



## **MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN**

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Masks are required regardless of your vaccination status**

**DATE: Monday January 3, 2022**

**TIME: 5:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

This is to inform you that a PUBLIC HEARING has been scheduled for Monday January 3, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the CMN Cultural Building. The Regular Conservation Commission Meeting will follow immediately after the Public Hearing.

***The following FIRST CONSIDERATION will be heard:***

- 1. 2022-2024 Hunting Regulations**
- 2. 2022-2024 Fishing Regulations**

Comments and concerns can be emailed to [mitwmcc@gmail.com](mailto:mitwmcc@gmail.com) until 5:00 PM day of

**MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN**



**2022-2024 MITW HUNTING AND TRAPPING 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 Chapter 287, Menominee Conservation Code.

## **TRIBAL RULES**

Permittees shall follow all Tribal Rules and Laws. State Laws regarding hunting shall not apply within the exterior boundaries of the Menominee Indian Reservation, or any land owned by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **LICENSE**

An identification card and license that is issued by the Menominee Tribal License and Permits Department for the purpose of allowing an individual to legally hunt, fish, gather, and trap on the reservation. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

### **LICENSEE**

Any person who is eligible for and obtains a license specified in Chapter 287 Code. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions.*

### **QUALIFIED DESCENDANT:**

An individual biologically descended from an enrolled tribal member possessing at least 1/8 degree Menominee blood and who appears on the Menominee Indian Tribe's descendent register per Ordinance No. 09-18. *Editor's Note: See Ch. 46, Descendant Register. Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

### **SPOUSE:**

Any male or female lawfully married to a Menominee tribal member. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

### **PERMITTEES:**

Where Permittees are listed, it refers to qualified descendants and spouse combined who are licensees.

### **TAG**

An identification tag that is issued to a hunter, fisherman or trapper by the Menominee Conservation Department, which is authorized for use on killed deer, bear, turkey, sturgeon, bobcat, fisher or otter. When used as a verb, "tag" means the act of attaching a tag to a deer, bear, turkey, sturgeon, bobcat, fisher or otter.

## 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 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. No tags will be issued to any person under the age of 10 years. Buck only season from August 1 to September 1.

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

Shining: Closed.

Season for Descendants: Descendants may hunt deer from November 1 to November 30. In accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Bow hunting is prohibited unless done within the season of November 1 to November 30. Permit required for all persons 10 years or older, individuals younger than 10 years will not be eligible for any tags.

Shining: Closed.

Permittees are prohibited from using dogs while deer hunting unless accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) Tribal member within hunting party or group during the permitted season.

Season for Spouses: Spouses may hunt deer from the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the following Sunday, totaling (9)-days. In accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Bow hunting is prohibited except within the (9)-day period listed above and bow must have a minimum 35-LB pull.

#### Elder Tags and Group Hunting

It is illegal to kill game for another person except during a firearm deer season (Tribal Members August 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, Descendants November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, and Spouses the Saturday before Thanksgiving to the following Sunday, totaling (9)-days) and the mechanism used to kill the deer is either Group Hunting or Elder Tags. Both Group Hunting rules and Elder Tags rules are provided in the section below.

#### Elder Tags

Enrolled Tribal Members 6255 or Older and Disabled Enrolled Tribal Members may designate a tribal member to fill their allotted deer tags. The elder or disabled person (designator) must fill out a form at Conservation Department to indicate the designated tribal member. A Tribal

Member can only be designated to only one(1) designator at any given point of time during the deer season.

### Group Hunting

Purpose of Group Hunting is to allow Tribal Members, Descendants, Spouses to group hunt within their valid season.

With Group Hunting, a member of a group deer hunting party may kill a deer for another member of the party. Members of a group deer hunting party shall also agree in advance that a tag holder is willing to use their tag to register a deer killed by another member of the party.

