

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

2011 Inland Harvest Summary



Inland Fish and Wildlife Department

In 2011, Sault Tribe issued approximately 28,000 individual permits for hunting, fishing, gathering, and trapping within the 1836 Ceded Territory to 3,549 tribal members. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians maintains mandatory harvest reporting requirements for all members who exercise the Tribe's treaty rights. At the time when this report was in development, the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department had received 1,918 harvest reports.

2011 Inland Waters Fish Harvest

In 2011, Sault Tribe issued 3,549 Inland Fishing Licenses. IFWD has received harvest reports from 54% (1,918) of those license holders. Fifty-three percent of those reported fishing effort in 2011. When developing harvest estimates IFWD assumed the entire 53% who reported effort had equal effort for each individual species. It is also likely that some of the reported harvest was actually Great Lakes harvest.

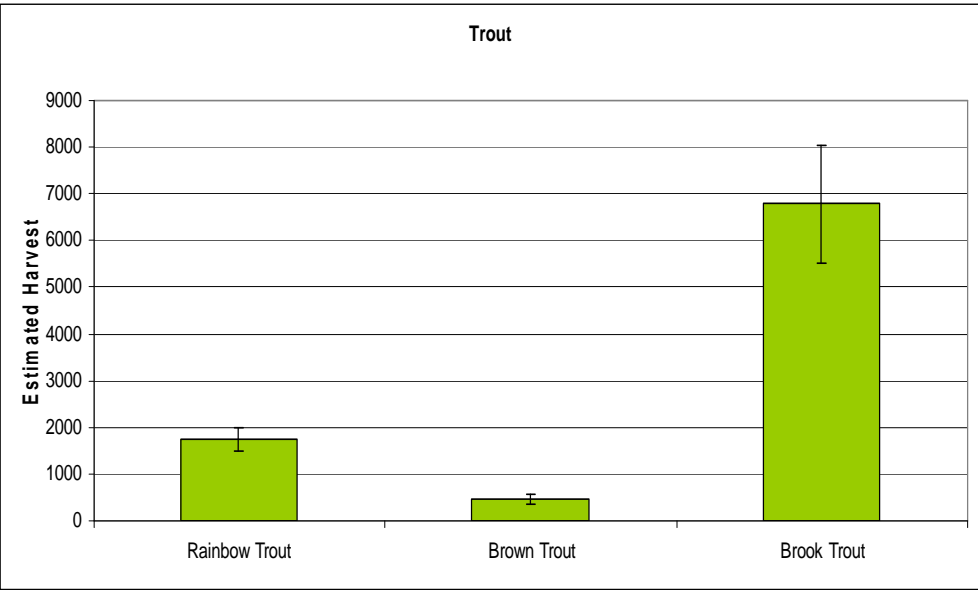
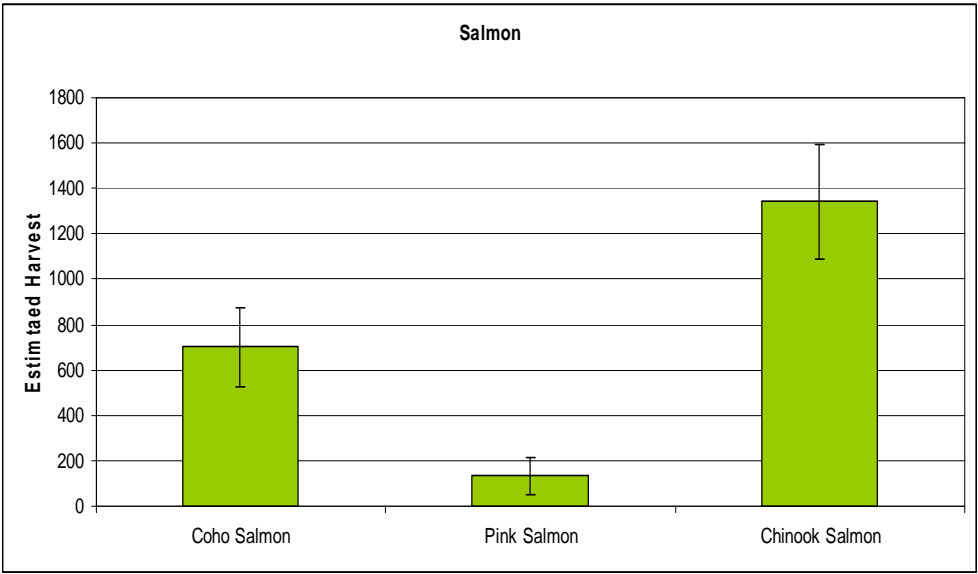
Table 1. 2011 Inland Fish Harvest

