



# MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

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**DATE:** MONDAY MAY 1, 2023  
**TIME:** 5:00 PM  
**PLACE:** CMN Cultural Learning Center & via Zoom

## MENOMINEE CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Gary Frechette - Chairperson	Melissa Cook
Steven Dick- Vice Chairperson	Leslie Peters
Adam Waukau, Sr. - Secretary	Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson
Jonathan Pyatskowit	

### 2. Public Comments

### 3. Approval of minutes: 3-6-2023 Regular & 4-10-2023 Annual

### 4. Ginseng review

### 5. Other business

### 6. Adjournment

*Gary Frechette / cwg*

Gary Frechette, Chairman  
Menominee Conservation

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**Annual Meeting minutes**  
**Menominee Conservation Commission**  
**MONDAY APRIL 10, 2023 DRAFT**  
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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. Meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at CMN Cultural learning center with Gary Frechette serving as Chairperson.

Present

Steven Dick  
Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson  
Adam Waukau, Sr.  
Jonathan Pyatskowit

Absent

Melissa Cook  
Leslie Peters excused

Other present: Don Reiter Environmental Services Dept., Willard Waupoose Conservation

2. Moment of Silence - observed
3. Special Rules for the Meeting. Gary presented the guidelines.

Guidelines to the Annual Meeting Procedures

- a. The purpose of the annual meeting is to allow the Menominee Conservation Commission to communicate a yearly report to the tribal members and allow tribal members to voice their concerns, issues, etc. on record to the Menominee Conservation Commission.
- b. Public comment period will allow each tribal member to speak once on related conservation issues, concerns, actions, etc.
- c. A tribal member will be able to speak up to 7 minutes.
- d. Public comment period will not be a debate among the public.

4. **Commission Activity Report 2023 – Gary Frechette**

**Gave his presentation for 2023.**

- CWD – Commission said up to hunters to bring in heads to sample
- First year of MOU with Historic Preservation re sturgeon

5. **Public Comment – no public present.**

**Motion by Jonathan Pyatskowit to adjourn, seconded by Adam Waukau, all in favor, the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 PM.**

**Transcribed by: Carrie Waukau-Grignon MITW Conservation**

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Frechette at 5:01 PM, at the CMN Cultural Learning Center, Keshena WI.

#### Roll Call

Gary Frechette – Chairperson - present	Melissa Cook - absent
Steven Dick– Vice Chairperson - present	Leslie Peters - absent excused
Adam Waukau, Sr. - Secretary (late)	Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson present
Jonathan Pyatskowit - present	

Others present: Don Reiter, Environmental Services, Jaime Guzman Sr., Conservation

2. Public Comments - none
3. Approval of minutes: July 11, 2022 Public Hearing and July 11, 2022 Regular meeting and September 12, 2022 Regular meeting.

**Motion by Jonathan Pyatskowit to approve the minutes for 7/11/2023 Public Hearing, seconded by Steve Dick, 3 in favor (SD, JP, MM), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (AW, MC, LP), the motion passes.**

**Motion by Steve Dick to approve the minutes for 7/11/2023 Regular meeting, seconded by Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson, 3 in favor (SD, JP, MM), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (AW, MC, LP), the motion passes.**

**Motion by Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson to approve the minutes for 9/12/2023 Regular meeting, seconded by Steve Dick, 3 in favor (SD, JP, MM), 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (AW, MC, LP), the motion passes.**

4. Ginseng timeline

The 2022 Ginseng regulations and approved MITW Ginseng Management plan was given to Commission.

Gary would like to have 2023 Ginseng regulations up to MTL in July. Commission will be having discussions regarding Ginseng in May & June.

Ma-Sha-Quit questioned why the April meeting cancelled – Gary stated it's because of the annual meeting scheduled for April.

The Ginseng report from Maniyan is not expected to be ready until end this month

Jonathan and Steve both felt that May & June is enough time to go over ginseng issues.

5. Prepare for April Annual Meeting

April 10, 2023 Annual meeting date.

Gary reviewed bylaws with commission regarding the annual meeting. He will be doing a report regarding the Commission activities for the past year. He noted that next regulations expire 2024. Jeremy Pyatskowit emailed Gary and will be doing bear and white tail report in July and fishery report will be in June.

Josh P – mentioned that Jeremy brought up confusion regarding the group hunting.

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Gary F – agreed, group hunting language will have to be discussed. How the wardens are enforcing is that you need you tags on your person in order to be out hunting.

Adam 5:17 checked on – was having difficulty connecting

Ma-Sha-Quit M – can we address CWD and Apple Creek and the wolf population? Would also like to discuss tourism on wolf with the rafting business and trespassing at Sullivan falls.

Adam W – would like to talk about setting a season for running dogs for deer hunting. Also set a training season for deer dogs. Would also like to talk about getting the Wolf of the endangered list.

Ma-Sha-Quit discussion regarding trespassing along the rivers and asked if there are no trespassing signs posted because he sees a lot of non-natives along the rivers constantly in the summer time. Warden Guzman stated that yes trespass signs are posted and that dispatch should be called at the time non-natives are present to get a warden to patrol that area.

Adam W – should make it mandatory that rafting places post regulations.

#### 6. Other business

Ma-Sha-Quit – Gary why were last 6 months meeting cancelled? Gary's response was there was nothing to discuss. Gary reminded the Commission that ESD will be giving reports in July on bear and deer and fisheries in June.

Ma-Sha-Quit can someone check Commission listing on website and wants to know where the rest of the data is that he requested from ESD. Frustrating to get no cooperation regarding the reports requested.

Gary stated ESD is putting what they have available on the MITW portal.

