

# Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians 2019-2020 Inland Guide



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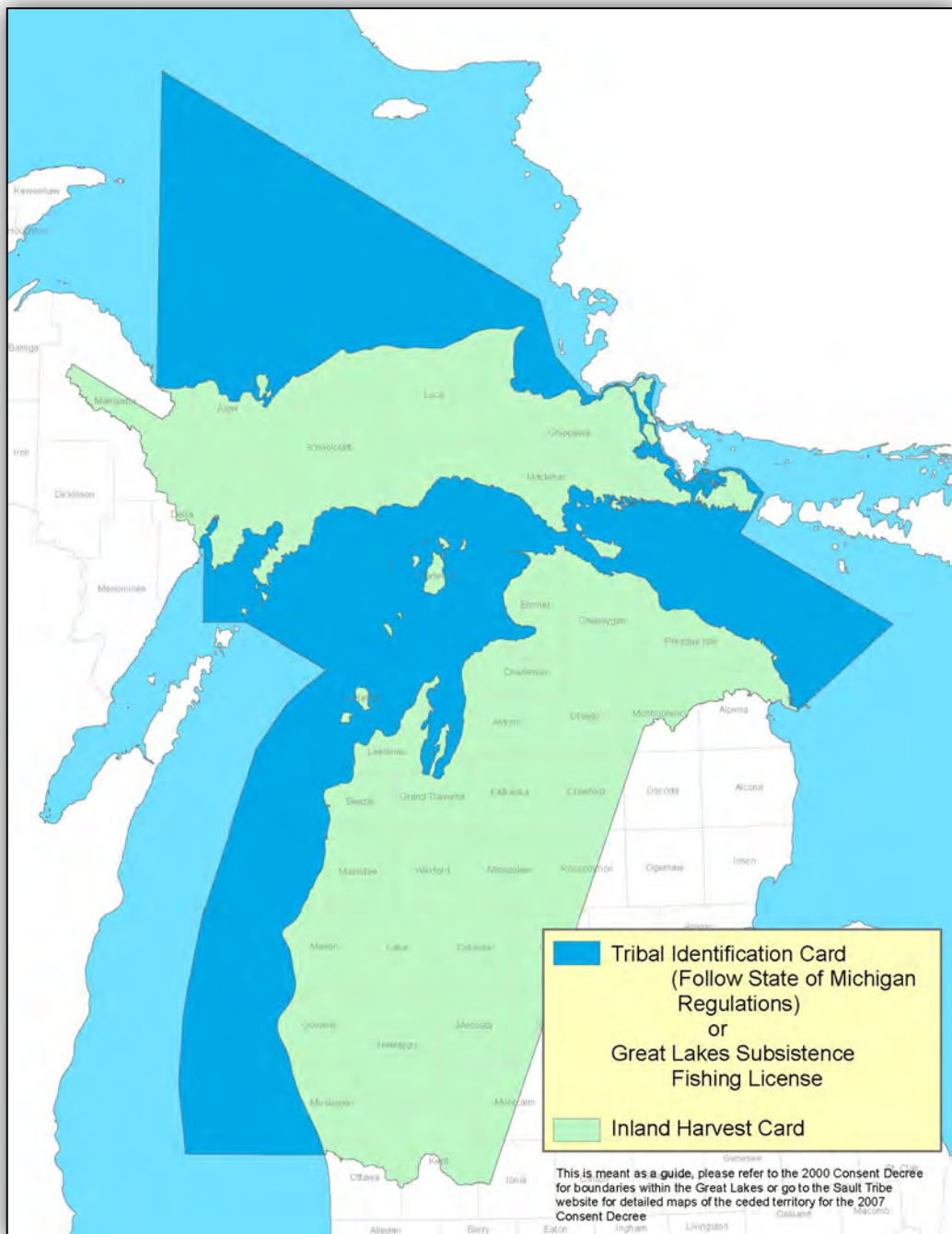
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## THE 2007 INLAND CONSENT DECREE

The 2007 Inland Consent Decree is a federal court affirmed agreement among the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, the state of Michigan and the United States. The 2007 Inland Consent Decree reaffirmed tribal authority to regulate members' harvest activities and participate in the natural resource management within the lands and waters ceded by the 1836 Treaty of Washington. The 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory covers approximately 13 million acres, roughly one-third of the state of Michigan. In the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory, the tribes coordinate their efforts with other governmental agencies in research and assessment activities.



## **THE SAULT TRIBE'S CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Sault Tribe's Conservation Committee was established under Chapter 22 of the Tribal Code. The committee advises the tribe's board of directors regarding the tribe's regulatory and policy responsibilities under the 2000 Consent Decree, the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, and the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding with the US Forest Service and any other agreements or matters that involve the conduct of the treaty right. There are 13 committee members, including a chair appointed by the board of directors, who serve four-year staggered terms. Six members are commercial fishers. The committee chair represents the tribe at the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority (CORA) and all discussions related to treaty rights issues with other governments, tribes and private parties.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

Sault Tribe's Natural Resources Department (NRD) is the biological management program charged with implementation of the biological components of the 2007 Consent Decree, 2000 Consent Decree and the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding with the US Forest Service. The NRD has four programmatic focus areas: Interagency Fish and Wildlife Management, Harvest Management and Assessment, Adaptive Ecosystem Management and Public Outreach. For detailed maps, harvest summaries, technical reports and applications, please visit [www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources).

### **NRD Wildlife Program**

The Wildlife Management Program collects, compiles and analyzes over 4,000 Inland Harvest Reports each year including the transcription of all comments. This information is vital to the management and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources the treaty rights depend on.

**This program is located at 2428 Shunk Rd., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783 and can be reached at (906) 632-6132.**

### **NRD Fisheries Program**

The Fisheries Management Program (FMP) is tasked with the management of the fisheries for the 2000 Great Lakes Consent Decree and the 2007 Inland Consent Decree. The program runs Assessment and Research, Fisheries Enhancement, Harvest and Effort Statistics, Representation and Co-Management of the Great Lakes fishery and serves on committees for the 2007 Consent Decree including the Inland Fisheries Committee.