- A group deer hunting party must be two or more hunters who are hunting together within sight or voice contact at all times. Temporary loss of voice or visual contact for a reasonable time due to terrain or weather conditions is acceptable. Hunters may not kill deer for persons who are not out actively hunting with the party.
- Hunters in a group hunting party may not use cellular phones, special free radio communications, or other mechanical or electronic amplifying devices (except hearing aids) to establish contact with the person for whom the deer is killed.
- ~~Permittees participating in Group Hunting must possess a People participating only as deer drivers are not required to possess firearms or~~ hunting licenses.

### Conditions Regarding Deer Hunting

~~When hunting whitetail deer it is only permissible to use non-toxic ammo designated and legal for whitetail deer hunting. No lead ammo will be allowed. The enforcement of the prohibition on the use of toxic and lead ammunition within deer hunting shall began August 1, 2022.~~

Any type of baiting for white-tailed deer is prohibited, including but not limited to salt and mineral blocks.

### BAG LIMITS FOR DEER

Tribal Members will be allowed to harvest 5 deer in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Permittees will be allowed to harvest 1 deer total, (buck or doe) either by gun or bow (35 pound pull minimum) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code. Deer will not be allowed to hang longer than 10 days.

## **TAGGING**

All deer must be tagged immediately upon kill.

Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting.

## **REGISTRATION**

Deer must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116, or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov>

Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

## **\*\* BEAR HUNTING \*\***

The act of killing bear is not allowed except by enrolled Tribal Members.

No individual may hunt or kill or pursue bear, except as provided below.

Season for Tribal Members: Tribal members may hunt bear from August 1 to November 30 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code 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.

Permittees are allowed to pursue bear with a tribal member during the bear season and the dog training season. Permittees are not allowed to take bear or kill bear. Permittees cannot be in a possession of a firearm or bow or crossbow. Permittees participating in the pursuit of bear must possess a hunting license.

## **Conditions Regarding Bear Hunting**

~~**When hunting bear it is only permissible to use non-toxic ammo designated and legal for bear hunting. No lead ammo will be allowed. The enforcement of the prohibition on the use of toxic and lead ammunition within bear hunting shall begin August 1, 2022.**~~

Dog Training Season: Shall be allowed from July 1 to August 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 cannot be hunted, molested or taken from dens by any means.

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

For nuisance bear please call Menominee Conservation (715-799-5116) or Menominee Dispatch (715-799-5070). Refer to Menominee Indian Tribe 'Nuisance Wildlife Plan' for further information.

All tribal members 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code. Bear will not be allowed to hang longer than 24 hrs.

### **BAG LIMITS FOR BEAR**

Tribal members will be allowed to harvest 2 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

### **TAGGING**

All Bear must be tagged immediately upon kill.

Tags must be in possession of tribal member when hunting.

### **REGISTRATION**

All Bear Must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116 or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov/>

Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

### **\*\* SMALL GAME\*\***

No individual may hunt or kill small game, as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code, except as provided below.

Season for 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.

Season for Permittees: Permittees will be allowed to hunt small game, with the exception of Fox, from September 15 to November 30. Permittees will be allowed to hunt rabbit from January 1 to February 28. Permits are required for all persons 12 years or older.

All night hunting is prohibited.

### **BAG LIMITS**

Tribal Members: will have no set bag limit.

Permittees: bag limits will be 5 squirrel and 3 Rabbit per day pertaining to the given year.

### **CONDITIONS FOR SMALL GAME**

~~When hunting small game it is only permissible to use non-toxic ammo designated and legal for small game hunting. No lead ammo will be allowed. The enforcement of the prohibition on the use of toxic and lead ammunition within small game hunting shall began August 1, 2022.~~

Small game will be hunted by shotgun and rimfire only.

### **\*\* GAME BIRDS \*\***

No individual may hunt or kill game birds as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code except as provided below.

Season for 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Season for Permittees: Permittees will be allowed to hunt only Ruffed Grouse from September 15 to November 30 and Woodcock from September 15 to November 4 in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe. Permit required for all persons 12 years or older.