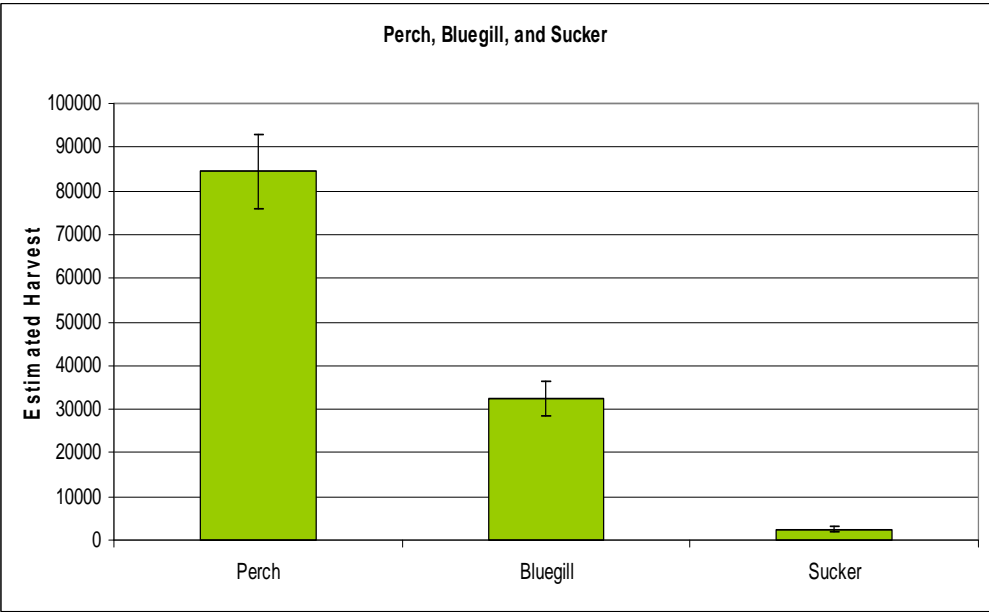
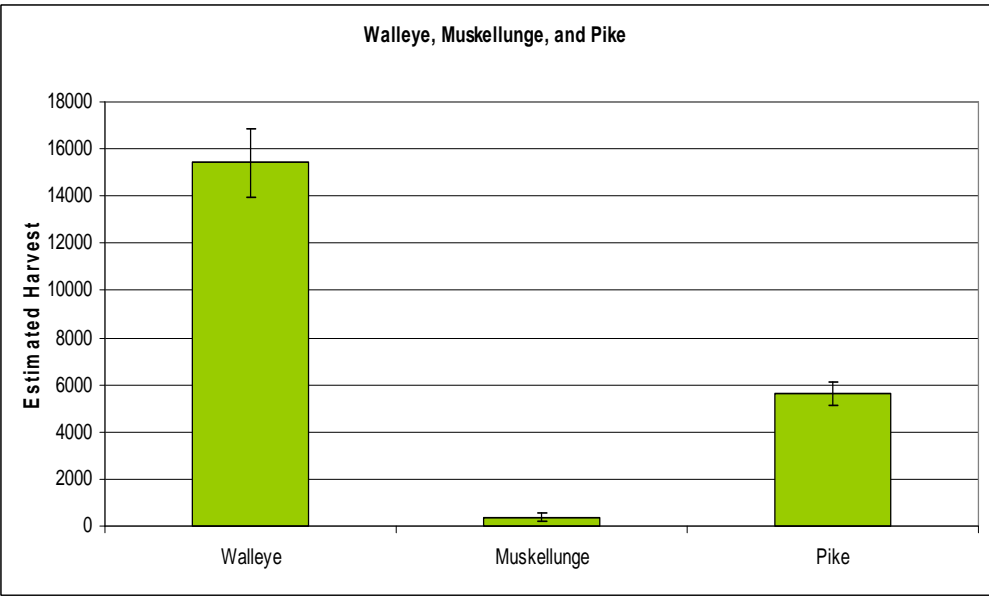
Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated harvest	confidence interval (+/-)
Rainbow Trout	678	0.93	0.13	1,748	254.4
Brown Trout	176	0.24	0.06	454	115.3
Brook Trout	2,633	3.6	0.66	6,787	1256.9
Coho Salmon	272	0.37	0.09	702	176.0
Pink Salmon	51	0.07	0.05	132	84.0
Chinook Salmon	521	0.71	0.13	1,343	250.7
Walleye	5,979	8.17	0.78	15,410	1462.1
Muskellunge	149	0.20	0.09	384	159.5
Pike	2,181	2.97	0.27	5,622	503.4
Perch	32,773	44.8	4.55	84,467	8,584.5
Bluegill	12,610	17.20	2.15	32,501	4058.1
Sucker	966	1.32	0.27	2,490	501.5
Smelt*	255	0.35	0.06	657	107.1

*smelt is reported gallons

2011 Black Lake Sturgeon Harvest

Date	Length(in)	Weight(lbs)	Harvest Method
4/12/12	60 3/4	50	spear
5/04/12	63 1/2	56	spear



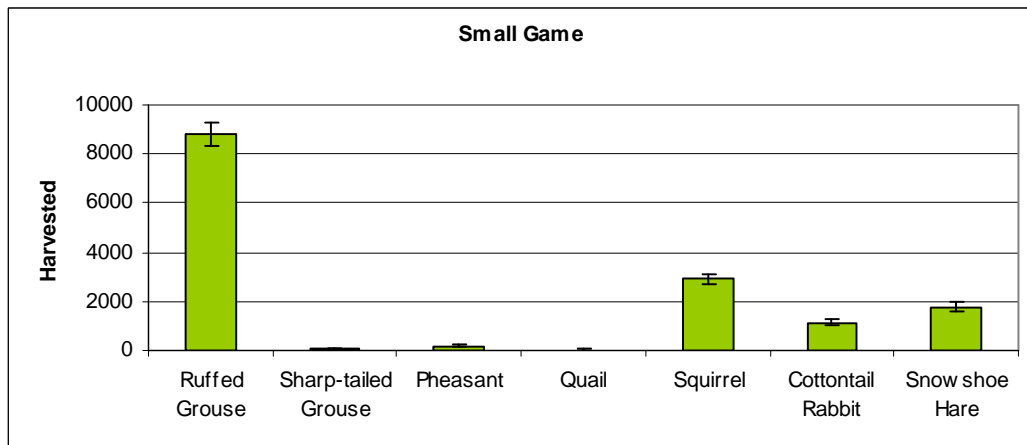


2011 Small Game Harvest

In 2011, Sault Tribe issued 3,549 small game licenses with 54% percent of those license holders reporting. Hunter participation rates varied widely between target species. Forty-seven percent of license holders reported hunting ruffed grouse, thirteen percent reported hunting snowshoe hare, fourteen percent hunting squirrel, ten percent reported hunting cottontail rabbit, and two percent reported hunting sharp-tailed grouse and pheasant.

Table 2. 2010 Small Game Harvest

Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval (+/-)
Pheasant	70	2.80	.65	177	41.0
Ruffed Grouse/Partridge	3,492	5.27	0.28	8,790	471.4
Sharp-Tailed Grouse	33	0.92	0.25	84	22.7
Quail	12	1.00	0.48	31	14.4
Squirrel	1,159	5.85	0.43	2,918	213.0
Cottontail Rabbit	452	3.16	0.38	1138	138.3
Snowshoe Hare	708	3.65	0.37	1782	180.0



2011 Furbearer Harvest

In 2011, Sault Tribe members have relatively low participation (11.7%) in furbearer harvest compared to other areas such as small game hunting or deer hunting.