**This program is located at 916 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783 and can be reached at (906) 632-0072.**

## **LICENSE INFORMATION**

**Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Conservation** offers a variety of licenses and permits to support membership harvest within the 1836 treaty Ceded Territory, pursuant to Chapter 21 of the Tribal Code. To fish on inland water systems, members must possess Inland Hunting or Non-Hunting Harvest License. In order to obtain a

Harvest License, members must provide a valid tribal enrollment card and proof of the successful completion of a hunter safety program (if born after 1960). The Non-hunting Harvest License allows members to gather and fish without providing proof of hunter’s safety. Tribal members who held any Harvest License for the previous year cannot obtain a new Harvest License for the next season without first submitting a completed Inland Harvest Report from the year before. Harvest reports are due every February.

Harvest tags must be obtained from Sault Tribe Law Enforcement in order to hunt turkey, deer, bear, elk, bobcat, otter, fisher and marten. Immediately following harvest, this tag must be filled out and affixed to the animal.

A lottery is used to issue limited permits for Elk, Black Bear and Black Lake Sturgeon. These applications will be available online at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com), in the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* newspaper, or by calling the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement.

Please contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement for questions about the Youth Mentoring Program and the requirements for youth age 10 and up to obtain the hunting license and harvest tags.

**All fishing on the Great Lakes, St. Mary’s River and all of the bays and inlets is pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Tribal Code. Inland Hunting and Non-Hunting Harvest Licenses *do not* authorize fishing on the Great Lakes.**

License Type	Hunting	Trapping	Inland Fishing	Gathering
Hunting Harvest Card	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-Hunting Harvest Card	No	No	Yes	Yes

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement is located at 2175 Shunk Road; mailing address is PO Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783; phone is 906-635-6065; fax is 906-635-7707.

## HUNTING

### White-tailed Deer (Waawaashkesh)

#### Bag Limits

The bag limit for deer is five. Each Sault Tribe member who requests White-tailed Deer Harvest Tags will receive two Any Deer Harvest Tags and Three Antlerless Only Harvest Tags.

Deer Harvest Tag Type	Harvest Provision
Any Deer	Any deer, male or female
Antlerless Deer	Any female or male with one antler less than 3 inches in length

Bag limits are subject to seasonal restrictions below.

## Seasons

**Early Firearm Season** starts the day after Labor Day and runs through October 31. During the Early Firearm

Season, hunters are allowed to harvest two deer with a firearm, only one of which may be antlered.

**Late Firearm Season** runs from November 15 through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January. During the Late Firearm Season, hunters may fill any remaining tags from the Early Firearm Season or choose to harvest all five deer during this time.

 ***It is ILLEGAL for members to hunt deer with a firearm Nov. 1- 14.***

**Archery Season** is open from the day after Labor Day through the Sunday of the first full weekend in January. Hunters may take all five deer at any point in Archery Season.

## **BAITING**

Baiting is allowed in the 1836 Ceded Territory for bear, whitetail deer and turkey outside of areas with specific baiting prohibitions.

Baiting and Feeding of whitetail deer in the Lower Peninsula is prohibited.

Baiting is prohibited within the Chronic Wasting Disease Core Area (See Chronic Wasting Disease Regulations immediately below).

The use of grains, fruits, vegetables, salts or any other mineral in any area designated by the state of Michigan as a TB zone (bovine tuberculosis zone) is prohibited (Alpena, Montmorency, Oscoda counties).

The possession and use of natural cervid urine-based lures and attractants while hunting or trapping game species is prohibited, with the exception of synthetic cervid urine-based lures and attractants or natural cervid urine-based lures or attractants that are labeled with the official ATA (Archery Trade Association) Seal of Participation.

Containers used to carry bait to the baiting site must be removed. Drugs and poisons are not allowed.

## **CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE REGULATIONS**

### **Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Core Area**

The CWD Area is defined as Kent, Ionia, Montcalm, Mecosta, Newaygo and Ottawa Counties. (See Map)

### **Carcass Transportation**

Transportation of deer carcasses from the CWD Core Area is prohibited unless it is deboned meat, quarters or other parts of a cervid that do not have any part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, upper canine teeth, or a finished taxidermist mount

## **WILD TURKEY (MIZISE)**

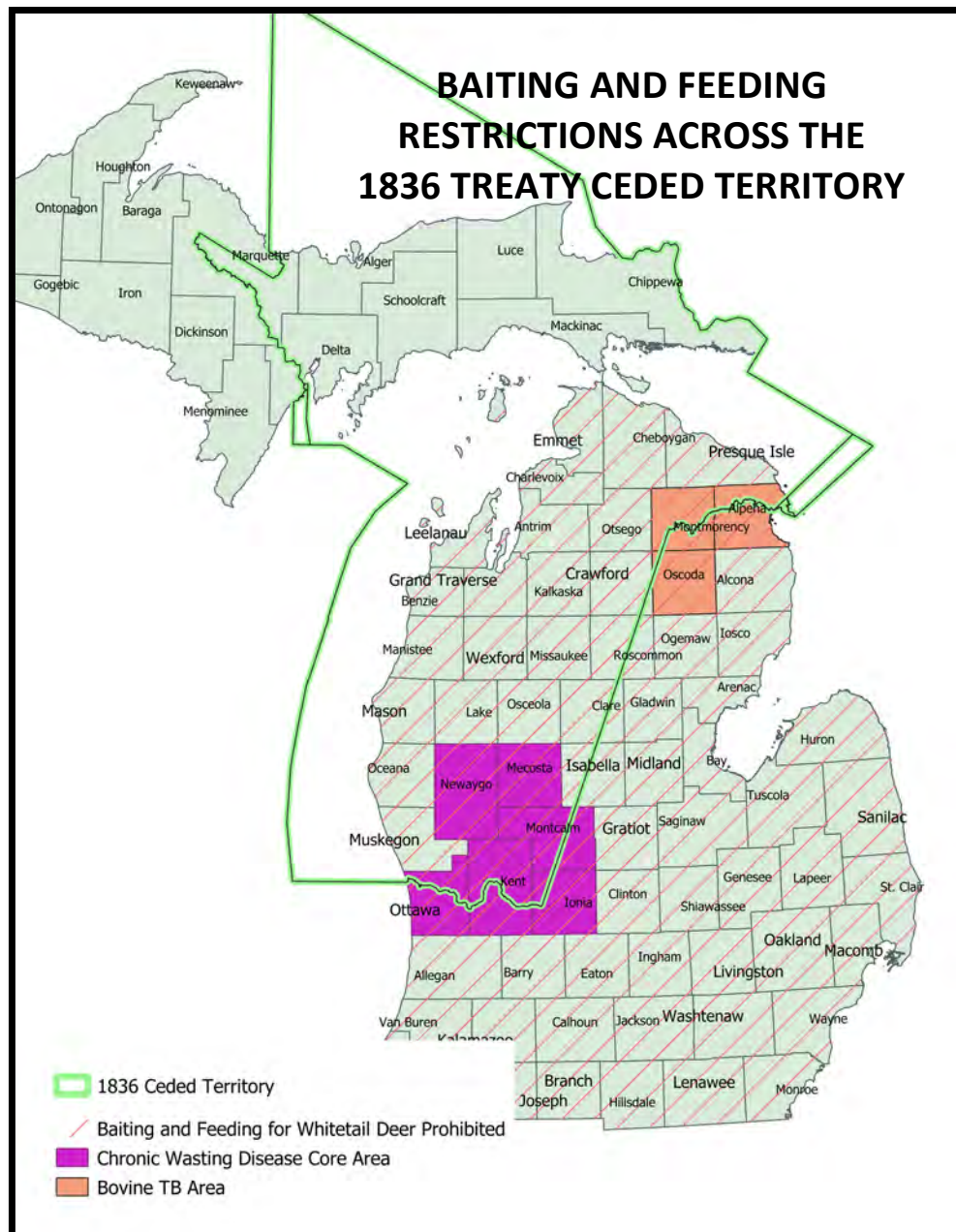
Hunting is allowed with turkey harvest tags. There are two seasons for wild turkey, spring and fall. The Spring Season runs from April 15 through June 15 with a bag limit of two bearded-only birds. The Fall Season runs from September 15 through November 14 with a bag limit of two either-sex birds.

