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**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Natural Resources Commission
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, Michigan 49660**

July 11, 2022
Open Session Minutes
Zoom Info
Meeting ID: 567 831 8925 PW: 1994

I. General Business

A. Call to Order: 5:02pm

B. Roll Call:

Virgil Johnson- Chair.....Present
John GrocholskiPresent
Martha Howell - Recorder.....Present
Connie Eno.....Present
Vacant

Others Present: Gary DiPiazza, Frank Beaver, Elise McGowan, Natasha

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the July 11, 2022 agenda:

Motion to approve:
made by: Eno
supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

D. Approval of Open Session Minutes

Motion to approve the May 09, 2022 Open Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:
made by: Howell

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Open Session Minutes
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supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

E. Approval of Closed Session Minutes

Motion to approve the May 09, 2022 Closed Session Minutes:

Motion to approve:

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Howell

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0

I. Law Enforcement Update: None

- II. Natural Resources Department Update:** Natasha gives update. Wednesday July 20th, 2022 giving a presentation to the elders after lunch about the results of her study/interviews. She has completed 15 interviews with two more interviews to go. She will be finished by July 20th. Her next steps include working on the writing portion of her dissertation for college.

III. Legal Dept. Update: None

IV. New Business:

F. Approval of Resolution NRC # 2022-711-002

Motion to approve the Annual Updated 2022 Elk Regulations:

Motion to approve:

made by: Grocholski

supported by: Eno

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 3-0-0-1

Motion to approve the Annual Updated 2022 Bear Regulations #2022-711-003:

Motion to approve:
 made by: Eno
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - no			

Motion approved 3-0-0-1

V. Continuing Business:

VI. Public Comment:
 None

VII. Closed Session:
 None:

VIII. Next meeting Date: 08/08/22
 Trash on tribal property, Sturgeon update, identification of tribal properties with signage.

A. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 7:50pm
 made by: Eno
 supported by: Grocholski

Johnson – yes	Eno - yes	vacant	Grocholski - yes
Howell - yes			

Motion approved 4-0-0-0



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Resolution NRC-2022-0711-002

Resolution to adopt 2022 annual ELK Regulation booklet

WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng 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 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

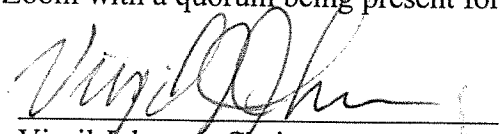
WHEREAS, the Hunting, Trapping and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory delegates the annual ELK regulations booklet updates to the Natural Resources Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission has reviewed the Annual ELK Regulation Booklet to make yearly updates to the dates and language; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Natural Resources Commission adopts the change to the ELK Regulation as attached for adoption for the 2022 ELK season and copies of the Regulation will be made available to the Public Safety Department and Natural Resources Department and posted on-line and available for Tribal Members.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

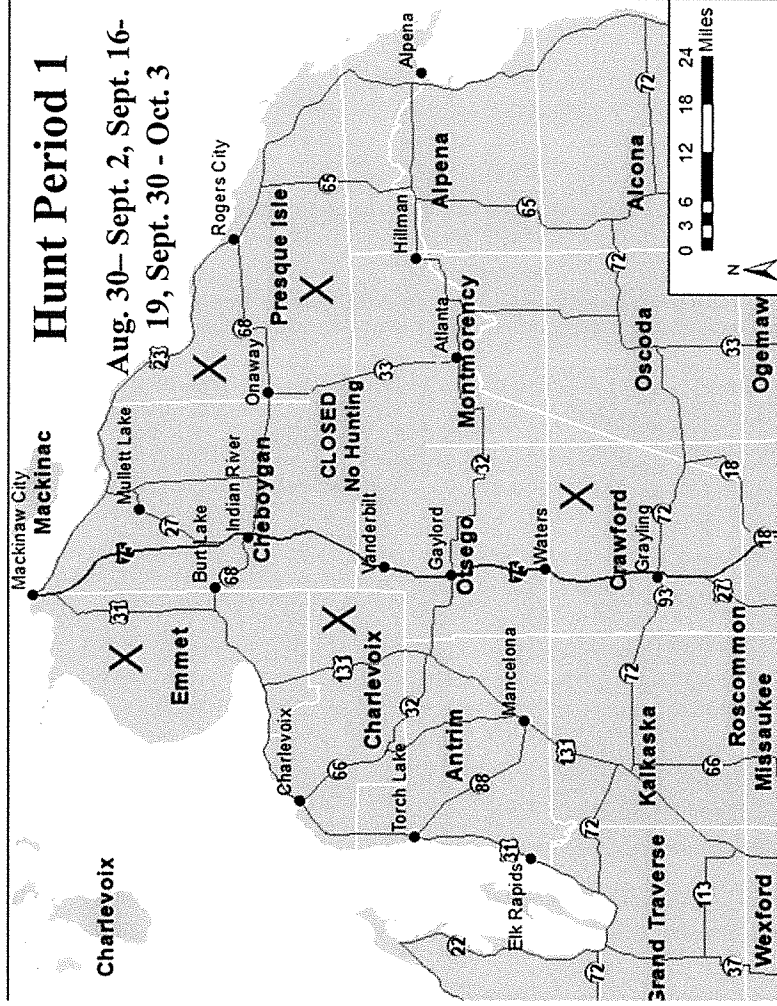
I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly presented and adopted by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resource Commission with 4 FOR, AGAINST, ABSTAINING, ABSENT, at the Commission's regular meeting held on 07-11, 2022, at the Tribal Government Center in Manistee, Michigan, and by Zoom with a quorum being present for such a vote.