Table 3. 2011 Sault Tribe Furbearer Harvest

Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval
Beaver	210	1.07	0.35	442	146.0
Mink	112	0.57	0.30	236	125.7
Muskrat	945	4.80	2.00	1990	829.1
Red Fox	32	0.16	0.04	68	17.8
Gray Fox	9	0.05	0.03	19	13.1
Coyote	298	1.51	0.34	628	140.0
Skunk	46	0.23	0.07	97	28.7
Raccoon	280	1.42	0.27	590	112.4

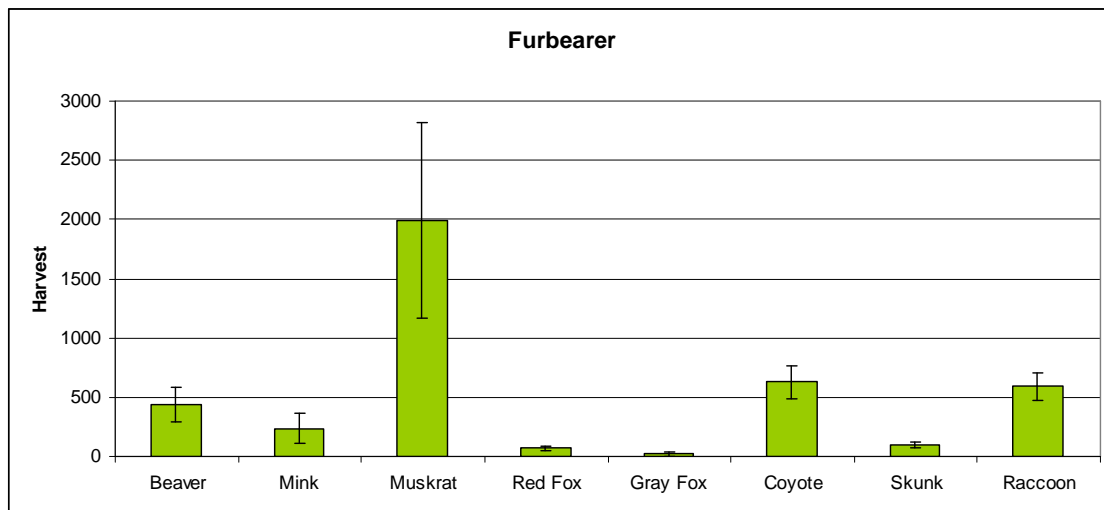


Table 6. 2011 Sault Tribe Mandatory Registration Harvest

Species	Registered Harvest
Marten	50
Fisher	21
Bobcat	20
Otter	27

2010 Turkey Harvest

In 2011 Sault Tribe issued 1,277 spring turkey and 2,199 fall turkey licenses. Twenty-five percent of those reporting hunted spring turkey and 21% hunted fall turkey.

Table 4. 2011 spring and fall turkey harvest

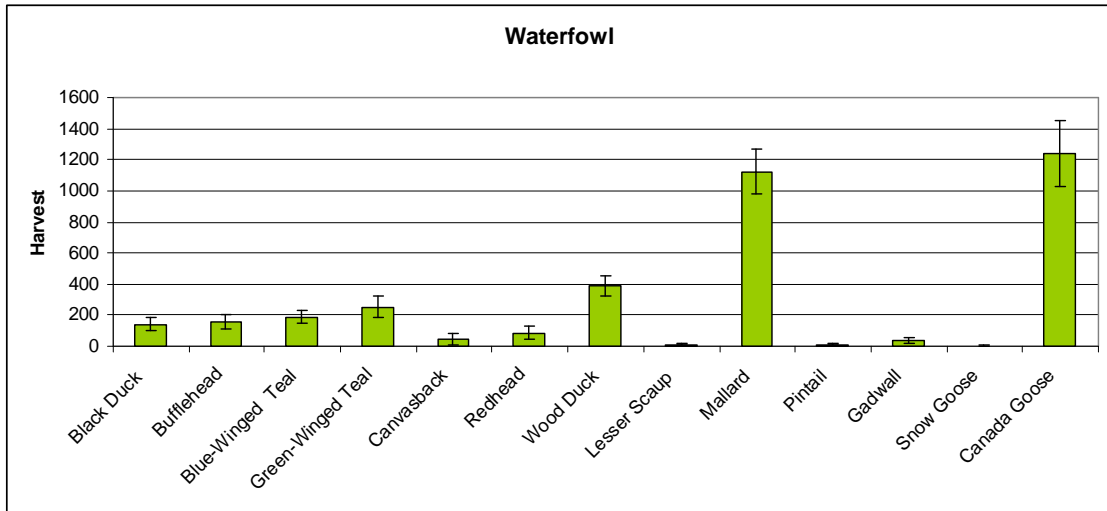
	Reported Harvest	Mean	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval (+/-)
Spring	119	0.40	0.04	348	35.1
Fall	97	0.38	0.04	284	29.3

2011 Waterfowl Harvest

At the time of this report, we received 1195 harvest reports back from hunters. Of those reporting, 12% hunted waterfowl during the 2011 hunting season. Table 6 summaries reported and estimated harvest for major species.

Table 5. 2011 Sault Tribe Waterfowl Harvest

Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval (+/-)
Black Duck	48	1.66	0.48	143	41.3
Bufflehead	53	1.89	0.51	158	42.6
Blue-Winged Teal	63	1.85	0.42	188	42.4
Green-Winged Teal	85	2.3	0.63	253	69.7
Canvasback	16	0.89	0.66	48	35.3
Redhead	29	1.53	0.79	87	44.7
Wood Duck	131	3.36	0.56	389	64.5
Lesser Scaup	4	0.33	0.19	12	6.7
Mallard	378	4.61	0.60	1123	145.5
Pintail	4	0.22	0.13	12	6.9
Gadwall	13	0.68	0.33	39	18.8
Snow Goose	1	0.06	0.06	3	2.9
Canada Goose	416	5.27	0.91	1236	213.6