## BLACK BEAR (MKADEMKWA)

Bear hunting is authorized by a Bear Permit handled through a lottery system for specific bear management units. The number of permits for each year's hunt is determined by the Conservation Committee with a lottery application period from May 1 to May 31 for the following fall hunt. The lottery will be held during the June Conservation Committee meeting and successful applicants will be sent a Bear Permit package that includes all special bear hunting regulations.

### Season

The tribe has one bear season for all units. The season starts on the same day as the state of Michigan's first bear season and ends no later than the last day of the state of Michigan's last bear season. Successful bear hunters are required to register their bear with the SAULT TRIBE NATURAL RESOURCES DEPT or any MDNR check station but are still required to contact STNRD with harvest information within 72 hours of harvest.



## **ELK (OMASHKOOZ)**

Elk hunting is authorized by an Elk Permit handled through a lottery system. The number of permits available to the tribe is very limited and is determined each year based on the state of Michigan's management plan. The lottery application period is from May 1 to May 31 for the following fall hunts. The lottery will be held during the June Conservation Committee meeting. There will be additional names drawn in case an applicant is unable to hunt or is unsuccessful during a designated season. Successful applicants will be notified and required to attend a mandatory elk hunting orientation session. After completing orientation, STNRD personnel will issue hunters their permit along with a packet of rules and regulations.

### **Seasons**

The tribe's elk seasons will coincide with the state of Michigan's elk seasons, depending on tag availability. If an elk hunter is unsuccessful during a designated season, the permit is transferred to the next applicant drawn from the additional names in the lottery.

## **SMALL GAME**

Small Game harvest is allowed with an Inland Hunting Harvest Card. The species that fall under this license are: ruffed grouse (baabaashki), ring-neck pheasant (niigaanigwane), cottontail rabbit (mzhwe), snowshoe hare (waabooz), gray squirrel (sanigoo), black squirrel, fox squirrel (jidmoonh), quail, woodchuck (akakwijiish), porcupine (gaag), sharp-tailed grouse (agaask) and crow (aandeg).

The season for all of these, **except sharp-tailed grouse**, is September 1 through March 31. The daily bag limit is 10 of each species per day with a possession and transportation limit of no more than 20.

### **Sharp-tailed Grouse**

The season for **sharp-tailed grouse** is October 1 through November 30. The daily bag limit is 4 with a possession limit of 8. The season limit is 12.

## **Waterfowl**

The season and bag limits for all waterfowl change each year due to the Migratory Bird Act. The season and bag limit information can be found through Natural Resources Dept. or Sault Tribe Law Enforcement and online at [www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources/download-files](http://www.saulttribe.com/membership-services/natural-resources/download-files).

## **Hunter's Orange**

Hunter's orange is required while using a firearm on any land and hunters must have 1 square foot of hunter's orange worn and visible from all sides. Bow and crossbow hunters do not need to wear hunter's orange except during the November 15 through November 30 state of Michigan deer season. During this time, tribal bow and crossbow hunters need to wear hunter's orange to and from the blind.



## Firearm Limitation

Any firearm used in big game hunting must be a center fire firearm of .22 caliber or larger, muzzleloader of .40 caliber or larger, 6 rounds total, or shotgun using slug, sabot or buckshot.

## Archery Limitations

Bow and arrow, and crossbow, may be used to hunt big game and small game. For hunting big game a broad head with a cutting surface of at least 1-inch diameter is required.

## Blinds, Raised Platforms and Tree Stands on State Lands

Tribal members may hunt from raised platforms or tree stands on public and tribal land subject to the following provisions. All raised platforms or tree stands constructed from man-made materials and erected or used on public and tribal lands must have the user's name and harvest license number permanently affixed in legible English letters. Raised platforms or tree stands must be removed from state lands within 10 days after the end of deer season.

## Ground Blinds

Hunting blinds on public and tribal land are permitted subject to the following:

STATE LANDS	FEDERAL LANDS
All ground blinds constructed from man-made material and erected or used on public and tribal lands must have the user's name and harvest license number permanently affixed in legible English letters.	
Non-portable deer ground blinds using man-made materials shall be prohibited on state lands before Nov. 6.	Blinds and stands can be placed no earlier than Sept. 1 and must be removed by the following Jan. 1.
All portable blinds shall be removed from state land at the end of each day's hunt unless marked as above.	Hunting blinds and stands on public lands must be portable and temporary.
All blinds using man-made materials shall be removed from state lands within <b>10 days</b> of the end of deer season.	Failure to remove any type of blind, structure, equipment or trash can result in fines, costs, and removal, destruction, impoundment or seizure of those items.
Use and placement of blinds using man-made materials are prohibited in state parks except in designated open areas.	