Virgil Johnson, Chairman

cc. Tribal Council
Tribal Ogema
Natural Resources Department

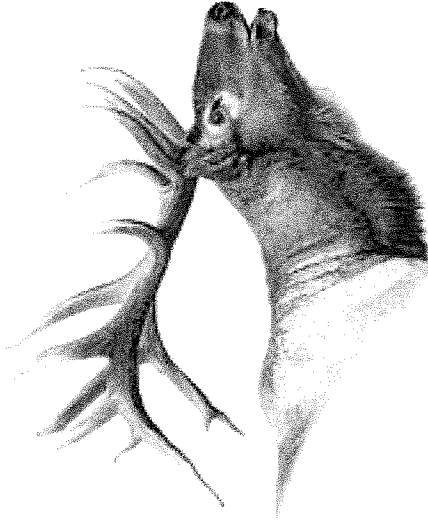
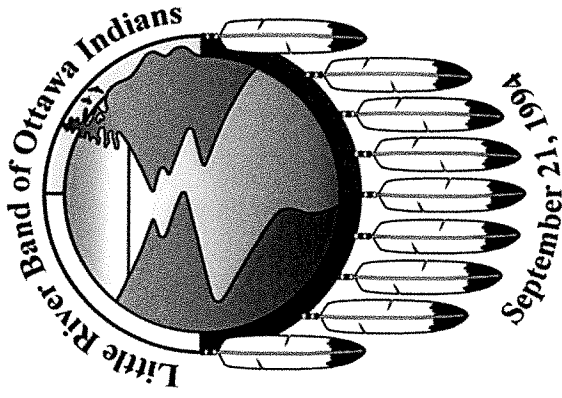
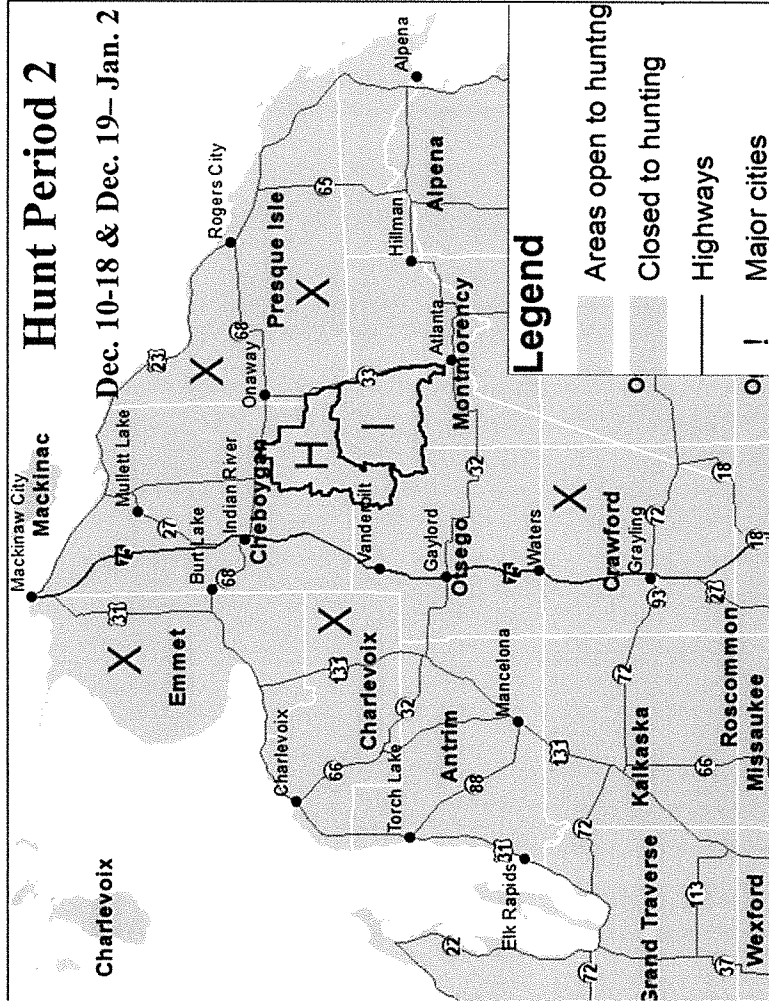
Hunt Period 1

