

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe  
of Chippewa Indians



# Inland Harvest Guide 2014



# Foreword

**F**IRST, LET ME TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY DEEP appreciation for our Inland Committee and our Inland Department, Fisheries and Conservation team members for their dedication and diligence in developing this excellent tool for our tribal citizens to responsibly exercise our right to inland gathering, hunting and fishing. In particular, I would like to thank Brad Silet from Inland Fish and Wildlife Department for his skill in boiling down complex regulations into succinct, everyday language, and Jennifer Dale-Burton from Sault Tribe Communications for her expert editing and layout. I am also grateful to Clarence Hudak, from my office, who is my right hand man when it comes to inland treaty rights. Both Jennifer and Clarence are Inland Committee members. Our tribe owes a debt of gratitude to Eric Clark for his inland biological expertise. In a very short time, he has built a program with little resources to be the envy of the state and with respect from other tribal natural resources efforts.

Shortly after our initial Inland Subcommittee was formed from our Great Lakes Conservation Committee, we developed a dedicated team of committed tribal citizens to ensure that we gathered the input necessary to advise us on negotiations with our permanent 2007 Inland Consent Decree. They worked countless hours to develop a comprehensive survey of our members' needs and wants. The most rewarding aspect was the enduring commitment of our tribal citizens to our cultural value, "Take what you need and leave the rest." For example, since our bag limits are driven by subsistence needs rather than politics and our cultural values dictate taking only what we need, our average deer harvest is 1.7 deer annually rather than the maximum take of 5 deer.

As we go about exercising our reserved rights originating from time immemorial into perpetuity, please take the time to consider the foundation laid by Joseph K. Lumsden, our first Tribal Chairperson, former Conservation Committee Chairperson Victor Matson Sr. and current Chairperson Jason Grondin, our Inland Conservation Committee and all of our Sault Tribe team members who are tasked with managing the right so we have it for generations to come. Also, please take the time to contact your unit representative on the Board of Directors to thank them for their ongoing support of our treaty rights and our excellent team who manages this right.

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***Aaron A. Payment, MPA (BiiWaagajüig)***  
***Sault Tribe Chairperson***

# **Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians**

## **Inland Conservation Committee**

The Inland Conservation Committee is an advisory committee made up of nine members. The ICC provides regulatory and policy advice to the Board of Directors and administration so well informed decisions relating to inland fishing, hunting, trapping and gathering are be made regarding the tribe's responsibilities under the 2007 Consent Decree and the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Tribal – USDA – Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands.

The Inland and Great Lakes Conservation Committees are an integral component in the protection, enhancement, and management of the tribe's treaty rights and the natural resources on which they depend.

Monthly meetings are held monthly in Sault Ste. Marie. For time and location, contact IFWD. Interested tribal members are encouraged to attend.

## **Sault Tribe Conservation**

The Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (IFWD) serves as Sault Tribe's biological program in the implementation of 2007 Inland Consent Decree (ICD) and the 2006 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Forest Service. Its activities include inland fish and wildlife harvest reporting and statistics, recommending harvest levels, conducting fish and wildlife population and habitat research and assessments, and representing Sault Tribe on interagency committees and organizations. Its work is focused on treaty activities within the 1836 Ceded Territory.

Inland Fish and Wildlife coordinates with Sault Tribe Law Enforcement to administer permitting activities associated with the 2007 ICD and 2006 MOU. IFWD conducts lotteries for elk, bear and sturgeon. IFWD also conducts the permitting and reporting for specially regulated fishing seasons.

Sault Tribe Law Enforcement Conservation enforces the rules and regulations put forth in this guide.

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**T**HE 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 and Chippewa 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 Treaty of Washington in 1836. 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.

**LICENSE INFORMATION**

The Sault Ste. Marie of Chippewa Indians offers a variety of licenses and permits to support membership harvest within the 1836 Ceded Territory. To fish on inland water systems, members must possess harvest 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. The non-hunting harvest license allows for members to gather and fish without providing proof of hunters safety. If you hunted the year before you cannot obtain a new card for the next season without turning in a harvest report from the year before. They are due every February.

Harvest tags must be obtained from the Sault Tribe Law Enforcement in order to pursue turkey, Black Lake sturgeon, 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 Inland Fish and Wildlife Department.