## TRAPPING

### Furbearer Seasons *(See Hunter's Seasons and Bag Limits on page 25)*

### Registration of Hides

Certain animals are required to be registered per federal law. This law, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), is an international agreement between governments to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.

CITES applicable animals are bobcat (gdigaabzhin), fisher (jiig), marten (waabzheshi) and otter (nigig).

The NRD Wildlife Program **(906-632-6132)** must inspect and register these animals and affix an official CITES seal to the pelt within two weeks of the close of the season in which the animal was harvested. The skull must be turned over to the NRD so that tooth aging can be done to better manage the population for future generations.

It is illegal to possess or transport raw (unprocessed/not tanned) unregistered CITES animals after the required registration date. For more information regarding fur registration, refer to Chapter 21.601-21.603 of the Tribal Code.

### Bag limits

For bobcat, two per season with a maximum of one bobcat harvested from Lower Michigan.

For marten, two per season, and fisher three per season only in the Upper Peninsula.

For otter, three per season in the Upper Peninsula and one per season in the Lower Peninsula.

For rabbit and squirrel, a limit of 10 of each species per day and a possession and transport of no more than two days limit.

### Gear

Traps used for harvesting furbearers, snowshoe hares or cottontail rabbits must be leg hold, snares, box type or body gripping (conibear) 7-inch by 7-inch, or larger locking type snares.

Body gripping (conibear) traps larger than 7-inch by 7-inch must be at least half submerged in water.

Steel jawed traps cannot have a spread width of more than 8 inches.

Body gripping (conibear) traps larger than 7-inch by 7-inch cannot be placed:

- Within 100 yards of an occupied building without the owner's consent.
- Within 3 feet of any wire mesh type fence.
- Within 3 feet of a road culvert unless completely submerged in water.

— Body gripping (conibear) traps larger than 7-inch by 7-inch cannot be set on dry land or frozen water unless 4 feet or more above ground or placed in a box or similar container with openings restricted to 7-inch by 7-inch or less. **No** steel jawed traps with teeth shall be set, placed or operated.

## **Snaring regulations**

The following restrictions apply to snaring activities:

- Any snare must be anchored so that it cannot be dragged.
- Any snare, other than a rabbit snare, must be tagged with the applicable harvest license number.
- No snare may be spring activated.
- Any snare must be set in a manner which prevents an animal from being suspended unless it is attached to a drowning mechanism.
- All snares must be removed no later than March 31.
- Except for snares for rabbit and hare, any snare or cable wire may not have a diameter exceeding 1/8 inch.
- Except for snares for rabbit and hare, any snare must have a swivel device on the anchor end.
- No upland snare shall be set on a well-defined deer trail.
- No upland snare shall be set such that the top of the loop is more than 24 inches above the ground, or, when the ground is snow covered, more than 24 inches above the adjoining trail.
- No upland snare shall be set with a loop size more than 15 inches in diameter.
- Braided picture wire snares without locks or swivels may be used to snare rabbits or hares.

## **Trap Markings**

All traps and snares, other than rabbit, set must be clearly marked with the name and current address of the person who set the trap or their STS number.

## **GATHERING**

Tribal members may gather in accordance with Chapter 21 (state) and Chapter 23 (federal) of the Tribal Code. **Permits can be obtained at Sault Tribe Law Enforcement/Conservation (906-635-6065.)**

## **Maple Sap Permit**

Tribal members may collect maple sap on federal land under a maple sap permit. This permit is only valid in designated areas. This permit may take a lot of time to process. Advance notice to the Sault Tribe Conservation Dept. is required.

## **Minimal Sap Collection Permit**

A tribal member may harvest maple sap from up to 12 trees on state lands under a minimal sap collection permit. Advance notice is required to obtain a permit.

- No tribal member shall use tubing.
- No tribal member shall construct new trails or roads to access the 12 trees.

## **FIREWOOD**

### **Federal Firewood Permit**

The federal firewood permit allows tribal members to cut dead standing and/or dead and down trees in the

national forest. Permit holders are not restricted by the amount of wood taken but it must be used for home heating. Cutting trees is prohibited in wilderness areas, scenic river corridors and research areas. Maps of restricted areas can be obtained from the tribe's NRD or Sault Tribe Conservation. No creating a road to access cut trees. No cutting trees marked with paint.

## **State Firewood Permit**

The NRD works with the Michigan DNR on areas for members to harvest firewood on state land. Dead and down trees in pre-designated areas may be harvested by permit. Advance notice is needed to process permits. Only one permit per household is allowed. Only five cords of woods are allowed from a permit. No cutting trees marked with paint.

## **CONIFER BOUGH PERMIT**

Tribal members may collect conifer boughs from state land under a conifer bough permit. The permit is only valid in designated areas. Advance notice is required. Members may not:

- Collect conifer boughs within 20 feet of roads, designated trails or streams.
- Establish new trails or roads to access designated collection areas.
- Cut down trees for the purpose of gathering conifer boughs,
- Remove boughs from trees less than 12 feet in height or the upper half of a tree.

## **BLACK ASH, BASSWOOD OR IRONWOOD PERMITS**

Tribal members may collect black ash, basswood or ironwood from state land under a black ash, basswood or ironwood permit. A permit is only valid in designated areas. Advance notice is required to obtain a permit.

## **AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES**

### **Amphibians**

The season to harvest amphibians is the last Saturday in May through November 15 with no size limits. Amphibians may be taken by hand, air gun, trap, trot, dip nets, seines and hook & line. Frogs may be speared. All traps must have at least 4 inches of air space inside the trap. Bag limits are: no more than 50 of each species shall be taken per day and not more than 100 of any species may be in possession at any given time.

### **Reptiles**

The season to take snapping turtles and soft shell turtles is July 1 through September 30. Snapping turtles (mikinaak) and soft shell turtles must have a 12-inch carapace length, being the top of the shell from front to back. Ten snapping and soft shell turtles may be taken in combination per day. Allowed gear and methods are: hands, trap, trot, dip nets, seines, and hook and line. All traps must have at least 4 inches of air space inside the trap. It is prohibited to possess Blanding's, spotted, wood and eastern box turtles.

## **Exceptions to Amphibians and Reptiles**

No tribal member may possess any of the following species: black rat snake, eastern fox snake, copper belly

water snake, Kirtland's snake and Mississauga rattlesnake; boreal chorus frog, Blanchard's crick frog; smallmouth salamander, marbled salamander; all reptile eggs; and all other reptiles and amphibians protected under part 365 (Endangered Species) of 1994 P.A. 451.