2011 Big Game Harvest

Bear

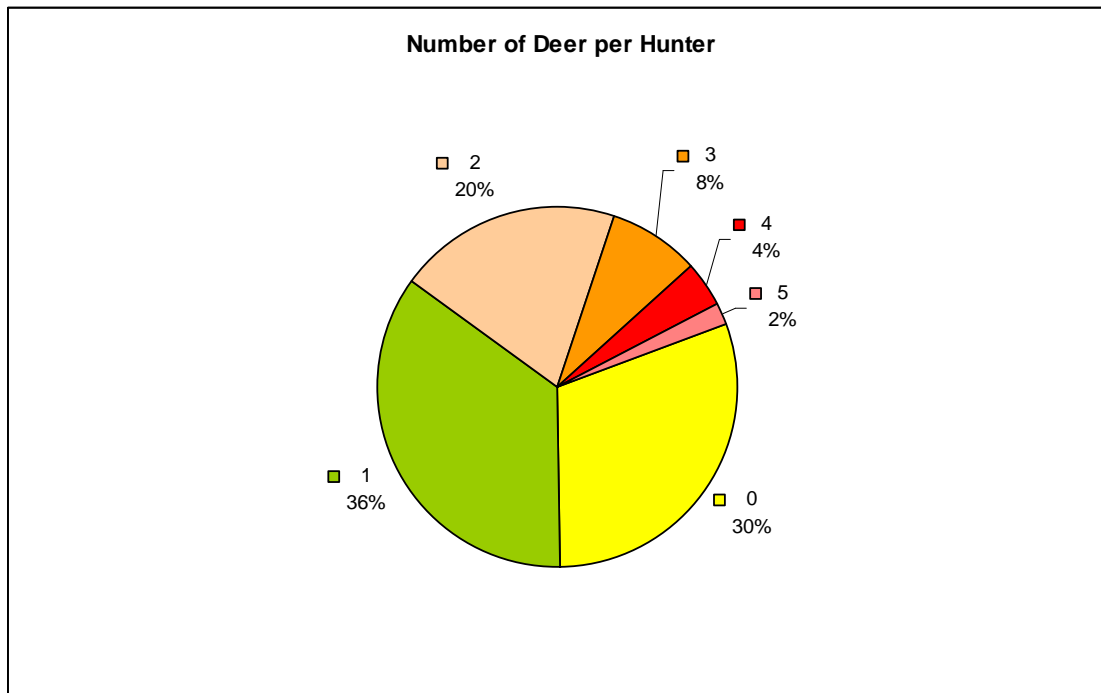
Table 6. 2011 Sault Tribe Bear Permits Issued and Bear Harvest by Management Unit

BMU	Permits Issued	Harvest
Baraga	19	2
Drummond	1	1
Gwinn	35	2
Newberry	54	11
Baldwin	1	0
Gladwin	6	0
Red Oak	28	3

Whitetail Deer

Sault Tribe issued 3,371 deer licenses in 2011. At the time that this report was developed, IFWD had received 1,918 harvest reports back or about 57 percent. Seventy-one percent (1,354) of those reporting actually hunted deer. The total estimated harvest for 2011 is 2,921 (+/-75) deer.

This estimate is based on a mean harvest per hunter of 1.2 with a standard error of 0.032. Actual harvest per hunter varies from 0 to 5 deer. While all members who received a harvest permit for deer receive 5 harvest tags, very few hunters actually harvested 5 deer (2% or 46 hunters) or even 4 deer (4.5% or 107 hunters). Twenty-nine percent of our reporting hunters were issued 5 harvest tags but did not hunt deer in 2011. Approximately 30% (715) of hunters were unsuccessful in their hunting efforts, while 36% (830) harvested 1 deer, 20% (482 hunters) harvested 2 deer, and 8% (198 hunters) harvested 3 deer.



Fifty-eight percent of the 2011 deer harvest took place in the month of November. Harvest in October and December accounted for 16% and 18% respectively. September and January harvest accounted for 8%. Much of the deer harvest took place in the first two weeks after the quiet period. The geographic distribution of Sault Tribe's 2011 harvest by county is listed in Table 8.

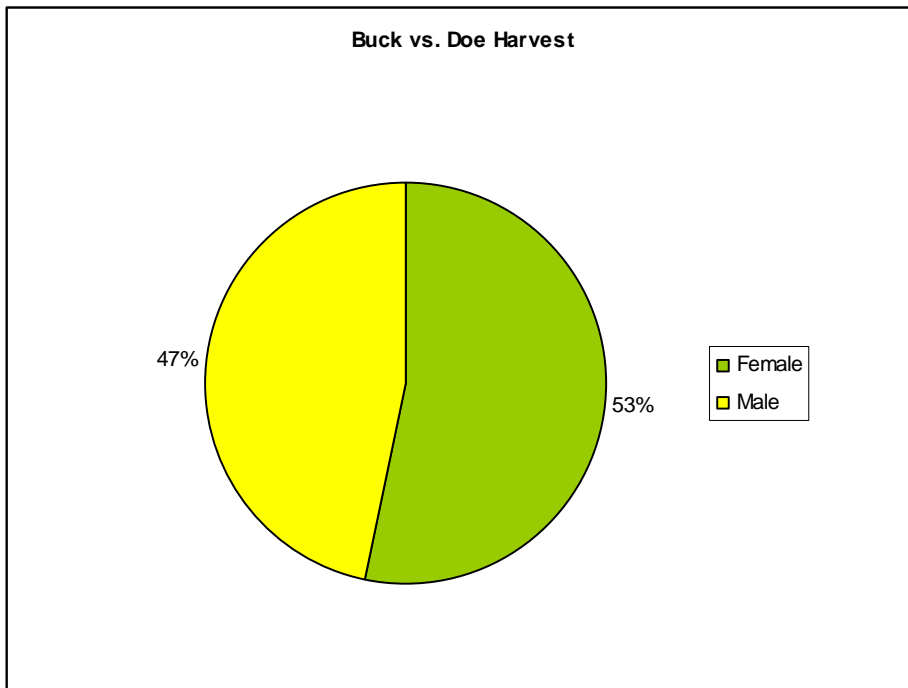
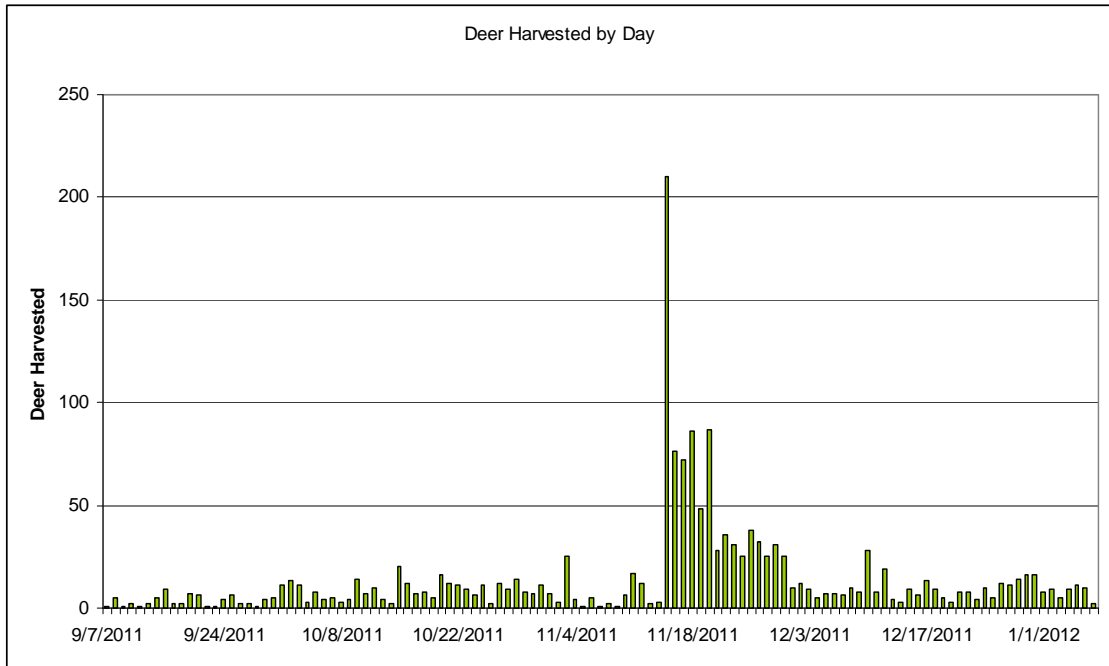
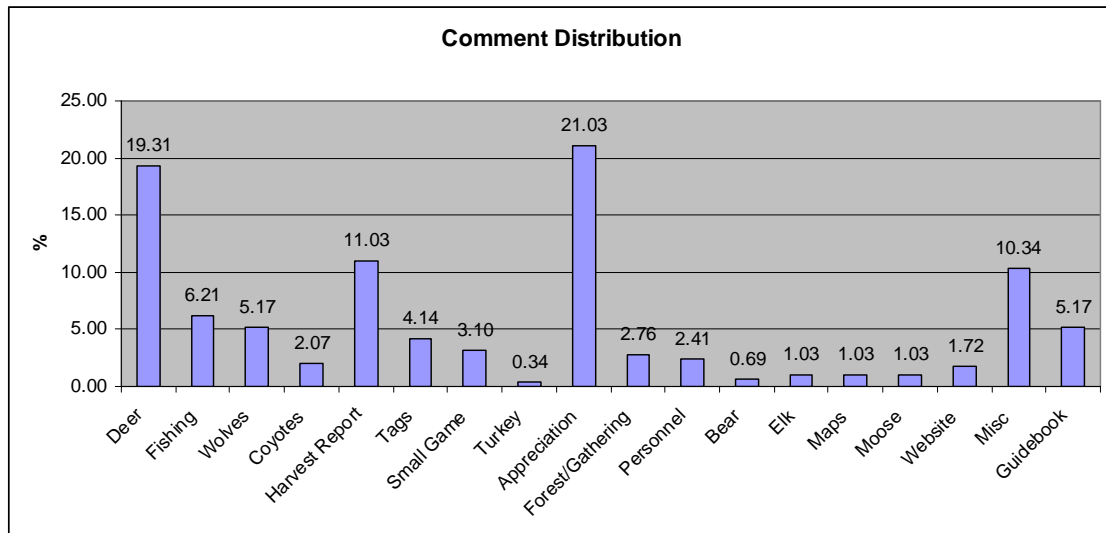