Aug. 30– Sept. 2, Sept. 16–
19, Sept. 30 – Oct. 3



Hunt Period 2

Dec. 10-18 & Dec. 19– Jan. 2



Tribal Elk Hunting Additional Regulations and Annual Supplement

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2022

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 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.

2022 Tribal Elk Hunting Seasons and Units

2022 Available Harvest Permits

5 permits (2 any elk and 3 antlerless elk permits)

Hunt Period 1:

August 30-September 2 and **September 16-19** and **September 30-October 3** in Unit "X-Only" on both public and private lands (with permission) in elk management unit "X" (See map on back).

Hunt Period 2:

December 10-18 on both public and private lands (with permission) in elk management units within areas H and X or I and X. **December 19, 2022 - January 2, 2023** on **public land** only in elk management unit within areas H and X or I and X (See the map on back).

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

LRBOI Natural Resource Department: (231) 723-1594
Angela Kujawa (231) 655-2069

LRBOI Conservation Law Enforcement: (231) 723-6241
Bobby Robles (231) 690-7319
Kyle Gunderson (231) 590-2740

Wildlife Disease Laboratory at MSU Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health: (517) 336-5034

MDNR Check Station: (989) 732-3541 Ext. 5993

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 unless the hunter meets all federal compliance requirements for use of a suppressor.
- 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 NRD 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 transport tag is required to take, transport and possess elk. The tags are only valid in the assigned hunt period and elk management unit. Upon harvest, the permit holder must immediately fill out the transport tag and attach it to the elk.

Lawfully taken elk may be transported within or outside of the 1836 Ceded Territory providing the Tribal member has a valid and current Tribal license in their possession and the transport tag has been attached to the carcass.

Registration and Testing

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

Successful hunters may turn in the head of their elk for bovine tuberculosis testing to the Natural Resources Department or the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Submitting the head for testing is voluntary. Heads that are turned in will not be returned.

Hunting Techniques

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

Elk hunters may hunt from a tree or 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 Tribal lands by March 1.

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

It is unlawful to take elk over bait.

It is unlawful to hunt elk with a dog

It is unlawful to pursue or shoot a swimming elk.

Wounded Elk Record

If an elk is wounded but not recovered, hunters must contact a Tribal or State law enforcement officer, and the LRBOI NRD. The hunter must provide the date and location of where the animal was wounded. Before the hunter is allowed to pursue another elk, Tribal law enforcement must notify them that they are permitted to do so.

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.
- All muzzle-loaders shall be .50 caliber or larger.
- 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). Transportation of handguns carried under a CPL must be in accordance with the terms of the CPL.



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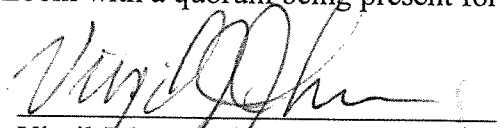
Resolution NRC-2022-0711-003

Resolution to Adopt 2022 Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet

- WHEREAS, the status of the *Gaá Čhíng Ziibi Daáwaa Anishinaábek* (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
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- WHEREAS, the Hunting, Trapping, and Gathering Regulations for the 1836 Ceded Territory delegates the annual black bear regulations booklet updates to the Natural Resources Commission; and
- WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission has reviewed the Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet to make yearly updates to the dates and language regarding baiting; and
- NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, the Natural Resources Commission adopts the change to the Black Bear Regulation as attached for adoption for the 2022 black bear season and copies of the Regulation will be made available to the Public Safety Department and Natural Resources Department and posted on-line and available for Tribal Members.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

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2022

Annual Black Bear Regulation Booklet

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Black Bear Hunting Regulations

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 first and second choice of Bear Management Units.