All harvest on the Great Lakes, St. Mary's River and all of the bays and inlets is pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Tribal Code.

<b>License Type</b>	<b>Hunting</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Inland Fishing</b>	<b>Gathering</b>
<b>Hunting Harvest Card</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Non-Hunting Harvest Card</b>	No	No	Yes	Yes

**HUNTING**

**White-tailed Deer (Waawaashkesh)**

**Bag Limits**

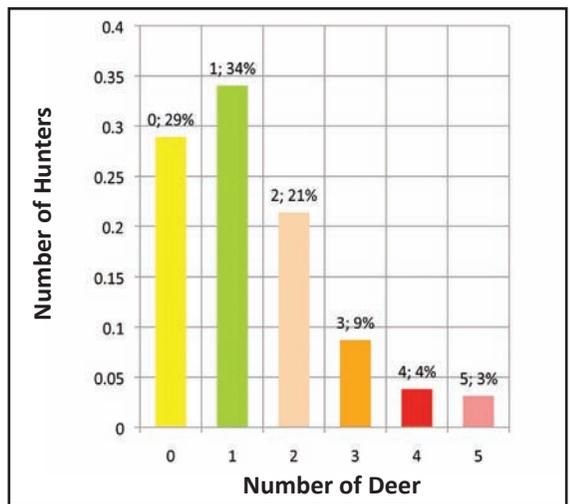
The bag limit for deer is five, two of which may be antlered with one antler at least 3 inches long. Hunters are required to regulate their harvest per the rules of the early firearm season, late firearm season and archery season.

## WHITETAIL DEER HARVEST FIGURES

As one can see by the graph to the right, most tribally licensed hunters take between 1 and 2 deer.

- 29% take none
- 34% take 1
- 21% take 2
- 9% take 3
- 4% take 4
- 3% take 5

Bag limits are designed so that tribal hunters can get the harvest they need to subsist. Most need one or two; a very few need 4 or 5.



## SEASONS

**Early Firearm Season** starts on 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 from Nov. 1 through Nov. 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 for deer is generally allowed throughout the tribe's ceded territory. Containers used to carry bait to the baiting site must be removed. Drugs and poisons are not allowed. The use of grains, fruits, vegetables, salts or any other mineral in any area designated by the state of Michigan as a TB zone is prohibited.

## 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 October 1 through November 15 with a bag limit of two either-sex birds.

## **BLACK BEAR (MKADEMUKWA)**

Bear hunting shall be authorized by a Bear Permit handled through a lottery system for specific bear management units. The number of permits for each year's hunt shall be determined by the Inland 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 Inland Conservation Committee meeting and successful applicants will be notified and sent a Bear Permit package that includes all special bear hunting regulations.

### **Season**

The tribe has one bear season for all units. The season shall start on the same day as the state of Michigan's first bear season and shall end 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 IFWD.

## **ELK (OMASHKOOZ)**

Elk hunting shall be 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 Inland 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, Inland Department 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 shall transfer to the next applicant drawn from the additional names in the lottery.

## **SMALL GAME**

Small Game harvest is allowed with a Hunting Inland Harvest License. The species that fall under this 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 transport limit of no more than 20.

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 IFWD or Sault Tribe Law Enforcement on August 31.

## **Hunter's Orange**

Hunter's orange is required while using a firearm on any land and hunters must have 1 sq. ft. 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 deer hunting must be a center fire firearm of .22 caliber or larger, muzzleloader of .40 caliber or larger or shotgun using slug, sabot or buckshot.

## **Archery Limitations**

Bow and arrow, and crossbow, may be used to hunt deer provided that a broad head with a cutting surface of at least 1-inch diameter is used.

## **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 shall be removed from state lands within 10 days after the end of deer season.

## **Ground Blinds**

The use of hunting blinds on public and tribal land is permitted subject to the following provisions:

- 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 utilizing man-made materials shall be prohibited on state lands prior to November 6.
- All blinds utilizing man-made materials shall be removed from state lands within 10 days of the end of deer season.
- The use and placement of blinds utilizing man-made materials shall be prohibited in state parks except in designated open areas.
- All portable blinds shall be removed from state land at the end of each day's hunt unless marked as above.

