



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #17-0719-250

Approval of Adopting an Amendment to the 2017 Tribal Elk Regulation to include the number of permits available to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members and to correct location maps

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Aníshinaábek* (Little River Band of Ottawa Indians) as a sovereign and 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 Tribe adopted amendments to the Constitution on July 11, 2016 which became effective upon approval by the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs on August 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(a) 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 adopted the 2007 Inland Hunting and Fishing Consent Decree in order to provide Tribal Citizens with access to specific natural occurring resources throughout the 1836 Ceded Territory; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Natural Resource Commission is tasked with drafting and ratifying Harvesting Regulations that establish seasons, bag limits and other criteria to ensure reasonable and equitable access to these naturally occurring resources in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resource Commission has approved amendments by Resolution #17-0710-04 during a regular meeting with quorum present, adopting the attached 2017 Regulations for Elk Hunting to include the number of permits available to Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members and to correct location maps; and

WHEREAS, the Regulations require the approval of Tribal Council

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT the Tribal Council of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hereby authorizes the 2017 Tribal Elk Regulations attached to this Resolution.

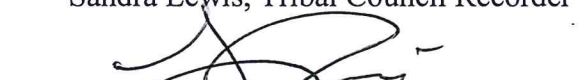
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Amendments to the Regulations shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Natural Resource Commission shall provide copies of the amended Regulation to the Public Safety Department and Natural Resource Department, and shall ensure that the Regulation is posted on-line and available to Tribal Members.

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 7 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 2 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on July 19, 2017, at the Little River Band's Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.

