

2010 - 2012 HUNTING & TRAPPING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations have been developed by the Menominee Conservation Commission and through final approval by the Menominee Tribal Legislature in accordance with Ordinance 99-0 1 Menominee Conservation Code.

TRIBAL RULES

All hunting within the Reservation, as defined in 99-01, is closed with the exception of enrolled Menominee Tribal Members.

All definitions can be found in ordinance 99-01.

REGULATION OF LARGE GAME

**** DEER HUNTING ****

No individual may hunt or kill Whitetail Deer, (hereafter referred to as Deer), except as provided below.

Season for Menominee Tribal Members: Tribal members may hunt Deer from August 1 to December

31 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. No tags will be issued to any person under the age of 12 years, unless that person is hunter education certified.

Buck only season from August 1 to September 1.

Bucks and doe season will run from September 1 to December 31.

Shining: Closed.

TAGGING, REGISTRATION AND BAG LIMITS FOR DEER

All deer must be tagged immediately upon kill and deer must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116. Registration must be completed within 72 hours from time of harvest. Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting.

Menominee Tribal Members will be allowed to harvest 5 deer in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

All persons are required to process their Deer in a timely manner as not to allow the animal to hang until spoiled. This will result in a wanton waste violation in accordance with Ordinance 99-01. Deer at the end of the Tribal season will not be allowed to hang longer than 30 days or until January 31.

Any type of baiting for white-tailed deer is prohibited.

**** BEAR HUNTING ****

Bear hunting is not allowed except by enrolled Menominee Tribal Members and in accordance with rules as follows:

Season for Menominee Tribal Members: Bear Season shall be from September 1 to November 30 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Bow hunting is allowed with a 35-pound pull minimum and shall be consistent with the season length identified herein.

Dog Training Season: Shall be allowed from July 1 to September 1.

Bear cannot be killed until their second season.

Spring traps are strictly prohibited. Barrel traps will be allowed.

All bait stations and barrel trap locations must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department.

Bear cannot be shined from a motorized vehicle.

Bear accompanied by cubs cannot be killed.

Bear can not be hunted, molested or taken from dens by any means.

Bear can not be hunted with more than 8 dogs in a pack at any one time.

Nuisance bears will be controlled by Menominee Conservation Department and a list will be provided for the distribution of meat, fur and claws.

All persons are required to process their Bear in a timely manner as not to allow the animal to hang until spoiled. This will result in a wanton waste violation in accordance with Ordinance 99-01.

TAGGING, REGISTRATION AND BAG LIMITS FOR BEAR

All Bear must be tagged immediately upon kill and must be registered with the Menominee

Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116. Registration must be completed within 72 hours from time of harvest. Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting.

Tribal members will be allowed to harvest 1 Bear total during the fall season with gun or bow (35-pound pull), in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

**** SMALL GAME ****

No individual may hunt or kill small game, as defined in Ordinance 99-01, except as provided below.

Season for Menominee Tribal Members: Tribal Members will be allowed to hunt small game from September 1 to January 31 with the exception of Rabbit, which will be open year-round.

BAG LIMITS

Menominee Tribal Members: will have no set bag limit.

Small game will be hunted by shotgun and rimfire only.

**** GAME BIRDS ****

No individual may hunt or kill game birds as defined in Ordinance 99-0 1 except as provided below.

Season for Menominee Tribal Members: Tribal Members may hunt Ruffed Grouse (Partridge), Hungarian Partridge Bobwhite Quail, Pheasant, and Woodcock from September 1 to December 31 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Wild Turkey Season: Tribal Members may hunt turkey in the fall from October 10 to November 30 and in the spring from the 1st Saturday in April to the Sunday prior to Memorial Day in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-0 1 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

TAGGING, REGISTRATION AND BAG LIMITS FOR GAME BIRDS

Menominee Tribal Members will not have bag limits for Ruffed Grouse (Partridge), Hungarian Partridge Bobwhite Quail, Pheasant, and Woodcock.

Wild Turkey: 5 turkey of either sex for each Tribal Member in the fall season. Tribal Members will be allowed 4 male turkeys in the spring season. Tags will be issued initially and an additional tag will not be given until current tag is registered. All turkey must be tagged immediately upon kill and must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116. Registration must be completed within 72 hours from time of harvest. Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting. Individuals younger than 12 years will not be eligible for any tags.

Special Regulations regarding Wild Turkey Hunting:

Only male turkey can be harvested in the spring.

Tag must be placed on one leg and secured so that it may not be removed.

No night hunting for turkey is allowed.

No taking of roosting turkeys is allowed.

