



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Resolution #25-1015-226

Approving Amendments to the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhing 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 legislative powers of the Tribe are vested in the Tribal Council according to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized by Article IV, Section 7(a)(1) and (2) to exercise the inherent powers of the Tribe by establishing laws through the enactment of ordinances and adoption of resolutions to govern the conduct of Tribal Members and others within the Tribe's jurisdiction and to promote, protect and provide for the public health, peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, our ancestors reserved the right to hunt, fish and gather within the territories ceded under the 1836 Treaty of Washington ('1836 Ceded Territory'), and is a right which we as Anishinaabek continue to exercise; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article IV, Section 7(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 discussed, proposed amendments, and approved the proposed Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory by resolution NRC 2025-1006-010; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council held a work session open to the public to allow for feedback and discussion on 10-09-2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Tribal Council approves amendments to the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory with the following major changes and some minor formatting, rewording for clarity and numbering corrections:

- 3.56. Shotgun Zone means the area described in Appendix D of the 2007 Inland Consent Decree. Specifically, Michigan is divided into a northern rifle zone where rifles may be used for firearm deer hunting and a southern shotgun zone where only shotguns, muzzle-loading rifles, **handguns .35-caliber or larger, loaded with straight-walled cartridges and Centerfire rifles chambered for straight-wall rounds .35 caliber or larger, with a minimum case length of 1.16 inches and a maximum case length of 1.8 inches** may be used. The dividing line between the northern rifle deer hunting zone and the southern shotgun zone is as follows: Starting at a point on the Lake Michigan shoreline directly west of M-46, then easterly to M-46, then easterly along M-46 to US-131 at Cedar Springs, southerly on US-131 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to Montcalm Road on the Kent-Montcalm county line, southerly on Montcalm Road and the Kent-Ionia county line to M-44, easterly on M-44 to M-66, northerly on M-66 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to M-52 near Chesaning, northerly on M-52 to M-46, easterly on M-46 to M-47, northerly on M-47 to US-10 west of Bay City, easterly on US-10 to I-75, northerly on I-75 and US-23 to Beaver Road (about one mile north of Kawkawlin), easterly to Saginaw Bay, north 50 degrees east to the International Boundary.
- 3.59. **Straight walled cartridge means A .35 caliber or larger centerfire, straight-walled cartridge with a minimum case length of 1.16 inches and a maximum case length of 1.80 inches**
- 4.02. Restricted Tribal Lands. The following Tribal parcels are subject to restrictions on harvesting activities:
 - a. Dabaakwanige Gamig (Justice Center). The Tribal property known as the Justice Center (formerly known as Newland Academy) is closed to hunting with firearms, pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution #03-0212-45.
 - b. Bull Property. The Tribal property known as the Bull property or the Orchards on the northwest corner of Dontz Road and M-22 are limited to archery, crossbow, shotgun, **straight walled cartridges** and muzzleloader hunting unless amended by the Natural Resource Commission or the Tribal Council.

- c. Aki Maadiziwin. The Tribal property known as the Aki Maadiziwin Housing Development, including the Tribal Utility Department Pump House, is closed to hunting and trapping activities at all times, except for archery.
- d. Parcels in City of Manistee. Parcels owned by the Tribe in fee simple within the City of Manistee are closed to hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering activities at all times, with the exception of gathering on residential parcels leased to a Tribal member by the lessee or with the lessee's written permission.
- e. The Devoe parcel. The Devoe parcel is limited to **straight wall cartridges**, handgun, archery, crossbow, shotgun, and muzzleloader hunting in designated areas as posted.

4.03. Closed Tribal Areas. The following Tribal lands are closed to all harvesting activities at all times, unless modified by resolution of the Natural Resource Commission:

- a. The Little River Casino Resort site;
- b. The Little River Wastewater Treatment Plant and waste treatment pond area, if within 100 feet of the fenced treatment plant and treatment **lagoon** area;
- c. The Tribal Governmental Building site, including the C-Store location;
- d. Within 100 feet of any land used for a cemetery at the Custer Property. No holes of any kind may be dug on the Custer Property for the purposes of harvesting;
- e. Odeno. The approximately 120 acres located in Fruitport Township in Muskegon, Michigan bounded on the west by South Sheridan Road and Stephens Creek to the east. North and south boundaries are privately owned parcels;
- f. Race Track Parcels (otherwise known as Great Lakes Downs). The approximately 147 acres located in Fruitport Township in Muskegon, Michigan bounded on the west by Harvey Road, with the eastern boundary being I-96 and Quarterline. Northern boundary is private land while the southern boundary, across Ellis Road, is also bordered by private holdings. Commonly known as 4800 Harvey Street, Fruitport, Michigan;
- g. Blueberry Field Parcels. The approximately 35.1 acres located in Fruitport Township in Muskegon, Michigan bounded on the west by Harvey Road, with the eastern boundary being I-96 and Quarterline. Northern boundary is private land while the southern boundary, across Ellis Road, is also bordered by private holdings; and
- h. Golf Course Property. The LRCR property known as the **Wolf River Golf Park**.**
- i. East Lake Property. The Tribal property known as the East Lake property or "Big Blue" is closed to hunting and fishing activities at all times.**
- j. Powwow Grounds. The Tribal property known as the Powwow Grounds or Gathering Grounds which is bordered by US31 to the north and extends 100 feet beyond the top of the ridgelines to the south and east are closed to hunting and trapping activities at all times.**