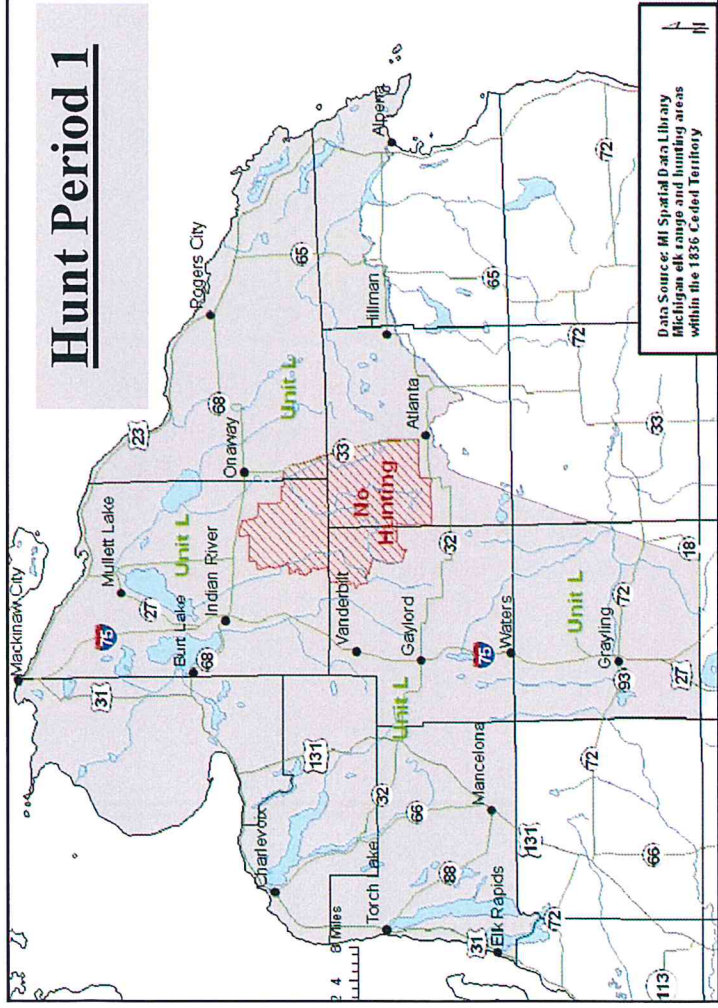

Sandra Lewis, Tribal Council Recorder


Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Speaker

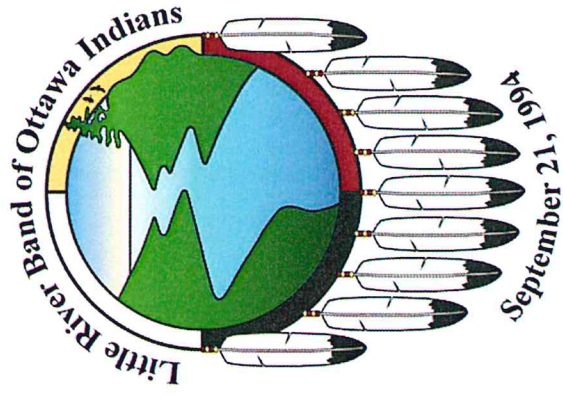
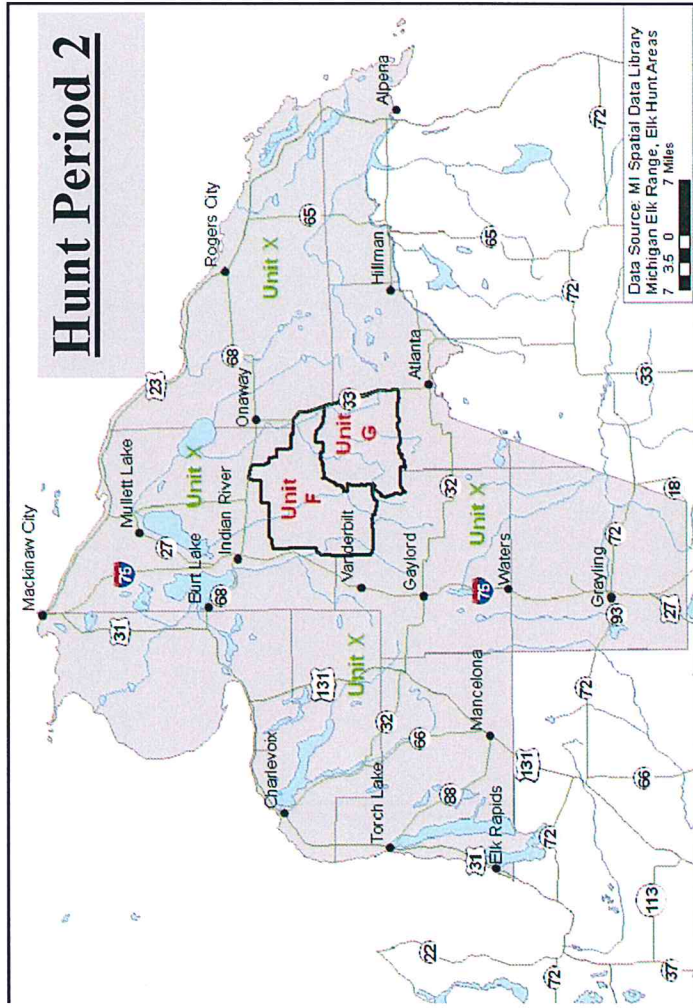
Attest:

Distribution: Tribal Ogema
Tribal Council
Tribal Court
LRB Public Safety
Natural Resources Department

Hunt Period 1



Hunt Period 2



Tribal Elk Hunting Additional Regulations and Annual Supplement *Giiewsedaa Mazina'igan* 2017

Drawing for Elk Permits

There will be one drawing for elk permits. Entries are limited to one per eligible Tribal Member. Tribal Members who are of age and who have not won an elk lottery within the last five years are eligible to enter.

The drawing will not be weighted and each entry will receive equal weight.

The Natural Resource Commission will certify that all eligible applicants are entered into the software program, which will then generate winners. The program will also generate an ordered list of alternate hunters, so that if a winner is unable to take his or her permit, the alternate hunters will be contacted in order of the list. Successful applicants will be assigned a hunt period and elk management unit for when and where their permit will be valid.

All applicants whose names are drawn and alternate hunters who are offered a permit will be considered “winners” for purposes of a five year waiting period, whether or not they were able to use the permit and whether or not they were successful in their hunt. Applicants whose names were drawn but who could not use the permit because of an intervening medical issue or a bona fide emergency can appeal to the Natural Resource Commission to be excused from the five year waiting period.

Tribal Elk Hunt Orientation

Successful applicants are required to attend a two hour training session prior to the scheduled elk hunt. The location of the elk hunt orientation will be provided to successful applicants. The orientation will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, carcass handling, marksmanship, hunting rules and regulations.

2017 Tribal Elk Hunting Seasons and Units

2017 Available Harvest Tags

4 Tags (1 any elk and 3 antlerless elk tags)

Hunt Period 1:

August 29 - September 1 and September 15 - 18 and September 29 - October 2 in Unit “L-Only” on both public and private lands (with permission) in elk management unit “L” (See map on back).