****DEFINITIONS****

Roost: A perch where fowl or other birds rest or sleep.

****SAFETY ADVISORIES****

The following safety tips are recommended to protect everyone. Hunt safely and respect mother earth

- Be sure of your target and what is beyond it.
- Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey not a decoy or another hunter.
- Do not wear blue, red or white colors when hunting turkey, these are the colors of the gobbler.
- When still hunting and another hunter approaches use your voice to identify that you are there. Never wave your arms or stand up quickly when other hunters approach.
- Never use your turkey call when there are hunters around or near you.

- Never hunt with a decoy closer than 200 yards from any road.

**** WATERFOWL ****

No individual may hunt or kill Waterfowl, as defined in Ordinance 99-01, except as provided below.

Season for Menominee Tribal Members: Tribal Members may hunt from September 1 to December

31 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

TAGGING, REGISTRATION AND BAG LIMITS FOR WATERFOWL

Menominee Tribal Members: may harvest 10 ducks and 10 geese per day provided the species being hunted is not on the protected species list and in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

When hunting Waterfowl it is only permissible to use non-toxic or steel shot designated and legal for waterfowl hunting. No lead shot will be allowed.

**** FUR-BEARING ANIMALS & TRAPPING ****

Trapping of Fur-bearing animals, as defined in Ordinance 99-01, is not allowed except by enrolled Menominee Tribal Members and in accordance with rules as follows:

Tribal: No set season length will be imposed at this time with the exception of fisher and bobcat (See below). Fur-bearing animals may be trapped or hunted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Season for Tribal Members: the fisher and bobcat season will run from September 1 to February 28.

- Shotgun, excluding slugs and
- Rifle smaller than or equal to a .22 Caliber.
- Night hunting will not be allowed.

TAGGING, REGISTRATION AND BAG LIMITS FOR FUR-BEARERS

Menominee Tribal Members are required to place identification tags on all traps, one of the following manners:

- Trap tag with name, address, and contact phone number or ID number obtained from the Menominee Conservation Department.

The allowable harvest for Fisher will be 4 per year.

The allowable Bobcat harvest will be 2 per year.

All fisher and bobcat must be tagged immediately upon kill and must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site or by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116. Registration must be completed within 72 hours from time of harvest.

Any live incidental catch of any protected species will be immediately reported to the Menominee Conservation Department and the trapped animal will be handled or taken into possession by a tribal warden. If the animal is dead in the trap, the animal will be reported to the Menominee Conservation Department within 12 hours of finding said animal and will be delivered to the Menominee Conservation Department by the trapper.

It is strictly prohibited to molest or take traps, snares, or trapped animals that belong to someone else.

PROHIBITED ACTS

It shall be illegal to: hunt, harvest or harass any of the following protected species, Wolverine, Badger, Flying-Squirrel, Timber Wolf, Canada Lynx, Moose, Elk, Buffalo, Cougar, Pine Marten, all raptors including all species of eagles and hawks, Swans, Cranes, Kingfisher, great Blue Heron, Bitterns, Plovers, Sand Pipers, Loons and Grebes or any other species found to be protected in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. In additions all species found to be protected through accordance with the Federal Threatened and Endangered Species Act shall also be included herein.

No person shall harass another person as defined in the Menominee Tribes Harassment Ordinance 87-14.

No person shall have open intoxicants or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.

No individual may block any tribal roads by gates, cables or any other objects.

No person is allowed to target practice or sight in firearms by shooting down a road or any body of water.

No minor child shall be allowed to hunt on the Menominee Indian Reservation except as provided below:

Eligible persons between the ages of 12 to 17 that have not passed a certified hunter education course are permitted to hunt with a parent or responsible person over the age of 18 years

Persons between the age of 12 to 18 can hunt alone if they have passed a certified hunter education course.

All persons must comply with any other restrictions required in the Menominee Firearms Ordinance 93-11 and all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ordinance 99-01 and all other applicable laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

No tags shall be issued for children under the age of 12 years.

No hunting will be allowed from any paved roads.

All firearms will be fully cased and unloaded when on any paved road.

No hunting will be allowed within 300 feet of any paved road and within 300 feet of any railroad.

No hunting will be allowed within 300 yards any home or occupied residence, facility or business.

It is strictly prohibited to molest or take traps, snares, or trapped animals that belong to someone else.

Baiting for white-tailed deer is prohibited.

****ALWAYS REMEMBER THE MAIN RULES OF FIREARM SAFETY****

- 1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded**
- 2. Always control the muzzle direction**
- 3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of and behind it**
- 4. Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**