Wild Turkey Season for Tribal Members: Tribal Members may hunt turkey in the fall from September 1 to November 30 and in the spring from the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April to the Sunday prior to Memorial Day in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Wild Turkey Season for Descendants: Descendants will be allowed to hunt for wild turkey beginning on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of April and running for 9 days.

### **CONDITIONS FOR GAME BIRDS**

~~When hunting game birds it is only permissible to use non-toxic ammo designated and legal for game birds hunting. No lead ammo will be allowed. The enforcement of the prohibition on the use of toxic and lead ammunition within game birds hunting shall began August 1, 2022.~~

### **BAG LIMITS FOR GAME BIRDS**

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.

Permittees: will be allowed 5 Ruffed Grouse per day and 3 Woodcock per day.

Descendants: will be allowed 1 turkey.

### **TAGGING**

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.

Tags are not transferable and must be in possession of person when hunting. Individuals younger than 10 years will not be eligible for any tags.

### **REGISTRATION**

All turkey must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116 or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov/>

Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

## **CONDITIONS REGARDING WILD TURKEY HUNTING:**

~~When hunting wild turkey it is only permissible to use non-toxic ammo designated and legal for wild turkey hunting. No lead ammo will be allowed. The enforcement of the prohibition on the use of toxic and lead ammunition within wild turkey hunting shall began August 1, 2022.~~

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.

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 paved, county, BIA or town road.

### **\*\*DEFINITIONS\*\***

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

Night hunting: One-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.

### **\*\* WATERFOWL \*\***

No individual may hunt or kill Waterfowl, as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code, except as provided below.

Season for 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Season for Permittees: Permittees will hunt from October 15 to November 15 pertaining to Waterfowl season length provided that this does not allow Permittees to harvest more waterfowl or hunt a longer season than that of the Tribal Members. Permit required for all persons 12 years or older.

### **BAG LIMITS FOR WATERFOWL**

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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Permittees will harvest in accordance with all Tribal Laws pertaining to hunting, firearms and Waterfowl. Permittees will be allowed a daily bag limit of six(6) ducks to include no more than 4 mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 black duck, 2 redheads, 3 scaup, 1 pintail, and 2 canvasback. 5 mergansers to include not more than two(2) hooded mergansers. The daily bag limit for Canada Goose is 2 geese per day.

### **CONDITIONS REGARDING WATERFOWL HUNTING**

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.  
All night hunting is prohibited

### **\*\* FUR-BEARING ANIMALS & TRAPPING \*\***

No individual may hunt or kill Fur-Bearing animals as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code except as provided below.

Trapping of Fur-bearing animals, as defined in Chapter 287 Conservation Code, is not allowed except by enrolled 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, otter 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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

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

Otter season will run from November 7 to April 30.

Season for Descendants: the coyote season will run from November 1- January 31.

## CONDITIONS REGARDING FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

~~When hunting fur-bearing animals it is only permissible to use non-toxic ammo designated and legal for fur-bearing animals hunting. No lead ammo will be allowed. The enforcement of the prohibition on the use of toxic and lead ammunition within fur-bearing hunting shall began August 1, 2022.~~

## CONDITIONS FOR DESCENDENTS

Descendants: will only be allowed to hunt coyote with the following restrictions:  
Coyotes will be hunted with .30 Caliber center fire or less.

- Shotgun, excluding slugs and
- No larger than .30 Caliber Center fire
- All night hunting is prohibited.

## BAG LIMITS FOR FUR-BEARERS

The allowable harvest for Fisher will be (4) per year.  
The allowable Bobcat harvest will be (2) per year.  
The allowable Otter harvest will be (3) per year.

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

## TAGGING

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.

Fisher, Bobcat and Otter must be tagged immediately and registered with the Conservation Department or any designated registration site within 24 hours.

## REGISTRATION

All fisher, otter and bobcat must be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department in person at any designated registration site, by calling the automated registration line at 715-799-5116, .or online at <http://es.menominee-nsn.gov/>  
Registration must be completed within 24 hours from time of harvest.