## **FISHING**

To fish under Tribal regulations, Tribal members must possess an Inland Harvest Card in order to fish any inland water within the 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory. This license covers all fish species and baitfish collection.

### **General Restrictions**

No tribal members may:

- Use explosives, drugs, poisons, lime, medicated bait or other deleterious substances to take or attempt to take fish,
- Use firearms to take or attempt to take fish,
- Take any fish without a tribal fishing license,
- Take any fish without a required permit,
- Use a snag hook to take or attempt to take fish,
- Unjustifiably destroy or waste fish,
- Harass or impede another fisherman or boater,
- Possess any fish not hooked in the mouth while fishing with hook and line,
- Sell baitfish,
- Fish within 100 feet of electrical lamprey control devices while in operation, or
- Fish within 300 feet of any of the state's salmon and steelhead egg collection weirs while in operation.

### **METHODS AND GEAR**

Tribal members may use poles, rods, reels, tip-ups, clubs, trotlines, hand lines, spears, bows and arrows, seines, dip-nets and hands to fish.

#### **Hook and Line**

On open water, hook and line fishing is limited to 4 lines per person. Ice fishing is limited to 7 per person. All tip-ups must be identified by name of the tribal member fishing the tip-up and must be attended.

#### **Trotline**

- If on open water, one end of the trotline is clearly marked with a gallon buoy along with the name of the Tribal member who set the line.
- If through the ice, one end of the trotline is clearly marked with an object 1 foot visible above the ice along with name of the tribal member who set the line.
- Trotlines must be checked daily.

## **Gill Nets**

No tribal member may use a gill net in any inland lake or stream except in the case where the state is targeting all fish species for eradication from a particular body of water. A special permit is required.

## **Impoundment Nets (Trap or Fyke Nets)**

Tribal members may use impoundment nets but with certain restrictions and with a permit before setting any net:

- Monofilament cannot be used in any part.
- Mesh size cannot be larger than 3-inch stretch mesh.
- Pots must not exceed 8 feet in length by 5 feet in width or 6 feet in height.
- Leads must not exceed 150 feet in length.
- The end of the lead, the ends of any wings used and the pot must be marked with, at a minimum, a gallon-sized buoy displaying the tribal member's STS license number.
- Impoundment nets may only be used in lakes.
- Each permit will specify a bag limit, a time period for which the permit is valid and a lake system for which the permit is valid.

*(See Restrictions by County, starting on page 16.)*

## **Short and Long Seines**

- Short seines must be less than 12 feet in length and no more than 4 feet in depth.
- Long seines may be more than 12 feet in length but must not be longer than 30 feet in length or more than 4 feet in depth.
- No tribal member shall use long seines constructed of monofilament that exceed 1.5-inch stretch mesh size.
- No tribal member shall use a purse seine.
- No tribal member shall use seines in streams unless in possession of a special ceremonial permit issued under Section 21.903(6)(f), provided that tribal members may use short seines to take minnows for personal use in non-trout streams.
- A limited number of special ceremonial permits may be issued in streams from December 1 through March 31.

## **Ice Shanties**

Fixed ice shanties must have the owner's name and address permanently affixed on all sides with letters at least **3 inches in height**.

## **Restricted Methods of Harvest**

Spears, bows, crossbow, impoundment net, seine, hands, trotline or dip nets may be used with a valid inland harvest license. When harvesting trout, salmon, walleye, northern pike or muskellunge tribal members must fill out a specially regulated methods of harvest report within seven days of harvest and submit the completed report to the NRD.

## Seasons, Size Limits and Bag Limits

*For Fish not Listed Below Please See the Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits Table on page 24*

### Sturgeon (Nmé)

Lake Sturgeon may be fished in Otsego Lake and Black Lake.

— Otsego Lake is open for hook and line all year and spearing through the ice. The bag limit is one fish per season.

— Black Lake is fished by a lottery system and only a few permits are available every year. The application period for this lottery is held during the month of December. Applications are printed in the tribal newspaper or available on the Sault Tribe website.

### Walleye (Ogaa)

Walleye harvest is complicated and there are certain seasons for walleye in Bay de Noc tributaries, Walleye Lake Systems, Non-Walleye Lake Systems and Great Lakes tributaries. Some harvests require special permits and/or reporting.

**Bay de Noc tributaries** are **closed** from March 1 through May 15 without a Bay de Noc Walleye permit. The permit season is March 15 through May 15. The Open Season is May 16 through the end of February.

**Walleye lake systems** are split between two areas: Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula.

### Bay de Noc Tributaries Walleye Permit

These permits are issued for a 24-hour time frame to fish with a specified method of harvest on one of the four tributaries in Bay de Noc. Permits are available March 15 through May 15. These permits need 24 hour notice and not more than three days in advance. There are a limited number of permits and once issued these permits cannot be returned. The report for the Bay de Noc Tributaries Permit must be filled out and returned to the NRD Fisheries Program within 72 hours of the end of the permit.

### Walleye Lake System Permit

Walleye Lake System Permits allow anglers to harvest walleye from the closed season using any method except impoundment nets or seines. Permits are available April 1 through May 14 in the Upper Peninsula and March 15 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April for the Lower Peninsula. These permits need 24 hours of notice and not more than three days in advance. There are a limited number of permits and, once issued, these permits cannot be returned. The report for Walleye Lake System Permits must be filled out and returned to the NRD Fisheries Program within 72 hours of the end of the permit.

## SPECIAL STREAMS AND LAKES

See “Restrictions by County” tables starting on page 14 for Category 5 through 7, Type D Trout Lakes, Steelhead Protected Stream Segments, and Quality Lakes.

## Category 5 Streams

Brown trout, brook trout, and Atlantic salmon are open the last Saturday in April through September 30. All other species or trout and salmon are open year-round. **Artificial fly use only.** Retention of more than two fish per species per day is prohibited for lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout and salmon (all varieties) are two per species per day.