Bag limits are one bear per year.

Black Bear Open Season:	DATES: Sept 7—Oct 26, 2022
Bear Management Units	2022 Tribal Tags Available
Baraga	40
Gwinn	23
Newberry	50
Baldwin	40
Gladwin	4
Red Oak	61

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.

- Cartridges containing either tracer or exploding bullets.
- Devices known or used to silence firearms unless the hunter meets all federal compliance requirements for use of a suppressor.
- 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.
- Chase, pursue, shoot, or kill a swimming bear.

Tribal Members may not sell black bear parts, hides, meat or internal organs.

Black Bear Hunting Season

The 2022 Black Bear hunting season is September 7 — October 26 in all Bear Management units.

For more information contact:

Natural Resource Department: 231-723-1594
Conservation Law Enforcement: 231-723-6241

Weekends/After hours: Contact
Central Dispatch: 231-723-6241

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.
- All muzzle-loaders shall be .50 caliber or larger.
- 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. Bolts and quarrels at least 14 inches and tipped with a broadhead at least 7/8 inch wide.
- 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

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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.

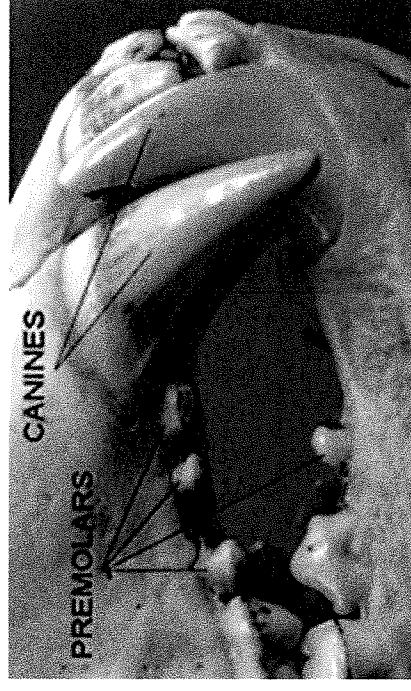
The harvest/transport tag must remain attached to the bear for transportation and until harvest seal is attached at a designated registration station.

Registration and Collection

Bear must be registered within three business days of the harvest at a Tribally-certified or Michigan DNR station. Registration is mandatory. If checked at a state-run or other tribal facility, **Tribal Members must notify the LRBOI Natural Resources Department of the harvest and location of registration.** (see page 7) .

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.



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. **Products that contain chocolate or cocoa derivatives may not be used.**
- Any containers used to transport bait shall be removed immediately and disposed of properly.
- It is unlawful to hunt over bait that has, within 100 yards of the bait site, any containers used to transport bait to the baiting site.
- Only three bait stations may be tended per hunter.
- 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 7 or after October 26.

Barrel Baiting

Hunters who want to barrel bait are responsible for ensuring that they are on private or tribal owned lands. Barrels are **NOT allowed on State, Commercial Forest, or U.S. Forest Service lands.**

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Hunters may use barrel baiting subject to the following:

- Bait barrels used must be made of steel and securely anchored to a post in the ground with a chain or cable no more than eight feet in length;
- Bait barrels must have a secure lid and holes no greater than one inch in diameter;
- Only one barrel per bait station;
- Hunters are required to affix a tag with LRBOI and the hunter's tribal identification number or bear harvest tag number to the barrel; and
- Limit bait barrel locations within 400 yards of a road.
- Bait inside the barrel must be removed at the close of the bear season.
- Barrels must be removed no later than five days after the close of the bear season.

Dogs

Hunters may use dogs subject to the following:

- Dogs may be trained by pursuing black bear from July 8 through April 15 of the following year (see exceptions below).
- Dogs may not be trained or used to hunt black bear in the Upper Peninsula from September 2 through September 11, in the Lower Peninsula from September 6 through September 11 and October 7 through October 13.
- All dogs must be immunized and licensed with the license or owner's identifying information on their collars.
- No more than eight dogs may run as a pack, regardless of the number of hunters or the ownership of the dogs.
- Packs may not be relayed.
- It is legal to replace individual dogs, provided eight or fewer dogs are used at one time or during the same day.
- Dogs may not be trained on a captive, tethered, or caged bear.
- Dogs must be owned by a tribal member (with Article 13 rights) when used outside of the designated state permitted periods.
- It is unlawful to begin to chase a bear with dogs between one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