## TRAPPING

**Furbearer Seasons** (See table in the center pages.)

### 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 whose aim is 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). These animals must be inspected by IFWD personnel and have an official seal affixed to the pelt within two weeks of the close of the season in which the animal was harvested. These animals must have, at a minimum, a skull given to the IFWD so that cementum (tooth) aging can be done to better manage the population for future generations.

It is illegal to possess or transport a raw (unprocessed/not tanned) unregistered CITES animal 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, or 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 shall be leg hold, snares, box type, or body gripping (conibare) 7" by 7", or larger locking type snares.

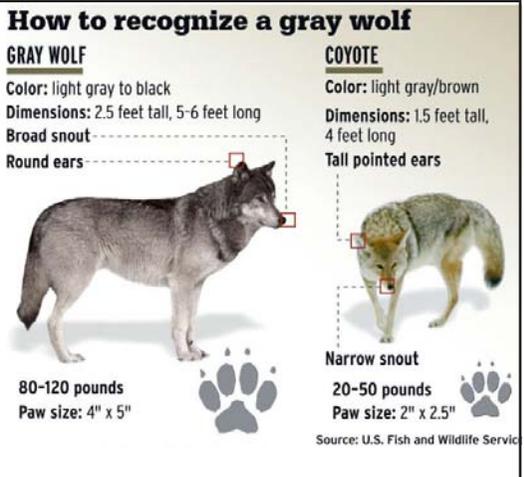
Body gripping (conibare) traps larger than 7" by 7" must be at least half submerged in water.

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

Body gripping (conibare) traps larger than 7" by 7" cannot be placed:

## TRAP ATTENDANCE

**All traps MUST be attended every 72 hours. The IFWD highly recommends that traps be attended daily.**



- 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 (conibare) traps larger than 7-by-7 inches 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-by-7 inches or less. No steel jawed traps with teeth shall be set, placed or operated.

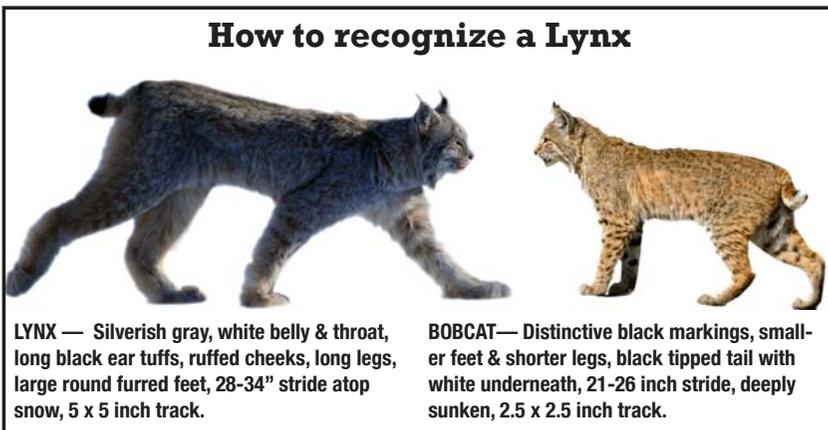
### Snaring regulations

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 for the purpose of snaring rabbits or hares.

### Trap Markings

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



## **GATHERING**

### **Maple Syrup Permit**

A tribal member may collect maple sap on federal land under a maple syrup permit. This permit is only valid in designated areas. This permit may take a lot of time to process. Advance notice to the Department is required.

## **FIREWOOD**

### **Federal Firewood Permit**

The federal firewood permit allows you to cut dead standing and dead and down trees in the national forest. You are not restricted by the amount of wood taken but it must be used for heating your home. Cutting trees is prohibited in wilderness areas, scenic river corridors and research areas. Maps of restricted areas can be obtained from the IFWD or Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. No creating a road to access cut trees. No cutting trees marked with paint.

### **State Firewood Permit**

The IFWD 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. Permits will take some time to process, advance notice is required. You 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.
- Remove boughs from the upper half of a tree.

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

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

## **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.

## **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 and 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. 10 snapping and soft shell turtles may be taken in combination per day. Gear and methods that may be used consists of: 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, copperbelly watersnake, Kirtland's snake and massasauga 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**

Tribal members must possess an inland harvest card in order to fish any inland water within the 1836 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 bait fish.

- Fish within 100 feet of electrical lamprey control devices while in operation.
- 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, trot lines, hand lines, spears, bows and arrows, seines, dip-nets and hands to fish.