Hunt Period 2:

December 9 - 17 on both public and private lands (with permission) in elk management units within areas G and X or F and X. **December 18 - January 1** on public land only in elk management units within areas G and X or F and X (See the map on back).

Hunt Period 3

January 17 - January 21, 2018 on public land only in elk management units where additional harvest is deemed necessary to meet elk management objectives.

For more information or to report wounded elk or kill sites contact:

LRBOI Natural Resource Department: (231) 723-1594

LRBOI Conservation Law Enforcement: (231) 723-6241

Wildlife Disease Laboratory at MSU Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health:
(517) 336-5030

MDNR Check Station:

(989) 785-4251 Ext. 5233

Weapons and Ammunition Prohibited

Tribal Members **may not** use:

- Fully automatic firearms (possession during elk hunt also prohibited)
- Shotguns or center-fired rifles capable of holding more than 6 shells in both chambers or 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

Shooting Hours

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

Marking Kill Sites

Elk hunters will be provided with two 1' x 1' flags and fluorescent ribbons for marking kill sites. Sites must be flagged unless law enforcement, DNR or LRBOI NDR staff are able to check the site before the harvested elk is removed. Otherwise, hunters will mark the site as follows:

- Tie one 1' x 1' flag to a tree over the gut pile or, if in a field, on a stick standing over the gut pile.
- Place ribbons with approximately 18 inches showing every fifty feet or less out to the nearest named road (not a two-track). Flags must be visible from one to the next.
- Place second 1' x 1' flag on a tree at the main road.
- Do not move elk from the kill site until the carcass is tagged and the site is flagged.

General Tribal Elk Hunting Regulations

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

Possession and Transportation

A legal and current Tribal License and harvest/transport tag is required to take, transport and possess elk. The tags are only valid in the specified hunt period and elk management unit. The hunter must immediately fill out the harvest/transport tag and attach it to the elk.

Lawfully taken elk 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.

Registration and Testing

The elk must be registered within 72 hours of kill. Registration is mandatory. The harvest/transport tag must remain attached to the elk for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

Successful hunters must turn in the head of their elk for bovine tuberculosis testing to the Natural Resources Department or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Heads turned into the LRBOI NRD will not be returned. If a hunter wants to keep the head for European mounting, he or she must contact the Wildlife Disease Laboratory at Michigan State University by calling (517) 336-5030 to make arrangements. Tribal members must make their own transportation arrangements. Hunters who opt to use this laboratory must notify the LRBOI NRD of their intention.

Hunting Techniques

Firearm elk hunters are required to wear a minimum of one square foot of hunters' orange that is visible from all sides.

Archery elk hunters may hunt from a tree or portable raised platform. Firearm elk hunters may also hunt from a portable raised platform.

All raised platforms and ground blinds constructed from non-native, processed materials and placed on public or Tribal lands must have the user's name and Tribal identification number permanently affixed in legible English. Letters should be a minimum of 2 inches high.

Raised hunting platforms and ground blinds of any material that are erected or used on public or tribal land may not be attached to a tree by nails, screws or bolts that penetrate through the bark of a tree, except for a "t" bolt or similar device supplied from the manufacturer and recommended for safety.

All portable blinds must be removed from public and private lands at the end of each day's hunt.

Man-made pit blinds are prohibited on public and Tribal lands.

Tribal hunters cannot bait for elk.

Wounded Elk Record

If an elk is wounded but not recovered, hunters must contact a Tribal or State law enforcement officer, the MDNR or the LRBOI NRD. The hunter must provide the date and location of the hit

Weapons and Ammunition Allowed

Tribal Members may use any of the following weapons and ammunition for an elk hunt:

- Center-fire rifle of .243 caliber or larger
- Rifled muzzle-loader of .40 caliber or larger (including rifled muzzle-loader handguns)
- Smooth-bore muzzle-loader of .45 caliber or larger (including smooth-bore muzzle-loader handguns)
- 12-gauge shotgun or larger, using slugs
- 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)
- Soft point or expanding bullets
- Bows with a minimum pull of 55 pounds
- Crossbows with a minimum pull of 100 pounds
- Arrows with a minimum of a one inch cutting surface broad heads

Concealed Weapons

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.