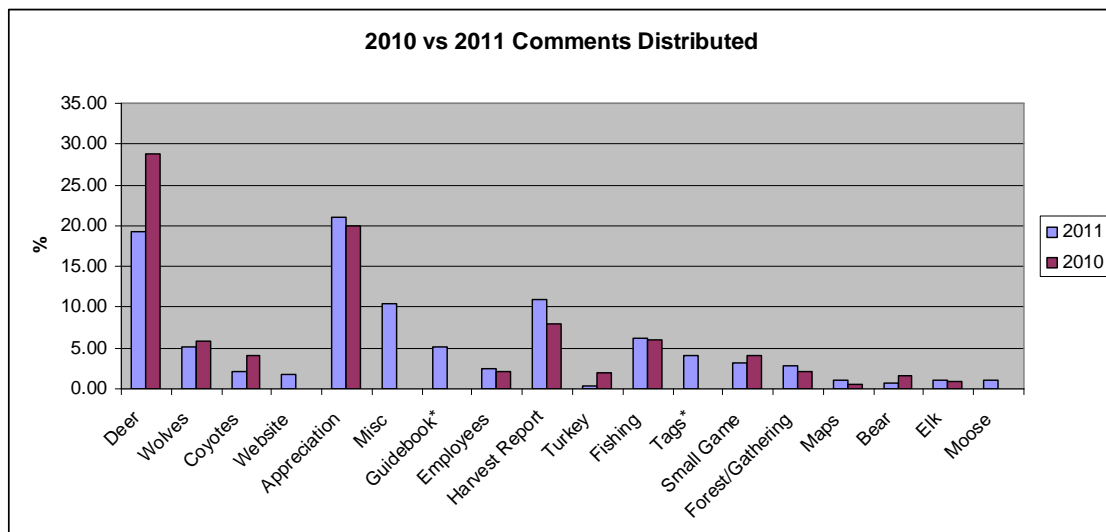
Table 8. 2011 Sault Tribe Deer Harvest Percentage per County

County	% Harvested
Alger	4.77
Antrim	0.24
Benzie	0.66
Charlevoix	0.73
Cheboygan	7.01
Chippewa	19.64
Clare	0.24
Crawford	0.12
Delta	11.06
Emmet	3.38
Grand Traverse	0.48
Ionia	0.12
Isabella	0.24
Kalkaska	0.85
Kent	0.36
Lake	0.30
Leelanau	0.18
Luce	6.28
Mackinac	16.80
Manistee	1.15
Marquette	1.51
Mason	1.03
Mecosta	0.48
Missaukee	0.85
Montcalm	0.91
Montmorency	0.36
Muskegon	0.18
Newaygo	1.99
Oceana	0.66
Osceola	0.79
Otsego	0.85
Presque Isle	1.39
Roscommon	0.42
Schoolcraft	13.72
Wexford	0.24

In 2011, 2,884 members had a Harvest Report turned in at the time of completing this report. Out of those members 231 wrote comments. The comments were sorted into categories depending upon the topic(s) being discussed. The main topics were narrowed down to 17. Under a few of the larger topics there are sub-topics to further narrow the comment. Individual's comments could fall under multiple topics the average was 1.26 topics per comment. The comments were typed in exactly the way they were received on the Report.