All otter and bobcat will be required to be registered with the Menominee Conservation Department and an issued CITES tag must be attached to the carcass before transporting the animal, animal parts or hide off Reservation

Incidental catches of any protected species or any animal beyond the bag limit will be immediately reported to the Menominee Conservation Department and the trapped animal will be handled or taken into possession by a Tribal Warden.

### **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 Chapter 287 Conservation Code 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 Tribal Criminal Code, Ch.290 Article VI*.

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. Exceptions can be made for approved MITW management activities/ emergencies.

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 10 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 14 to 18 can hunt alone if they have passed a certified hunter education course.

Persons aged 10-13 must be within arms grasp of a responsible adult while in the act of hunting.

All persons must comply with any other restrictions required in the *Menominee Firearms Code, Ch. 321* and all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Chapter 287 Conservation Code and all other applicable laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

No tags shall be issued for children under the age of 10 years.

All permittees over the age of 12 years must have a valid tribal hunting permit.

No hunting will be allowed from any paved roads.

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

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

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. All bait types are including but not limited to salt and mineral blocks.

### **CONDITIONS REGARDING HUNTING**

Youth 10- years of age and older, will be eligible to hunt, provided they are within grasp (arm's reach) of an adult. The mentoring adult must be a licensed hunter and have completed a Hunter Education/Firearm safety course, unless born before January 1, 1973. Only one firearm may be present.

Persons between the age of 14 to 18 can hunt alone if they have passed a certified hunters safety course.

When and where the nine(9) day Wisconsin State gun deer season is in progress, no person may hunt any game, except waterfowl, unless at least 50% of their outer clothing above the waist is colored blaze orange or fluorescent pink. A hat or other head covering, if worn, must be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained blaze orange or fluorescent pink clothing is unsafe and may not meet law requirements. Although not as visible, camo-blaze is legal if 50% of the material is blaze orange or fluorescent pink. The Menominee Conservation Commission recommends 100% solid blaze orange or fluorescent pink.

When and where a firearm gun deer season other than the nine(9) day Wisconsin State gun deer season is in progress, hunters are required to wear an outer article of visible blaze orange when traveling to a runway or stand. Once at a stand location, the hunter can shed or take off the blaze orange article.

Any equipment used during the act of shining will be subject to forfeiture (see MITW Code Ch. 287)

Tree stands made of constructed material utilizing spikes or nails within, against or utilizing trees as bracing with nails and spikes driven into the tree, are prohibited.

**\*\*ALWAYS REMEMBER THE MAINRULES OF FIREARM SAFETY\*\***

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

**MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN**



**2022-2024 MITW FISHING 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 Chapter 287 entitled “Conservation Code” (Ch. 287).

### TRIBAL RULES

Permittees shall follow all Tribal Rules and Laws. State Laws regarding fishing shall not apply within the exterior boundaries of the Menominee Indian Reservation or any land owned by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin.

### LICENSES

All laws regarding licenses are identified in Ch. 287, and licenses are available at the Menominee Tribal Licensing and Permits Department. All permittees 16 years or older are required to have a fishing license.

### DEFINITIONS

#### FISHING SINKER

A fishing sinker is a weight used in conjunction with a fishing lure or hook to increase its rate of sink, anchoring ability, and/or casting distance. *Also see Ch. 287 Definitions*

### REGULATION OF GAME FISH

No individual may fish for small or large game fish, as defined in Ch. 287, except as provided below.

Seasons for Tribal Members: Tribal members will be allowed to fish for game fish all year, with the exception of trout and lake sturgeon. The trout fishing season shall run from November 15 to September 30. Spearing season shall be consistent with the seasons identified herein, with the exception of trout, which is closed to spearing. Lake sturgeon season is closed (see special regulations printed in separate rule book).