### **Hook and Line Limitations**

On open water hook and line fishing is limited to 4 lines per person. Ice fishing is limited to 7 per person.

### **Trot line**

- 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 trot line is clearly marked with an object having one foot visible above the ice along with name of the Tribal member who set the line.
- Trotlines must be checked daily.
- All tip-ups shall be identified by name of the tribal member fishing the tip-up and must be attended.

### **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 shall not exceed 8 feet in length by 5 feet in width or 6 feet in height.
- Leads shall not exceed 150 feet in length.
- The end of the lead, the ends of any wings used and the pot shall be marked with, at a minimum, a gallon sized buoy displaying the tribal member's 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 exceptions by county.*

### **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, hands, dip nets, crossbows, trot lines, and bow and arrow may be used with a valid inland harvest license. The species that can be harvested using one of these methods are trout, salmon, walleye, northern pike, or muskellunge. The tribal member must fill out a specially regulated methods of harvest report within 7 days of harvest and submit the completed report to the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department.

### **Seasons, Size Limits and Bag Limits**

See *Fishing Seasons and Bag Limits Table*, page 25.

### **Sturgeon (Nme)**

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 February.

### **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 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 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 rivers in Bay de Noc. Permits are available March 15 through May 15. These permits need 24 hours 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 specially regulated method of harvest report for Bay de Noc must be filled out and returned to the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department within 72 hours of the end of the permit.

### **Walleye Lake System Permit**

Walleye lake system permit allows 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 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 specially regulated method of harvest report for walleye lake systems must be filled out and returned to the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department within 72 hours of the end of the permit.

## **SPECIAL STREAMS AND 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.

*See restrictions by county.*

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

### Category 6 Streams

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

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

### 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.

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

## **Steelhead Protected 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**

### **Alger County**

#### **Waterbody**

**16 Mile Lake**

**Anna River**

**Range 19 West.**

**Mosquito River**

**Nawakwa Lake**

**Rock River**

**Sucker River and its tributaries upstream of Seney Road Bridge**

**– Steelhead Protected Stream Segment**

**Trout Lake**

#### **Restriction(s)**

**No Size Limit on Northern Pike (Gnoozhe)**

**No Tribal member may spear from its mouth upstream to the railroad crossing by Wagner Falls in Section 14, Township 46 North,**

**No Tribal member may spear**

**No Size Limit on Northern Pike**

**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.**

**– Steelhead Protected Stream Segment**

**No Size Limit on Northern Pike**

## Chippewa County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
<b>Black River</b>	<b>Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence of Peters Creek - Steelhead Segment</b>
<b>Protected Stream</b>	
<b>Caribou Lake</b>	<b>Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed</b>
<b>Carp River</b>	<b>North Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment</b>
<b>Carp River</b>	<b>South Branch and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment</b>
<b>Frenchman Lake</b>	<b>No size limit on Northern Pike</b>
<b>Pine River</b>	<b>Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment</b>
<b>Pine River</b>	<b>North Branch, river and tributaries upstream of Highway 40 Bridge - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment</b>
<b>Potagannising River</b>	<b>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>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
<b>Carr Lake</b>	<b>No size limit on Northern Pike</b>
<b>Chicago Lake</b>	<b>No size limit on Northern Pike</b>
<b>Dana Lake</b>	<b>Spearing of Northern Pike is allowed from January 1 through the end of February</b>
<b>Days River</b>	<b>Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit</b>
<b>Escanaba River</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Escanaba River</b>	<b>Upstream from first dam at US-2 - No size limit on Northern Pike</b>
<b>Hamilton Lake</b>	<b>No size limit on Northern Pike</b>
<b>Rapid River</b>	<b>Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit</b>
<b>Sturgeon River</b>	<b>Walleye may be taken March 15 through May 15 with a 24 hour Bays de Noc Walleye Harvest Permit</b>

## Luce County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
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

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
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 and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Carp River	South Branch and its tributaries -Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
East Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Pine River	Mainstream and its tributaries upstream of the confluence with the Pine River, North Branch - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Pine River	North Branch, river and tributaries upstream of Highway 40 Bridge - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

## Marquette County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
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

## Schoolcraft County

<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

### Antrim County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Jordan River	Mainstream and all tributaries upstream of Graves Crossing - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