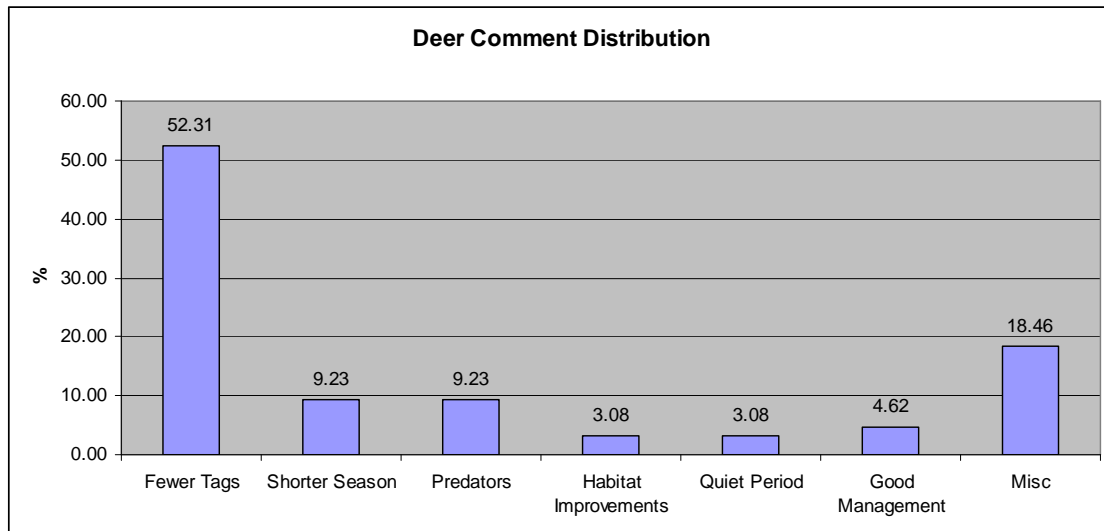
The graph below shows a comparison of categories from 2010 and 2011. This was done to show changes in the percentage of respondents commented from year to year.



* designates a category that was part of a "License and Tags" category in 2010

Deer

This topic ranged from members worried about too few deer to stocking deer. The miscellaneous section for deer was where comments that didn't quite fit into the other topics went (How good their season was, hoping to do better next year, etc.)



Fewer Tags

- 22- I would like to see our buck tags follow the same antler restrictions as the state tags do.
- 194- Deer numbers are way down due to wolves and hard winters, less deer permits should be given 5 id too many. Some people abuse this and kill 5 deer it is not necessary.
- 554- Looking forward to the wolf season. The Tribe has to reduce the allotted number of deer per person. If this number is not reduced there will not be any deer to hunt. My wife and I are both tribal members, between the two of us we can harvest 10 deer. What family needs 10 deer?
- 555- Deer season is too long for Tribal members and limit is too high. Not going to be any deer left if limits aren't reduced. Also looking forward to the wolf season. `
- 562- Was a good year, but still too many tribal members taking too many deer. Many are still not tagging deer and taking more than they should. Some are taking 10 or more deer and I think some are still selling the meat. I can't prove that but it's going on none the less. There is a lot of abuse by some members, especially younger members who don't see the long term effects of their abuses have on the deer herd here in the EUP. Many or some are hunting the roads at night and during the day they are sitting on

the roads shooting them on the roads. It has become very dangerous out there where I hunt to travel down the roads as these people don't care if they endanger others to shoot the deer. If something is not done soon someone is going to get shot driving down the roads. There has to be some tightening up of our members as they don't care about others in the woods. It's becoming dangerous in the woods. I don't know the answers to these problems but I thought you should know that there are some problems out there. It's because of these members' abuses that make me embarrassed to be out there as a tribal member. These people know right from wrong but they just don't care. They think because they are tribal they don't have to go by any rules or respect other hunters. It's embarrassing and dangerous, that a bad combination. I am not a trouble maker just a concerned citizen that was raised right in the woods. I was taught to respect others and hunt with ethics and respect for what is right and best for our privilege of hunting. It's a great privilege we have in this country. One I respect with great passion. Hope others can see it the same way. Thanks for your time and your ear.

- 1081- I would like to see a change in the amount of small bucks that are taken
- 2749- They should put a law into effect to only shoot bucks with at least 3 points on a side.
- 2791- If we keep harvesting does in the U.P I am expecting a large crash in the deer population. I fully expect the herd to dwindle to the size it was in the sixties, when just seeing a track was something.
- 3122- Please only issue one buck and one doe tag per family, before we have no deer to hunt. Thank you ahead of time for your consideration for our hunting future.
- 3149- 2 deer tags is all that should be given out.
- 5735- I personally feel that the current 5 tag limit for deer is, by far, too high. At this rate and the way several tribal hunters use this, we will soon deplete our whitetail to a point that will ruin hunting for everyone. Our people at one time took only what they needed for food. We were very game management conscious. Now, under this 5 deer limit, many of our members are truly abusing this privilege. At this time I personally recommend a 2 deer limit. 1 buck and 1 doe or two bucks. As Native Americans we should be leaders in game management.

Shorter Season

- 1550- Would like to see baiting stopped for hunting deer. Also there are too many seasons for deer.

555- Deer season is too long for Tribal members and limit is too high. Not going to be any deer left if limits aren't reduced. Also looking forward to the wolf season.

Predators

2035- I have hunted three years and have not seen a single deer. Lots of coyote and wolf are on my property in Detour/Goetzville area. I believe the coyote and wolf populations have killed off the whitetail deer in my area. I believe a bounty needs to be put on coyote to incentivise hunters and trappers to reduce the coyote population.

2584- 1) Deer season was very good, but we have an excessive number of wolves in the vicinity of our camp (E 18 mile rd). They ate our fawns in the summer , and when they came around during the season the deer were spooky, or they moved away. A limited harvest would increase the value of wolves and protect them , because now they are seen as a nuisance. With a limited harvest they would be considered a trophy or prized. Persons killing them outside of the rules would be turned in. I don't think that is happening now.

2) I would like to regular updates and rules highlighted in the Tribal paper. It seems we only see hunting information in the Tribal paper about twice year.

3) Lastly, my Tribal limit on river otter is three but when I was issued kill tags they only came with two. Question will you issue another tag or does the 3rd otter not have to be tagged.

Thank you

3123- I personally believe we should be pushing for the harvesting of wolves. Where I hunt we have an over abundance of them. We have multiple dogs killed and they have been sighted right in town. The amount of wolves, coyotes, and other predators we have here in the upper Michigan is too much. They will do great damage to our deer population which we are just recovering from some huge losses. Do something to help save our deer kill the predators.

3576- I think it's a wonderful thing that older guys like myself are able to hunt without too much hassle in the woods. But the wolf population is growing here, I find there is a lot more wolf tracks around, and the deer this year had a lot less fat on them, which makes them more tough to eat, and there are less big bucks now.