CATEGORY 5 STREAMS	
SPECIES	Size Limits
Brook Trout (maazhamegoons)	10"
Salmon (Coho, Chinook, Pink)	10"
Brown Trout	15"
Rainbow Trout (Steelhead) (Namegoshens)	15"
Splake	15"
Atlantic Salmon	15"
Lake Trout (Namegos)	24"

## Category 6 Streams

Brown trout, brook trout and Atlantic salmon are open the last Saturday in April through September 30. All other species or trout and salmon are open year round. **Artificial lures only.**

CATEGORY 6 STREAMS	
SPECIES	Size Limits
Brook Trout	10"
Salmon (Coho, Chinook, Pink)	10"
Brown Trout	12"
Rainbow Trout (Steelhead)	12"
Splake	10"
Atlantic Salmon	15"
Lake Trout	24"

## Category 7 Streams

Possession of lake trout, rainbow trout, splake, brook trout, brown trout or salmon (any variety) is prohibited. **These streams are catch and release only. Artificial fly use only.**

No tribal member shall use spears or bows to harvest steelhead in the Little Manistee River from the mouth of the Little Manistee River at its confluence with Manistee Lake upstream to 300 feet downstream from the Little Manistee River Weir.



## Type “D” Trout Lakes

Brown trout, brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout (steelhead) Coho, Chinook, Pink and Atlantic salmon are open the last Saturday in April through September 30. **Artificial lures only. No spearing. Limit 1 fish per day.**

TYPE D TROUT LAKES	
SPECIES	Size Limits
Brook Trout	15”
Salmon (Coho, Chinook, Pink)	10”
Brown Trout	15”
Rainbow Trout (Steelhead)	15”
Splake	15”
Atlantic Salmon	15”
Lake Trout	15”

## Steelhead Protected Stream Segments

Steelhead season is closed on certain stream segments in the Upper Peninsula April 1 to the last Saturday in April and the Lower Peninsula March 15 to the last Saturday in April.

No tribal member may spear steelhead except from April 1 through April 15. In order to spear steelhead in the steelhead protected segments, one must be in possession of a protected streams spearing permit.

## Quality Lakes

Quality lakes have specific rules for each lake. These lakes are catch and release only and open season is short. Live bait is not permitted on the lake or on the banks of the lakes. The seasons of these lakes are:

Jones Lake, Crawford County

— June 1 through September 30

Wakeley Lake, Crawford County

— June 15 through August 31

North and South Blue Lakes, Montmorency County

— The last Saturday in April through September 30

Robarge Lake, Montmorency County

— The last Saturday in April through September 30

**RESTRICTIONS BY COUNTY  
UPPER PENINSULA COUNTIES**

<b>ALGER COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
16 Mile Lake	No Size Limit on Northern Pike
Anna River	No Tribal member may spear from its mouth upstream to the railroad crossing by Wagner Falls in Section 14, Township 46 North, Range 19 West.
Mosquito River	No Tribal member may spear.
Nawakwa Lake	No Size Limit on Northern Pike
Rock River	No Tribal member may fish in the Rock River from the dam to the lower foot bridge downstream from M-28 (T47N, R21W, Sec. 15) from April 1 through June 30.
Sucker River	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of Seney Road Bridge – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Trout Lake	No Size Limit on Northern Pike

<b>CHIPPEWA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Black River	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence of Peters Creek - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Caribou Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed
Carp River, North Branch	North Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Carp River, South Branch	South Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Frenchman Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Pine River, Mainstream	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Pine River, North Branch	River and tributaries upstream of Highway 40 Bridge - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Potagannising River	The taking of possession of Northern Pike below the Potagannising River Dam downstream to Maxton Road from April 15 through May 15 is prohibited.

<b>DELTA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Carr Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Chicago Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Dana Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is allowed from January 1 through the end of February
Days River	Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit
Escanaba River	Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit

Escanaba River	from Boney Falls Dam downstream to mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, Sec. 11) - Category 6 Trout Stream Segment
Escanaba River	upstream from first dam at US-2 - No size limit on Northern Pike
Hamilton Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Rapid River	Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit
Sturgeon River	Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit

LUCE COUNTY	
Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Big Two Hearted River	No Tribal member may spear
Deer Lake	Type "D" Trout Pond
East Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Little Two Hearted River	No Tribal member may spear
Moon Lake	Type "D" Trout Pond
Muskallonge Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Sid Lake	Type "D" Trout Pond

MACKINAC COUNTY	
Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Black River	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence of Peters Creek - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Brevort Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not Allowed
Carp River, North Branch	North Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Carp River, South Branch	South Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
East Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Pine River, Mainstream	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Pine River, North Branch	River and tributaries upstream of Highway 40 Bridge - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

MARQUETTE COUNTY	
Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Cedar Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Chocolay River	No Tribal member may spear
Dead River Storage Basin	No size limit on Northern Pike
Engman Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Escanaba River	Upstream from the first dam at US-2 - No size limit on Northern Pike
Escanaba River, Big West Branch	No size limit on Northern Pike
Escanaba River, Middle Branch	No size limit on Northern Pike
Fish Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed
Keyhole Lake (East)	Type "D" Trout Lake
Pauls Lake (North)	Type "D" Trout Lake

Pauls Lake (South)	Type "D" Trout Lake
Rockingchair Lake (North)	Type "D" Trout Lake
Rockingchair Lake (South)	Type "D" Trout Lake
S. Kidney Lake	Type "D" Trout Lake
Strawberry Lake	Type "D" Trout Lake
Witch Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Big Bass Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Boot Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Crooked Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Dutch Fred Lake	Type "D" Trout Lake
Grassy Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Kennedy Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
McKeever Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Ned's Lake	Type "D" Trout Lake
Stanley Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Thunder Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Twilight Lake	Type "D" Trout Lake

**RESTRICTIONS BY COUNTY**  
**LOWER PENINSULA COUNTIES**

<b>ALPENA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Fletcher Floodwaters	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.