### Benzie County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Betsie River	No Tribal member may fish within 100 feet 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 River - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

## Charlevoix County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
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

## Cheboygan County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
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 Segment
Silver Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Sturgeon River	Mainstream upstream of Afton Road - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Sturgeon River, W. Branch	Mainstream and its tributaries - Steelhead Protected Stream
Twin Lake # 1	Type "D" Trout Lake
Wildwood Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

## Clare County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Budd Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed
Lake Thirteen	No size limit on Northern Pike

## Crawford County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
AuSable River	—Burtons Landing to Wakeley Bridge; Chase Bridge downstream to Lower High Banks - Category 7 Trout Stream Segment —N. Branch Sheep Ranch downstream to confluence with Mainstream, S. Branch Lower High Banks downstream to confluence with Mainstream - Category 5 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
Pickereel Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
River Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Wakeley Lake	Quality Lake - Special Restrictions Apply

## Emmet County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
French Farm Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
O'Neal Lake Floodings	No size limit on Northern Pike

## Grand Traverse County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
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

## Kalkaska County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Manistee River, M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge	- Category 5 Trout Stream Segment

## Kent County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Bass Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Campau Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed
Murray Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed

## Lake County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
Baldwin River, Mainstream, tributaries upstream of M-37 in Pere Marquette Watershed	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Little Manistee River Mainstream from Spencer's Bridge upstream and 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

## Leelanau County

Waterbody	Restriction(s)
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

### **Manistee County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Bar Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Bear Creek and tributaries above Co. Rd. 600 in the Manistee River watershed	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Dair Creek, 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

### **Mason County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Hackert (Crystal) Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

### **Mecosta County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Haymarsh Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

### **Missaukee County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Missaukee Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

### **Montmorency County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Black River	Mainstream and tributary streams only - No size limit on Northern Pike
East Town Corner Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike
Fletcher Flood Waters	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 Lake	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed

### **Muskegon County**

<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
N. Branch of White River	Mainstream above Arthur Road in the White River watershed - Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Skeel Creek, tributaries	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
West Twin Lakes	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed

### **Newaygo County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Baldwin River and tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette Watershed	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Bigelow Creek and its tributaries in the Muskegon River watershed	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Cedar Creek and its tributaries upstream from River Road	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Pere Marquette River tributaries upstream of M-37 in the Pere Marquette watershed	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

### **Oceana County**

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
N. Branch of 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

### **Oceola County**

<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

### Oscoda County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Pickerel Lake	No size limit on Northern Pike

### Otsego County

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

### Ottawa County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Lake Macatawa	Spearing of Northern Pike is not allowed

### Presque Isle County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
Black River 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 and its tributaries	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment
Ocqueoc River 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 Pike
Silver Creek and its tributaries in the Ocqueoc River watershed	- Steelhead Protected Stream Segment

### Roscommon County

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Restriction(s)</b>
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

# Fishing Seasons & Bag Limits

SPECIES	SEASON	BAG LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Walleye UP <i>Ogaa*</i>	May 15 — March 31	10 per day	14"
Walleye LP <i>Ogaa</i>	Last Saturday in April — March 14	10 per day	14"
Walleye Bay de Noc <i>Ogaa</i>	May 16 — Feb. 29	10 per day	14"
Perch <i>Asaawe</i>	All Year	100 per day	No Limit
Bass <i>Ashigan</i>	All Year	10 per day	10"
Sunfish <i>Agwadaashi</i>	All Year	No Limit	No limit
Black Lake Sturgeon <i>Náme</i>	Permit Only	Permit Only	No limit
Otsego Lake Sturgeon <i>Náme</i>	All Year	1 per season	No limit
Northern Pike <i>Gnoozhe</i>	All Year	10 per day	See 'Restrictions by County' pages 16-24; otherwise 20"
Muskellunge <i>Maashikinooshe</i>	All Year	2 per day	30" in lakes listed in 21.905 of the Tribal Code; otherwise, 38"
Lake Trout <i>Namegos</i>	See 'Restrictions by County' pages 16-24, otherwise all year.	Trout: 5 per species per day with a maximum of 10 in any combination.	7"
Brook Trout <i>Maazhamegoons</i>			
Brown Trout <i>Introduced Species</i>			
Rainbow Trout/Steelhead <i>Namegoshens</i>			
Atlantic Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>		Salmon: 5 per species per day.	
Chinook Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>			
Coho Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>			
Pink Salmon <i>Introduced Species</i>			