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Quiet Period

1039- I would love to be able to hunt November 1 to November with a gun. It is called a quiet time but you can bow hunt, small game hunt, put blinds up, so how quiet is it? It is by far the best 2 weeks of the year to see bucks! Why should we be able to hunt them.

1190- I think we need our rights for hook and line clarifiedans expanded on. What is the reason for not being able to hunt the first two weeks of Nov.

Good Management

1408- I think management is going well I seen 31 bucks, most I've seen in Michigan in years.

5748- The extended season is a really nice benefit.

Miscellaneous

1550- Would like to see baiting stopped for hunting deer. Also there are too many seasons for deer.

321- Deer hunted over 30 days, hunting was taken pictures.

355- I hunted 80days. From Oct 1st to Jan 1st, I seen 12 deer (sad)

609- Deer season was an excellent year.

904- It seems like there were more does this year. If I had time I could sat longer my buck, but on my work I only have a few days to hunt

1055- I feel that in my area there is fewer number of bucks. I think this is evident through sightings and because there are so many late season fawns.

1079- No deer in the woods near Pendills Creek

- 1341- Deer population seems to be very low on bucks. Bear are starting to come back. Very few snowshoe rabbits see, lots of cottin tails.
- 1626- see 0 deer
- 2174- The old style deer tags which were cards with holes and wire were a lot easier to use and stayed in one piece. Thank You for providing me this opportunity to hunt.
- 2240- I hunted all seasons starting Nov 15th on. I shot the only deer I seen all season long, luckily it was a buck. A younger buck but at a least a buck. I know people that never seen a deer! so yea - the deere sightings are very poor !!! And only gets worse evry year. Don't know if it is the wolves and coyote or the fact of some people hunting a day and night and shooting their 5 deer plus.
- 2522- I think hunting deer this year was good because of the mild winters the last few years and the lack of people that came up from down below to hunt.

This was a great year for deer.

- 2677- I believe this disease, EHD, has affected the deer population tremendously I filled my tags based on time hunting but deer sighting were quite a bit lower except in the Northern Lower. Hopefully this disease can be put under control and deer populations to improve to the numbers before EHD. I also wonder why I received 4 tags instead of the 5 as I really enjoy hunting and share my harvest meat with friends who can no longer hunt because of physical reasons.
- 3057- I believe there were plenty of whitetail deer this year. I actually seen a lot of young bucks, buttons to 5-6- points, seen a lot of does with young deer. Weather played a very intergle part in this years hunt. I hunt on public land which poses some concerns because some don't follow any hunter ethics but you learn to deal with it. I would like to see our ability to keep our blinds out in the woods earlier and longer than stated in the rules. Nov 6 is late especially with being able to hunt deer the 1st day after labor day for early hunt ept - 31 Oct the 15 November -1st in January . I know the issue is there , especially for public land of picking at hunt areas but for most hunters if they are aware and know certain area are already being hunted they do stay away and keep their space. The only issue I really run into are those who show up at the last minute/ day and try to find an area to hunt in. For the most part individulas are very curtious and don't like to spoil your hunt. And I of course use the same mentallity. I don't trod on others or thieir area odf hun.

Let them go/ let them grow.

Fishing

- 1222- 1) Smelt seem to be making a slow but good comeback to the Great Lakes. 2) I would like to see a bounty on the Comorants eating all our fish struggling to reproduce. 3) Walleye are making a good come back to the inland lakes, especially Burt and Otsego Lakes in the Northern lower
- 1122- I did most of my harvesting along the Ocqueoc river basin this year, and she treated me well. I am greatfull. Seems the otter population is up along the upper part of the river. Seeing packs of four and six otter traveling together. Two active bald eagle nest trier as well. Ocqueoc lake has a healthy population of northern pike in it. I caught thirty four pike in total, harvesting 12 of them, with an average length of 23 inches. I released 22 of them. The perch population has been down in Long Lake in Alpena county for years now. I personally believe it is the do to the large number of grey suckersin the lake. The perch are in compitition for food (I E mayfly and caddies fly larva) with the suckers. Some other tribal members and myself are considering harvesting a large number of suckers out of the lake this up and coming spring. Would like to discuss starting a restoking program of that lake with the Tribe. Not looking for money to do so, but for permittes. I have a lot more to say but run out of paper . So thank you
- 4445- I use my Michigan fishing licence because I fish outside of the Tribal waters sometimes. I did take about 60 walleye and 25 yellow perch in Little Bay Denoc.
- 5746- Yes what are your best fishing holes for brook Trout? Sounds good.
- 2381- I still believe the limit of 10 northenr pike is to high high. I have seen people harvesting this many pike many times. As a top predator in many of these lakes, this could. I don't agree with hunting sharp tail grouse. They are rare in the Upper Peninsula and I don't think harvesting them can be sustainable.
- 404- Please continue to stock walleye especially Brevort Lake in Mackinac county
- 1497- Good idea to follow bag/creel limits set by MDNR
- 1740- I don't feel that inland walleye season for tribal fisherman should extend beyond the regular state season. Big spawners are too succceptable at this time to being

caught. The harvest of these fish will decrease future success as reproduction decreases.

- 1979- I would be nice to draw the sturgen tag sooner in the season in order to be able to spear through the ice.
- 2183- Slow fishing year Reported to DNR a ruffe in the Waishkey River in Brimely MI.
- 4339- We need to have spearing rules/regulation explained to us more clearly, there seems to be some confusion about whether or not it is legal to spear steelhead or salmon in our streams here in lower west Michigan.
- 492- No different than State rules fishing and hunting. 3lines or two deer Ialways wait for November 15 to hunt deer something with fishing. Too many people reuse the same deer tag. over and over, shooting way more than five deer. Then when walleye season ends by State law it should end for Tribe too!!!
- 1399- Should be mandetory check in or at least call in any deer shot and return unused tags. Also need dates for season not the last full Sunday of first full weekend, to confusing for some, need dates. Also I don't think fishing season for Walleye should extend past states season, to many greedy people out there.
- 4046- I did some ice fishing and deer hunting. I hunt on private land so I passed on taking any of the deer I saw this year. Maybe I will be lucky next year.
- 4176- No more than 2 deer tags per tibal member 1 buck with 4 points total and one doe. NO snagging tribal book says no snagging
- 3286- No fish or deer in 2011 -- bad year for me.
- 5185- I would like to see the size limit for pike lowered for a season or two on Beal Lake in Antrim County. We catch and release just a ton of small pike in there. A lot of them have bite marks on their sides from the other pike, Seems like they are lowering the crappie population also. Very rarley do we get one over 20 inches. Jus a thought. Thank to the tribe for one heck of a bow hunting season for deer, it was one I will never forget.