Seasons for Permittees: Permittees will be allowed to fish for big game fish from the first Saturday in May until the first Sunday in March, with the exceptions as follows; trout season will be from first Saturday in May to Sept. 30. The season for small game fish will be from the first Saturday in May until April 15, with the exception of Round, LaMotte, South East Bass, Legend and Moshawquit Lakes where the season for small game fish will be open year round. Season lengths are also identified in the quick reference table attached herein. Fishing for lake sturgeon is prohibited. Permittees shall remain in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ch. 287 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

## BAG AND SIZE LIMITS FOR HOOK & LINE

No individual may fish for small or large game fish, as defined in Ch. 287, except as provided below.

Permittees: Bag limits are also identified in the quick reference table attached herein.

### **Big game fish**

Bass (largemouth & smallmouth) – 4 fish per day  
Minimum size – 14 inch

Walleye – 3 fish per day  
Minimum size – 15 inch

Northern pike – 10 fish per day  
Minimum size – 12 inch

Muskellunge – 1 fish per day  
Minimum size – 32 inch

Trout – 5 fish per day (permittees are prohibited from ice fishing areas designated as trout waters outside of the trout season identified above)  
Minimum size – 6 inch

Salmon – harvest prohibited

Lake Sturgeon – harvest prohibited

### **Small game fish**

The limit of small game fish, the total daily bag limit for small game fish is 15 in total: of which can be a combination of yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, crappie, rock bass and bullhead, with the exception of the following waters: Moshawquit Lake, LaMotte Lake, Legend Lake, S.E. Bass Lake, Round Lake, which will have total daily bag limit of 25 fish of which can be a combination of yellow perch, pumpkinseed, bluegill, crappie, rock bass, and bullhead.

Minimum size - none

The definition for small game fish can be found in Ch. 287.

Permittees shall not fish with more than three lines at any time and lines must be attended at all times.

Permittees shall remain in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ch. 287 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

Tribal Members: Bag limits are also identified in the quick reference table attached herein.

### **Big game fish**

Bass (largemouth & smallmouth) – 8 fish per day  
Minimum size – 12 inch

Walleye – 6 fish per day  
Minimum size – 15 inch

Northern pike – no limit  
Minimum size – 12 inch

Muskellunge – 2 fish per day  
Minimum size – 32 inch

Trout and Salmon – 20 fish per day  
Minimum size- **6** inch

#### Winter Trout Regulations for Ice Fishing

Trout and Salmon-5 fish per day except rainbow trout which is 3 fish per day

Minimum size:       Rainbow Trout-12”  
                              All other trout and salmon-8”

\* These regulations apply only when fishing through the ice on trout waters

Lake Sturgeon – Regulations pertaining to lake sturgeon are defined below

### **Small game fish**

The limit for small game fish, including bluegill, pumpkinseed, crappie and yellow perch –at this time there are no set bag limits for small game fish.

Minimum size - none

The definition for small game fish can be found in Ch. 287.

Tribal members shall remain in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ch. 287 and all laws of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

All persons are required to process their fish in a timely manner as not to allow the fish to spoil. This will result in a wanton waste violation in accordance with Ch. 287.

#### REGULATIONS FOR SPEARING

Spear fishing is not allowed except by tribal members and in accordance with the rules as follows;

- Bag limits for big and small game fish will be set at a combined total of 10 fish per day per member.
- Bag and size limits will be set the same as hook and line bags and sizes, with the exception of the combined total
- Spearing of trout is not allowed.
- Size limits for big game fish will remain the same as the hook & line regulations.
- Spear fishing for lake sturgeon is not allowed, except as defined in special regulations herein.
- Spear fishing, other than in accordance with provisions herein, is prohibited.
- Spear fishing on lakes smaller than 30 acres is prohibited (see attached lake listing).
- Spear fishing on Hazel Lake is prohibited.

### **LAKE STURGEON FISHING AND SPEARING REGULATIONS**

The following regulations have been developed by the Menominee Conservation Commission and through final approval by the Menominee Tribal Legislature in accordance with Ch. 287.

#### **TRIBAL RULES**

Only tribal members will be allowed to fish for or be in possession of lake sturgeon.

#### **LAKE STURGEON FISHING AND SPEARING SEASON:**

Season will only be held on Legend Lake according to the season specified herein. All other waters within the reservation will remain closed. Sturgeon spearing on Legend Lake will be year round (unless recommended by the Menominee Conservation Department).

There will be an allowable Total Harvest of 100 lake sturgeon per year. The Menominee Conservation Department will close the sturgeon fishing and spearing season 24 hours from the end of the fishing day when 90% of the total is reached.

**BAG LIMIT:** Two Lake Sturgeon per Tribal Member per year.

**MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT:** 36 inches

This will provide protection to the young stock still growing into harvestable size. Fish less than 36 inches do not provide enough food due to their low weight body condition.

LICENSING REQUIREMENT:

Only Tribal Members will be allowed to fish and spear lake sturgeon.

Only Tribal Members will be allowed in ice shack or boat while spearing.

SPEARING HOURS:

Open water and ice spearing will be allowed during all hours.

In the event of incidental death of lake sturgeon, please contact Menominee Conservation Warden to come out to your site and collect fish. Much valuable information can be taken.

TRANSPORTATION:

It is unlawful for any person to transport any unregistered sturgeon in or on any motor driven vehicle unless the sturgeon has been legally harvest according the all regulations herein. Lake sturgeon cannot be transported outside of the Menominee Reservation unless a transport tag is attached to the fish.

Transportation tag can be picked up at the Menominee Conservation Office at time of registration.

REGISTRATION:

The person who fishes or spears the lake sturgeon must be the person who registers the fish.

Menominee Conservation Department Staff or qualified individuals will be made available during the open season. Registration stations will be on-site or at the Menominee Conservation Department Office.

Any lake sturgeon speared or caught fishing must be tagged immediately and registered within 24 hours. Valuable critical information on the lake sturgeon population will help in future management of the species.

The Menominee Conservation Department will determine appropriate closure of water within the vicinity of Keshena Falls to fishing activity during lake sturgeon spawning periods.

The Menominee Environmental Services Department, MITW needs the following valuable information from registered lake sturgeon:

- 1.) Length
- 2.) Weight
- 3.) Sex
- 4.) Maturity and Age of fish
- 5.) Total Numbers Harvested
- 6.) Distribution of Harvest (location)
- 7.) Survival of Fish Stocked
- 8.) Distribution of different times stocked fish
- 9.) Pit tag Numbers

#### ICE HOLE RESTRICTIONS:

Total Area of a lake sturgeon spearing hole may not exceed a total of 16 square feet.

#### ICE HOLE MARKING:

Lake sturgeon spearing ice holes must be marked with at least 2 strips of wood that are at least 3 feet above the ice. The wood strips must not exceed 1.5 inches in width and 1/4 inch thickness. Wood lathe will meet this requirement, but should be colored lath for better visibility.

It is advisable to cut a hole and freeze the lathe into the ice for better marking of lake sturgeon holes. Lathe markers stuck in snow banks are not adequate because of snowmelt during warm weather conditions.

#### LITTER:

It is illegal to place or deposit any materials on the ice or lake bed. Any material used while lake sturgeon spearing or hook and line fishing must be disposed of properly. Litter and any material left will be subject to a solid waste citation.

#### FISHING EQUIPMENT OR SPEARING GEAR:

It is lawful to use a fishing pole for hook and line fishing, angling equipment, and spear fishing equipment while fishing for lake sturgeon.

#### ICE SHANTIES AND SHELTERS:

All shanties and shelters used for lake sturgeon fishing must have a name and address of the person owning shanty clearly visible from the outside of the shanty or shelter. This will help when the Menominee Conservation Warden conducts a spot check.

#### MINNOWING AND ROUGH FISH

No individual may take minnows or rough fish, as defined in Ch. 287, except as provided below.