\*Ojibwe name

# Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

SPECIES	SEASON	BAG LIMIT
Whitetail		5, 2 of which can be antlered
Early Firearm	Day after Labor Day — Oct. 31; and	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	
Archery	Day after Labor Day — the first full weekend in January.	
Bear	TBD; Applications available May 1, due May 31	By lottery
Elk	TBD; Applications available May 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		
Spring	April 15 — June	2; bearded only
Fall	Oct. 1 — Nov. 14	2
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	2, UP only
Otter		
UP	Oct. 1 — May 15	3
LP	Oct. 1 — April 15	1
Beaver		
UP	Oct. 1 — May 15	No bag limit
LP	Oct. 1 — April 15	No bag limit
Coyote	All Year	No bag limit

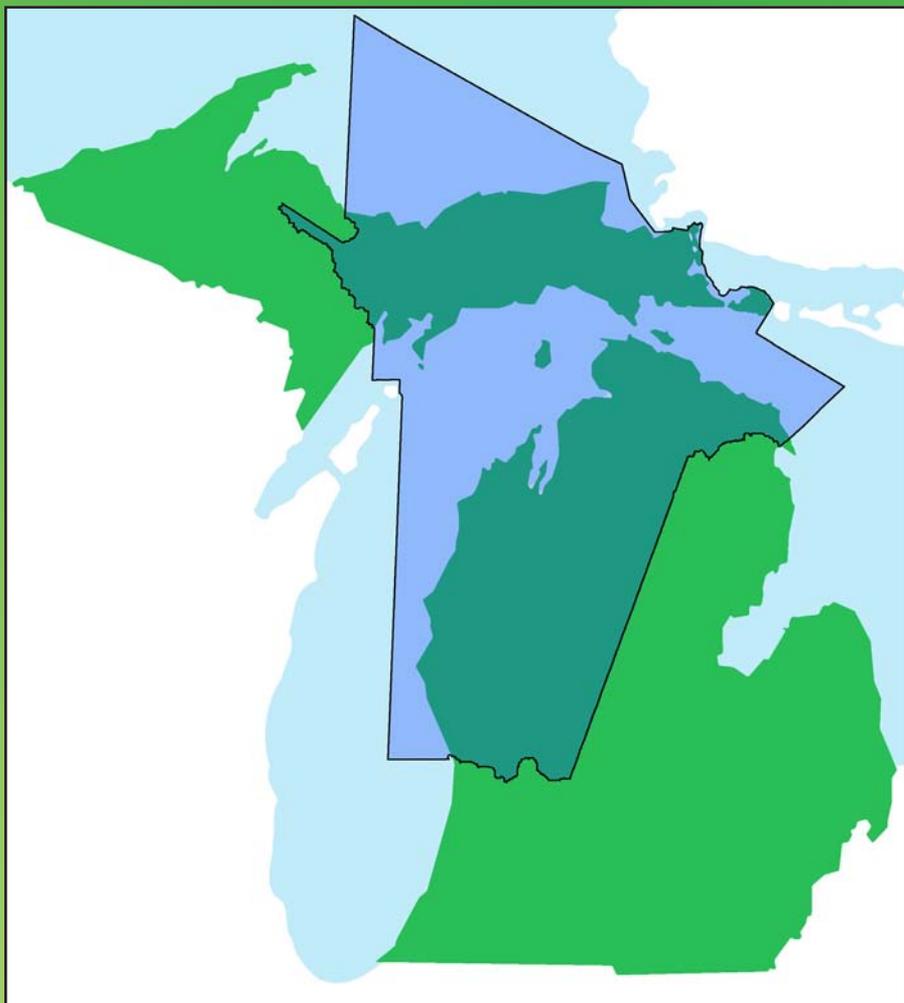


You generally can exercise the right within the Ceded Territory subject to certain area specific restrictions found in the regulations.

Can you 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 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 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, w/tribal license but pursuant to state seasons and methods, written permission required
CFR lakes and rivers	Yes, see regulations for restrictions and permission requirement

## 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory



The 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory is 21,621 square miles in land and 17,000 square miles in Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron.