 10 to 15 may participate in Tribal Youth Hunts while in possession of valid tribally-issued permits and while accompanied by an adult as specified in subsection (b).

(b) Requirements for participation in Tribal Youth Hunts. Members aged 10 to 15 may participate in Tribal Youth Hunts if the following requirements are met:

(i) Each member aged 10 to 15 shall be accompanied by a parent, guardian or other adult member designated by a parent or guardian;

(ii) A parent, guardian or adult member may only accompany two members aged 10 to 15 at the same time, and if accompanying two members, the second member must be at least 12 years old and with certification of accomplishment under a tribal education and firearm safety course or similar certificate issued by another tribe, state or province;

(iii) A parent, guardian or adult member may not hunt while participating in a Tribal Youth Hunt;

(iv) A parent, guardian or adult member participating in a Tribal Youth Hunt must remain in visual and voice contact with each member he or she is

accompanying;

(v) A parent, guardian or adult member born after 1/1/1977 accompanying members aged 10 to 11, and members 12 to 15 without certification of accomplishment under a tribal education and firearm safety course or similar certificate issued by another tribe, state or province, must have been issued a certificate of accomplishment under a tribal hunter education and firearm certification course unless one of the exceptions in subs. (1)(b) applies, and must stay within arm's reach of the youth; and

(vi) Only one firearm, bow or crossbow may be possessed jointly between the adult and the members aged 10 to 11 and all members under age 15 without certification of accomplishment under a tribal education and firearm safety course or similar certificate issued by another tribe, state or province.