- 6.02. Firearm Limitations. Tribal Members are further subject to the following limitations on weapons:
- a. In hunting M'didaa-E'weesi'e(big game) other than wild turkey, a Tribal Member shall not use a firearm other than a center fire rifle of .22 caliber or larger, handgun or rifle 35-caliber or larger, loaded with straight-walled cartridges , a muzzle- loader of .40 caliber or larger, or a shotgun using slug or buckshot.
 - b. In hunting wild turkey, a Tribal Member may not use a firearm other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun using number four (4) shot or smaller nonlead ammunition is recommend.
 - c. All shotguns used for migratory birds (including woodcock) must be plugged so the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells. Nontoxic shot is required. If you are hunting ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, common gallinules, rails or Wilson's Snipe, you cannot possess or use shotshells loaded with a material other than nontoxic steel, bismuth, tungsten-iron, tungsten-polymer, tungsten matrix or other shot determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be nontoxic.
 - d. Any device or apparatus known or used as a suppressor may be used when used in compliance with federal law.
- 6.05. Hunters Orange. No Tribal Member may hunt or trap with a firearm on any lands during daylight hunting hours unless one (1) square foot of hunters orange is worn and visible from all sides. This requirement does not apply to a Tribal Member engaged in the taking of turkey, crow or migratory birds other than woodcock, or an individual who is stationary and in the act of hunting bobcat, coyote, or fox. or to a Tribal Member hunting with a bow or crossbow only.
- 6.08. Shotgun Zone. No Tribal Member shall hunt deer in the shotgun zone with a firearm other than:
- a. A shotgun with a smooth or rifled barrel and of any gauge;
 - b. A muzzle-loading rifle or black powder handgun loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black-powder substitute; or
 - c. A conventional (smokeless powder) handgun of .35 caliber or larger and loaded with straight-walled cartridges and single or multiple shot but which does not exceed a maximum capacity of nine rounds in the chamber and magazine combined.
 - d. A centerfire rifle 35 caliber or larger loaded with straight-walled cartridges with a minimum case length of 1.16 inches and a maximum case length of 1.80 inches

Article 11. Baiting

- a. Deer and Wild Turkey Baiting. Tribal Members may engage in deer or wild turkey baiting on all lands within the Ceded territory, Tribal lands, or private lands owned by a Tribal Member. **Bait means placing a substance intended for consumption by deer as an aid in hunting.** No more than 5 gallons of bait may be made available to deer or wild turkey at any one time must be spread over at least 100 square foot area. Multiple bait piles must be placed at least 100 feet **apart**. Bait cannot be placed prior to 5 days before season opening.

Article 14. Seasons and Bag Limits.

- 14.01. The following species are limited by the seasons and bag limits displayed in the following table:

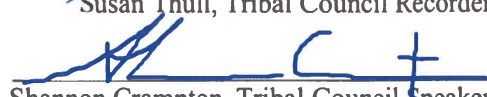
Deer	Seasons below apply to all weapon types. <i>Early Season.</i> the day after Labor Day through October 31. <i>Late season. for all lands.</i> November 15 through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January. <i>Late Season for Tribal Lands only,</i> will commence November 1 and end the Sunday of the first full weekend in January. If the State enacts an extended season, Tribal closing dates in those areas of the Ceded Territory affected by the States extended season are extended to match the State season closing dates.	Annual bag limit of ten (10) total deer per Tribal hunter, no more than two (2) of which may be antlered. EARLY SEASON: Bag limit of five (5) total deer, no more than one (1) of which may be antlered. LATE SEASON (all lands): Remainder of annual bag limit not harvested in the early season.
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CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Tribal Council with 9 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINING, and 0 ABSENT, at a Regular Session of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council held on October 15, 2025, at the Little River Band Ottawa Indians' Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, with a quorum being present for such vote.



Susan Thull, Tribal Council Recorder



Shannon Crampton, Tribal Council Speaker

Attest:

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