Ma-Sha-Quit – requested the invasive species management report.

Gary F – ESD has recently putting a lot of new reports out there, which shows they are trying to get provide information.

Ma-Sha-Quit stated that Gary isn't doing his job as Chairman and should be fighting for the Commission.

Gary F called point of order on Ma-Sha-Quit and stated that the reports are there what is available.

#### 7. Adjournment.

**Motion by Steve Dick to adjourn, seconded by Ma-Sha-Quit McPherson, all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.**

Transcribed by Carrie Waukau-Grignon

**MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN  
WILD GINSENG (MAMACEQTASAEH)  
HARVEST/DEALER REGULATIONS  
2022**

**1. General Regulations.**

- a. Wild Ginseng harvest/dealer is limited to Enrolled Tribal Members only.
- b. MITW Wild Ginseng Regulations will be reviewed and harvest determined annually.
- c. The Menominee Conservation Department (MCD) will be the CITES certifier and shall submit a harvest report to the Menominee Conservation Commission (MCC) annually in November for annual regulation review.
- d. The Menominee Indian Tribe shall develop a Wild Ginseng Management Plan with consideration given to our Menominee traditions and culture.
- e. Request that all individuals that purchase Wild Ginseng be required to keep a log of all purchases. The log will include: seller's name, date of transaction, amount purchased, and seller's license number and where harvested.
- f. Log books must be provided to the Conservation Department when Wild Ginseng is certified.
- g. The Menominee Conservation Department will conduct random audits of locations where Wild Ginseng is being exchanged, delivered or purchased.

**2. Definitions.**

- a. "Wild Ginseng" (*Panax quinquefolius*) is defined as ginseng that is not grown, or nurtured by a person.
- b. "Green Ginseng" means a ginseng root from which the moisture has not been removed by drying.
- c. "Dried Ginseng" means a ginseng root from which the moisture has been removed after harvest. All dried wild ginseng must be certified by March 31<sup>st</sup> following year of harvest.
- d. "CITES": Convention on International Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
- e. "Harvest/Dealer" means a person who harvest, buys or otherwise acquires or conveys wild ginseng.

**3. Harvest.**

- a. The Harvest Season for Wild Ginseng is between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. No one may root, gather, or destroy Wild Ginseng outside the Harvest Season.
- c. Any harvest of the berries (seeds) produced from the Wild Ginseng Plant is prohibited.

**4. Wild Ginseng Harvest/Dealers License.**

- a. No Menominee Tribal Member 12 years of age and over, may harvest/deal Wild Ginseng without a valid Wild Ginseng Harvest/Dealer license issue by the Menominee Tribal License and Permit Department. Tribal members 11 years old and under can help assist Tribal Members with a valid Wild Ginseng Harvest/Dealer license.
- b. The Menominee Conservation Commission shall establish rules not limited to the following:
  - i. Limit the quantity of Wild Ginseng that each Tribal Member may harvest.
  - ii. Limit the quantity of Wild Ginseng that each Tribal member may deal.
  - iii. Restrictions on areas where Wild Ginseng may be harvested, and methods which may be used to harvest Wild Ginseng.

**5. Limit of Plants to be harvested.**

- a. Wild Ginseng roots shall be minimum age of a 10 year old root.
- b. Wild Ginseng roots younger than 10 years old; including sleeper roots (roots found at site without a stalk), shall not be harvested and must be replanted immediately at the parent site.
- c. Only plants with Red Berries can be harvested that meet the 10 year old criteria.

**6. Seed Planting.**

- a. Wild Ginseng seed (berries) may not be harvested, sold or transported away from the Parent Plant.
- b. When harvesting Wild Ginseng, harvesters shall plant all of the seeds (berries) from harvested plants in the vicinity of the parent plants in a manner which encourage their germination and growth.
- c. Importation of any foreign Ginseng seed onto the Menominee Indian Reservation is strictly prohibited.

**7. Personal Use.**

- a. All Wild Ginseng harvested for personal use must be certified.
- b. Harvesters do have the option of retaining the stalk and leaves; minus the berries for personal use only.

**8. Certification.**

- a. All Wild Ginseng harvested from the Menominee Indian Reservation must be certified by the Harvest/Dealer at the Menominee Conservation Department during certification hours.
- b. Hours of certification shall be developed by the Menominee Conservation Department.
- c. Certification methods shall follow procedures developed by the Menominee Conservation Department and Menominee Conservation Commission (MCC).
- d. Any transportation or importation of uncertified Wild Ginseng onto or off of the Menominee Indian Reservation is prohibited; unless the person that is transporting Wild Ginseng has the appropriate license (Tribal, State or Federal), and is in possession of a valid certification form from the place or country of harvest.

**9. Evidence.**

- a. The possession of Green Wild Ginseng outside the Harvest Season of September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> is prima face evidence of a violation of this section.

**10. Enforcement/Penalties.**

- a. Violation of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Menominee Conservation Wardens, the Menominee Tribal Police and the Federal Enforcement Agents acting in their official capacity.
- b. All penalties in reference to Wild Ginseng Harvest regulations herein can be found in Chapter 287, §287-9 with fines ranging from: \$10.00 - \$5,000.00
- c. All Wild Ginseng plants harvested younger than 10 years old will be confiscated by the Menominee Conservation Department.
- d. All confiscated Wild Ginseng will be handled annually by the MCD through the following methods:
  - i. All viable plants/roots will be replanted by MCD Wardens in a manner and timeframe that will promote survival.
  - ii. Any plants/roots no longer viable will be ground-up and redistributed to Tribal Elders interested in traditional uses.