Capturing of minnows and rough fish for the purpose of transporting and sale is a prohibited act, except by tribal members in accordance with the rules herein.

Bait dealer licenses are not available except to tribal members and bait dealer activities shall be in accordance with the rules as follows:

The season shall run from March 1 to December 1.

Bait dealers license available to tribal members only and can be obtained at the Tribal Licensing and Permits Department.

Rough fish may be taken by seining or netting from July 1 to September 1.

Minnows and rough fish may be taken with seines and traps provide that the nets are no longer than 50 feet in length and traps have total lengths of no more than 24 inches and are no more than 16 inches in diameter.

Individuals may possess up to 150 minnows and use no more than three traps if catching minnows for personal use.

Minnows must be removed from traps at least once per day.

#### Tournaments and Derbies

A permit must be obtained from the conservation department for any fishing tournament or derby held on reservation waters. Applications may be picked up at the Menominee Conservation Department.

#### General Conditions Applicable to Permitted Tournaments of Derbies

- Lake must be greater than 200 acres in size.
- May not be held on consecutive weeks on any body of water except Legend Lake
- Use of tagged fish is prohibited unless authorized by the Menominee Conservation Department
- One body of water will be issued for each permit
- Open waters tournaments will only be allowed on Legend Lake
- Tournaments on trout waters are illegal with the exception of the Neopit Millpond.
- All litter and any material left will be subject to a solid waste citation, including the registration site. The tournament/derby permit holder will be responsible.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Snagging, foul hooking, or attempting to hook any game fish other than in the mouth is prohibited.
- All persons are required to process their fish in a timely manner as not to allow the fish to spoil. This will result in a wanton waste violation in accordance with Chapter 287.

- Maximum hole size to be used for hook and line ice fishing shall not exceed 12 inch.
- Taking fish by use of any type of explosive or firearm is prohibited.
- Leaving lines unattended while fishing on trout waters is prohibited.
- Netting and trapping of fish, or taking game fish by hand other than in accordance with provisions herein, is prohibited.
- Netting of game fish is prohibited.
- Permittees may not ice fish on any water designated as trout water other than during the trout season specified herein (see attached trout waters listing).
- Buying, selling or trading of game fish is prohibited.
- Releasing unused bait into tribal waters is prohibited.
- Ice shacks shall be removed off water bodies no later than March 15.
- Tribal members shall not fish with more than ten lines at any time and lines cannot be left unattended for more than eight hours.

It shall be illegal to fish, harvest or harass any of the following protected species: Lake sturgeon or any other species found to be protected in accordance with all applicable laws and rules specified herein as well as in Ch. 287 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.

Note: fishing for lake sturgeon is allowed for Tribal Members on Legend Lake.

Menominee Trout Waters (list provided by Tribal Fish and Wildlife Biologist)

This list was defined with criteria developed for the management and protection of trout:

**Lakes**

Upper Bass Lake  
 Noseum Lake  
 Lake Neconish  
 Lake Elma  
 Neopit Mill Pond  
 Frechette Lake  
 Perote Lake  
 Crystal Springs  
 Marsh Lake  
 Beauprey Lake  
 Beauprey Springs  
 Grignon Lake  
 Unnamed Lake - Section 10, T29N, R16E  
 Unnamed Lake - Section 7, T30N, R14E

**Springs**

Honky Springs  
 North Springs  
 Kemnitz Springs  
 Deadman Springs  
 Waupoose Springs  
 Nawahquaw Springs  
 Askenette Springs  
 Keso Springs  
 Unnamed – Sec 23, T29N, R13E  
 Unnamed – Sec 35, T30N,R14E  
 Unnamed – Sec 6, T30N, R14E

**Lakes Open to Spearing**

S.E. Bass Long

L. Bass  
U. Bass  
Burney  
Coon  
Crowell  
Elma  
Fredenberg  
LaMotte

Moshawquit  
Neopit Millpond  
Pine (Mud)  
Rice  
Round  
Sand and Little Sand  
St. Joseph  
Legend Lake