Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Council
2608 Government Center Dr.
Manistee, MI 49660

Resolution #14-0625-189

Adopting the Natural Resource Commission’s 2014 Bear Hunt Regulations, subject to inclusion of the number of permits.

WHEREAS, the status of the Gaá Číng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and a treaty-making power is confirmed in numerous treaties, from agreements with the initial colonial powers on this land, to various treaties with the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (Tribe) is descended from, and is the political successor to, the Grand River Ottawa Bands, signatories of the 1836 Treaty of Washington (7 Stat. 491) with the United States, as reaffirmed by federal law in P.L. 103-324, enacted in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted a new Constitution, pursuant to a vote of the membership on May 27, 1998, which Constitution became effective upon its approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on July 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on April 26, 2004, which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on May 13, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) of the Constitution to provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Little River Band and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 9(f) of the Constitution to create by ordinance regulatory commissions and to delegate to those commission the power to manage the affairs of the Little River Band; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council did by Ordinance #06-500-01 create the Natural Resource Commission to be a regulatory body and delegated to that Commission the power to oversee and regulate the use of the natural resources within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission has recommended and approved the 2014 Bear Hunt Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council agrees with and adopts the Natural Resource Commission’s recommendations;
NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians adopts the Natural Resource Commission’s 2014 Bear Hunt Regulations, subject to inclusion of the number of permits.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED, that the adopted regulations are attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 8 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, 1 ABSENT, at a Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2014 at the Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such a vote.

Sandy Mezeske, Council Recorder

Attest:

Distribution: Council Records
              Tribal Ogema
              Natural Resource Commission
              Natural Resource Department
              Public Safety Department
2014
Black Bear Hunting Regulations

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The regulations in this handbook are for black bear hunting. Hunters must abide by all other Tribal regulations. In the event of a conflict, these regulations control.

Applying for Bear Permits

Tribal Members interested in harvesting bear must apply for a harvest tag from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department. The application must include the top three management unit the Tribal Member is interested in.

Bag limits are one per year.

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Possession and Transportation

A legal and current Tribal License and harvest/transport tag is required to take, transport and possess black bear. The tags are only valid in the specified bear management unit. The hunter must immediately fill out the harvest/transport tag and attach it to the lower jaw of the bear.
Lawfully taken black bear may be transported within or outside of the Ceded Territory providing the Tribal member has a valid and current Tribal license in their possession and the carcass has been properly sealed.

The harvest/transport tag must remain attached to the bear for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

**Registration and Collection**

The **bear must be registered within three business days of the kill** at a Tribally-certified or Michigan DNR station. Registration is mandatory. Hunters may present the entire carcass or just the hide with claws, head and teeth still attached. The sealed registration tag must be retained until all the meat is consumed or disposed of.

A premolar tooth will be collected when the bear is registered and used to determine the age of the bear and genetic information.

Reproductive tract collection is voluntary. A hunter may elect to donate a female bear’s reproductive tract by contacting a LRBOI Wildlife Biologist at (231) 723-1594. The LRBOI NRD will provide instructions and collection supplies on request.
Baiting

Hunters may bait black bear subject to the following:
- Hunters may bait black bears with unlimited amounts of meat and meat products, fish and fish products, dog food, cat food, bakery or confectionary items such as jams, jellies, sweeteners, candies and other cooked or processed bakery items, including pie fillings and yogurts.
- Hunters may use five gallons of grain per bait station, provided the grain is inaccessible to deer and elk. **Hunters cannot use grain in counties closed to deer and elk feeding or baiting.**
- All other materials, including fruits, vegetables, salt and minerals may be used in 100 lb. quantities starting October 1, except in counties closed to deer and elk feeding or baiting.
- All containers used to bait black bears in Tribal and public lands must be removed and disposed of properly.
- Hunters may not use bait that has been poisoned or medicated or that will harm or stupefy the bear.
- Bait stations may not be established or tended in the Ceded Territory before August 10 or after October 26.

Dogs

Hunters may use dogs subject to the following:
- Dogs may be trained by pursuing black bear from July 1 through August 30.
- All dogs must be immunized and licensed with the license or owner’s identifying information on their collars.
- No more than six dogs may run as a pack, regardless of the number of hunters or the ownership of the dogs.
- Packs may not be relayed.
- Individual dogs may not be replaced during a hunt.
- Dogs may not be trained on a captive, tethered or caged bear.
- Dogs **may not** be trained or used to hunt black bear in the Upper Peninsula from September 10 through September 14 or in the Red Oak Management Unit from October 2 through October 8.
**Weapons and Ammunition Allowed**

Tribal Members may use any of the following weapons and ammunition for a black bear hunt:

- Soft point or expanding bullets
- Center-fire rifles of .243 caliber or larger
- Rifled muzzle-loader of .40 caliber or larger (including rifled muzzle-loading handguns)
- Smooth bore muzzle-loader of .45 caliber or larger (including smooth bore muzzle-loading handguns)
- 12-gauge shotgun or larger, using slugs
- Bows with a pull of at least 30 pounds
- Crossbows with a pull of at least 100 pounds
- Arrows with broad heads having a cutting surface a minimum of one inch in diameter
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .357 caliber or larger, with straight walled cartridges only (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined)
- Conventional (smokeless powder) handguns of .243 center-fire caliber or larger bottleneck cartridges (single or multiple shot, but cannot exceed maximum capacity of 9 rounds in the magazine and barrel combined)

**Concealed Weapons**

Hunters may not carry concealed weapons on Tribal lands. Tribal Members may carry handguns with a valid concealed pistol license (CPL). Handguns must be carried in plain view while in the field. Transportation of handguns carried under a CPL must be in accordance with the terms of the CPL.
**Weapons and Ammunition Prohibited**

Tribal Members **may not** use:

- Fully automatic firearms (possession during bear hunt also prohibited)
- Semi-automatic or center-fired rifles capable of holding more than 6 shells in both the chamber and magazine combined
- Cartridges containing either tracer or exploding bullets
- Devices known or used to silence firearms
- Firearms not specifically listed on page 5 of this booklet
- Explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances

**Shooting Hours**

Shooting hours are half an hour before sunrise to half an hour after sunset, local time. Tribal Members hunting black bear may not shoot a firearm, crossbow or bow outside of these hours.

**Miscellaneous Restrictions**

Tribal Members may not engage in any of the following during a black bear hunt:

- The use of explosives, live decoys, pitfalls, traps, poisons, medicated bait or harmful or stupefying substances
- Shooting bears in dens or landfills
- Shooting cubs or sows with cubs

Tribal Members may not sell black bear parts, hides, meat or internal organs.
For more information contact:

Natural Resource Department: 866-723-1594
Conservation Law Enforcement: 231-723-6241
Weekends/After hours: Contact Central Dispatch: 231-723-6241

For more information contact Conservation Law Enforcement or Natural Resource Department, Wildlife Staff:
   Phone: 231-723-1594
   Fax: 231-723-8873

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