<b>ANTRIM COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Jordan River	Mainstream and all tributaries upstream of Graves Crossing - Steelhead protected Stream Segment

<b>BENZIE COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Betsie River	No Tribal member may fish within one-hundred feet (100') of the lamprey control barrier.
Dair Creek	Creek and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Little Betsie River	Little Betsie River and its tributaries in the Betsie River Watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Platte River	Mainstream from the upper State-owned hatchery weir downstream to Platte Lake - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

<b>CHARLEVOIX COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Deer Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Fox Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Geneserath Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Hoffman Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Six Mile Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>CHEBOYGAN COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Black River	Upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only - No size limit on Northern Pike
Cornwall Impoundment	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Pigeon River	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of Webb Road - Steelhead Protected Stream
Silver Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Sturgeon River	Mainstream upstream of Afton Road - Steelhead Protected Stream
Sturgeon River, West Branch	Mainstream and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream
Twin Lake #1	Type "D" Trout Lake
Wildwood Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>CLARE COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Budd Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Lake Thirteen	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>CRAWFORD COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
AuSable River	Burtens Landing to Wakeley Bridge - Category 7 Trout Stream Segment
AuSable River, North Branch	Sheep Ranch downstream to confluence with Mainstream - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment
AuSable River, South Branch	Lower High Banks downstream to confluence with Mainstream - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment
AuSable River, South Branch	Chase Bridge downstream to Lower High Banks - Category 7 Trout Stream Segment
Big Creek Impoundment	No size limit on Northern Pike
Jones Lake	Quality Lake – Special Restrictions Apply
Manistee River	M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge – Category 5 Trout Stream Segment
Pickrel Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
River Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Wakeley Lake	Quality Lake – Special Restrictions Apply

<b>EMMET COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
French Farm Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
O'Neal Lake Floodings	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Boardman Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Brown Bridge Pond	No size limit on Northern Pike
Lake Dubonnet	No size limit on Northern Pike
Sand Lake #2	Type "D" Trout Lake

<b>KALKASKA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Manistee River	M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment

<b>KENT COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Bass Lake	No size limits on Northern Pike
Campau Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Murray Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.

<b>LAKE COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Baldwin River	Mainstream and all tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Little Manistee River	Mainstream from Spencer's Bridge upstream and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Little Manistee River	Spencer's Bridge (T19N, R13W, Sec. 5) downstream to Johnson's Bridge (T20N, R14W, Sec. 24) - Category 5 Trout Stream Segment
Pere Marquette River	M-37 downstream to Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, Sec. 18) - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

<b>LEELANAU COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
All trout streams	Seines shall not be used to take baitfish.
Big Glen Lake	Seines shall not be used to take baitfish from the Lake or any of its tributaries for one-half mile above their mouths.
Florence Lake	South Manitou Island – artificial lures only

<b>MANISTEE COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Bar Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Bear Creek	Mainstream and its tributaries Above County Road 600 in the Manistee River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Dair Creek	Creek and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Little Betsie River	Mainstream and its tributaries in the Betsie River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Little Manistee River	Special Restrictions for Salmon

<b>MASON COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Hackert (Crystal) Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>MECOSTA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Haymarsh Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>MISSAUKEE COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Missaukee Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>MONTMORENCY COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Black River	Mainstream & tributary streams only - No size limit on Northern Pike
East Town Corner Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Fletcher Floodwaters	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed
North Blue Lake	Quality Lake – Special Restrictions Apply
Robarge Lake	Quality Lake – Special Restrictions Apply
South Blue Lake	Quality Lake – Special Restrictions Apply
West Town Corner Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
West Twin Lakes	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed

<b>MUSKEGON COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Big Blue Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Bigelow Creek	Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Cedar Creek	Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Mona Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
North Branch of the White River	Mainstream above Arthur Road in the White River watershed – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

Skeel Creek	Creek and its tributaries – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
West Twin Lakes	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.

<b>NEWAYGO COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Baldwin River	Mainstream and all tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Bigelow Creek	Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Cedar Creek	Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Pere Marquette River	All tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

<b>OCEANA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
North Branch of the White River	Mainstream above Arthur Road in the White River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Round (Wykoff) Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Silver Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Skeel Creek	Creek and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

<b>OSCEOLA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Lake Miramichi	No size limit on Northern Pike
Rose Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Wells Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

<b>OSCODA COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Pickereel Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

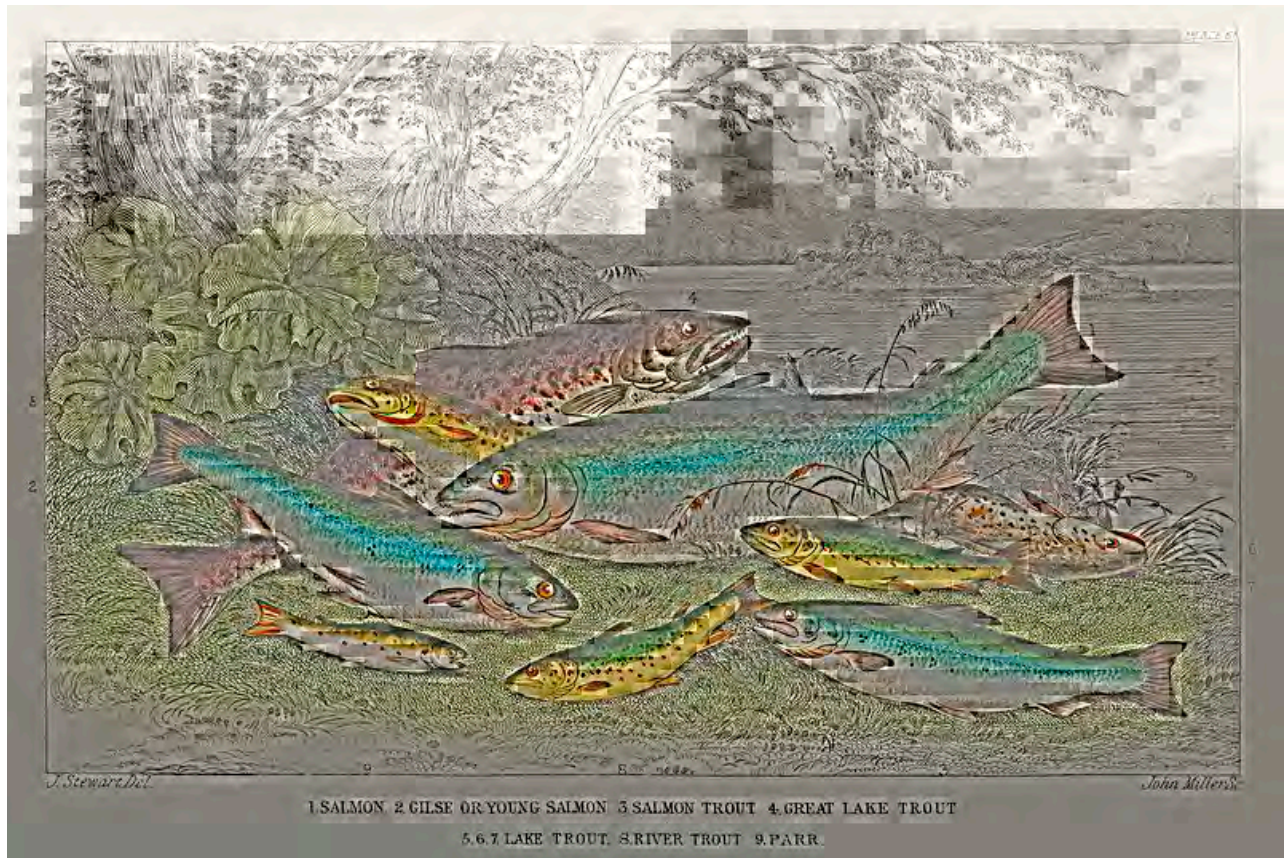
<b>OTSEGO COUNTY</b>	
<b>WATERBODY</b>	<b>RESTRICTION(S)</b>
Big Bear Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.
Black River	Mainstream and tributaries - No size limit on Northern Pike
Pigeon River	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of Webb Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Sturgeon River	Mainstream upstream of Afton Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Sturgeon River, West Branch	Mainstream and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment



OTTAWA COUNTY	
WATERBODY	RESTRICTION(S)
Lake Macatawa	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed.

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY	
WATERBODY	RESTRICTION(S)
Black River	Mainstream and tributary streams only (not including Tomahawk Flooding) – No size limit on Northern Pike
Francis Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Little Ocqueoc River	Mainstream and its tributaries – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Ocqueoc River	Mainstream and tributary streams but not including Ocqueoc Lake, Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud, and Nettie) – No size limit on Northern P
Silver Creek	Creek and its tributaries in the Ocqueoc River watershed – Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY	
WATERBODY	RESTRICTION(S)
Backus Creek	No size limit on Northern Pike
Lake St. Helen	No size limit on Northern Pike
Little Mud Lake Waterfowl Flooding	No size limit on Northern Pike
Mud Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike



## Fish Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Walleye UP <i>Ogaa*</i>	May 15 — March 31	10 per day	14 inches
Walleye LP <i>Ogaa</i>	Last Saturday in April — March 14	10 per day	14 inches
Walleye Bay de Noc Tributaries <i>Ogaa</i>	May 16 — Feb. 29	10 per day	14 inches
Perch <i>Asaawe</i>	All Year	100 per day	No Limit
Bass <i>Ashigan</i>	All Year	10 per day	10 inches minimum
Sunfish <i>Agwadaashi</i>	All Year	No Limit	No limit
Lake Sturgeon – Black Lake <i>Nme</i>	Permit Only	Permit Only	No limit
Lake Sturgeon – Otsego Lake	All Year	1 per season	No limit
Northern Pike <i>Gnoozhe</i>	All Year	10 per day	See ‘Restrictions by County’ pages 17-24; otherwise 20 inches minimum
Muskellunge <i>Maashikinooshe</i>	All Year	2 per day	30 inches minimum in lakes listed in Tribal Code Ch. 21.905, otherwise, 38 inches minimum
Lake Trout <i>Namegos</i>	See ‘Restrictions by County’ pages 17-24, otherwise all year.	RIVERS & STREAMS Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout: Maximum of 10 in any combination of species, no more than 5 of which may be over 16 inches long	7 Inches minimum for Trout and Salmon unless otherwise stated under “Restrictions by County” found on pages 17- 24
Brook Trout <i>Maazhamegoons</i>			
Brown Trout <i>Introduced Species</i>		LAKES Lake, Brook, Rainbow, Splake, Brown Trout: 5 per species per day with a maximum of 10 in any combination	
Rainbow Trout/Steelhead <i>Namegoshens</i>			
Atlantic Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>			
Chinook Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>			
Coho Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>		All Salmon Listed: 5 per species, per day	
Pink Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>			

## Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

SPECIES	SEASON	BAG LIMIT
Whitetail		5, 2 of which can be antlered
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archery</li> </ul>	Day after Labor Day — First Full Weekend in January	All 5 may be harvested by archery at any time in the season
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Firearm</li> </ul>	Early Firearm Day after Labor Day — Oct. 31	Only 2 of the 5 may be taken in early firearm season; 1 may be antlered
	Late Firearm Nov. 15 — first full weekend of January	Remaining tags can be filled
Bear	TBD; Applications available April 1, due May 31	By lottery
Elk	TBD; Applications available April 1, due May 31	By lottery
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1 — March 31	10/day; 20 in possession
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	Oct. 1 — Nov. 30	4/day; 12 per season; 8 in possession
Snowshoe	Sept. 1 — March 31	10/day; 20 in possession
Wild Turkey		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring</li> </ul>	April 15 — June 15	2; bearded only
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall</li> </ul>	Sept. 15 — Nov. 14	Either sex
Squirrel	Sept. 1 — March 31	10/day; 20 in possession
Bobcat	Oct. 1 — March 31	2, one of which may be from LP
Badger	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Grey Fox	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Red Fox	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Muskrat	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Raccoon	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Mink	Oct. 1 — March 31	No bag limit
Fisher	Oct. 1 — March 15	3, UP only
Marten	Oct. 1 — March 15	3, UP only
Otter		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP</li> </ul>	Oct. 1 — May 15	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LP</li> </ul>	Oct. 1 — April 15	1
Beaver		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP</li> </ul>	Oct. 1 — May 15	No bag limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LP</li> </ul>	Oct. 1 — April 15	No bag limit
Coyote	All Year	No bag limit

## Location of the Right

Tribal members generally can exercise the right within the 1836 Ceded Territory subject to certain area specific restrictions found in the regulations. Permittees can hunt, trap, fish or gather on the following:

Federal Forest	Yes
State Forest	Yes
Tribal member owned land	Yes
Tribal owned land	Yes, if open to the activity
CFR land	Yes, see regulations in Chapter 21.205 for restrictions and permission requirement
Parks, Recreation Areas, etc.	Yes, see regulations for specific restrictions
Non-member owned land	Yes, with tribal license but pursuant to state seasons and methods, written permission or the name and phone number for the person granting the permission is required
Public lakes and rivers	Yes
Lakes and rivers in parks, etc.	Yes, if area is open to that activity for the public
Tribal member owned lakes and rivers	Yes
Tribal owned lakes and rivers	Yes, if open to that activity
Non-tribal owned lakes and rivers	Yes, with tribal license but pursuant to state seasons and methods, written permission or the name and phone number for the person granting the permission is required
CFR lakes and rivers	Yes, see regulations in Chapter 21.205 for restrictions and permission requirement