Wolves

- 3943- Start an elk herd in the UP. To many wolves in the EUP and coyotes. Should be allowed to use an ATV to aid in getting firewood out of the woods after loggers have left and are done wood is still good. Not 2-3 years after logging when they sign off and wood left is not good.
- 89- Bounty on coyotes and wolves. Too many predators

- 5152- Keep Tribal members up to date on the status of the moose hunt proceedings and on the delisting of the wolves. Keep opposing the moose hunt for now. It is not biologically sound to have a hunt for them right now.
- 1254- I saw two wolves in two months of hunting.
- 1843- The wolf population is getting too high. They seem to be pushing deer out of places where deer use to be all over the place. Even less hunting pressure around these places the last few years. Get rid of the wolves.
- 3790- I think that if there were a few less wolves than there would be a few more deer.! A season to bring them more under control should be started
- 4603- Start a season on wolves.
- 5362- The wolf problem is increasing to far. Trailcam pictures with wolf are popping up in a lot of places. It is not good when you got to walk a quarter mile walk to you're A.T.V at dark and there a pack of 10-15- wolves each around the area gotta walk through.
- 278- To much hunting pressure on the deer, To many predators- we need to cut down to two tags per year, and shorter season
- 1057- I believe the predators are taking over our white-tail deer population. The numbers of deer are very low and the number of predators are very high.
- 4001- I think the tribe should issue less deer tags. It seems to be really hard to shoot a deer in the past few years. Some of the reasons I think are coyote and wolves and tribal members abusing their tags. I think the tribe should issue less tags, and if a family needs more deer they should have to apply for more.
- 930- We need more habitate improvements for both fish and wildlife. We also need better deer management our northern deer yards are bad shape, feeding programs and habitate improvements will only inhance the deer herd. The wolf is here in good numbers and there is a definte sign locally here that the deer herd is suffering. The wolf has to managed.
- 1193- Due to extremeely low deer count in the UP, I would like to see fewer does allowed to be taken for a few years. In short with hunters and wolves there are darn few deer. The herd despartatly needs to be rebuilt.
- 4200- Where we hunt we've got a horrible wolf problem. This is the second year we have seen little to no deer activity. Where when I was a kid we used to see hundreds of deer those days are long gone. This issue of wolves really needs to be addressed by the DNR. It's a shame to not be able to sit there and watch the deer.

Coyotes

- 3568- deer numbers seem to be down in the Presque-belkhap township area. Numbers are up from the 2010 year. Warm weather was a factor this year 2011 causing the harvest to drop quite a bit from colder years, deer weren't moving until dark. Next year 2012 numbers will be up (total amount of deer. Coyotes were a big factor the last few years keeping deer numbers down. I believe coyote are on the down hill decline. At least in the Belkhap township and surrounding areas. Snowshoe hares are really down- swamps and low land that use to hold lots of snowshoe hares have very low population of coyotes you may find a few snowshoe hares. The same problem with the cottontail rabbit. Ruffed grouse numbers in the area I hunt in Belkhap Township is up. So is the big red, black and fox squirrel population. Just don't seem to be in high numbers of coyotes in this area like there were a year or two ago. Red fox are coming back in this area also, so the numbers of the ruffed grouse may maintain or drop some, hopefully the snowshoe numbers start to come back in all areas of Presque Isle.
- 3943- Start an elk herd in the UP. Too many wolves in the EUP and coyotes. Should be allowed to use an ATV to aid in getting firewood out of the woods after loggers have left and are done wood is still good. Not 2-3 years after logging when they sign off and wood left is not good.
- 89- Bounty on coyotes and wolves. Too many predators
- 278- Too much hunting pressure on the deer, Too many predators- we need to cut down to two tags per year, and shorter season
- 1057- I believe the predators are taking over our white-tail deer population. The numbers of deer are very low and the number of predators are very high.
- 4001- I think the tribe should issue less deer tags. It seems to be really hard to shoot a deer in the past few years. Some of the reasons I think are coyote and wolves and tribal members abusing their tags. I think the tribe should issue less tags, and if a family needs more deer they should have to apply for more.

Harvest Report

- 2852- Make it possible to do harvest reports and all license transactions on-line. I would like to pay for my license by debit card.
- 649- Would like a harvest report with my licence. Also would request a wood cutting permit.
- 2584- I recommend the harvest report should include harvest from the entire season. I have two bobcats taken January 2012 and my concern is remembering which

- animals from this season are from 2011 or 2012 when the report is completed next year. I would like to apply for a tribal bear and elk permit but was unaware of the deadline and process. Please publish it early and often in the tribal paper. I was disappointed that our tribe put a stop to the proposed moose hunt. It would have been the best thing happen to our moose population, moose awareness and moose support.
- 129- I like our turning in for turkey deer. But our inland fishing and great lake fishing says on this sheet does not cover for St. Marys river, What do we need for that?
- 388- I 'm sorry this is late, but someone else moved from where I had it in my desk. I just found it way under my back seat of my truck. Again I 'm sorry for the delay.
- 1393- I did not submit a harvest report for 2010 but did not harvest anything. I am applying for a 2012 inland license later this week I hope this suffices as a report.
- 198- I caught a few perch not more than 50 can't remember what months. If you had a carbon copy on the catch report, it would be more convient
- 316- I have mixed feeling on this report. I am not sure it should be mandatory.
- 469- This once a year harvest report is a great idea. I have been fined over \$ 200 in the past years for being a little late on sending the monthly report, and when I sent more than one report in the same envelope. So far I've been fined more by the Tribe in the past 3 yrs then I've ever been fined by the DNR in my life. Making fishing more expensive than ever. I've been hunting and fishing for 35 years.
- 656- Please send report in March so we can send it with our app for the following year. Thank you
- 823- It would be real helpful to get these reports when we pick up our license.
- 984- I would like to know why I have to fill this report out, when the people of the state of Michigan do not. I would also like to know if the State of Michigan goes over our reports. What is the purpose of this report? Does the information get used by the Tribe or the State? If it benefits both, then why doesn't the state have to fill out the same report? I think it would be in the best interest for both the tribe and the state to fill out this report because the information would be more accurate. This way we can utilize our resourses to the fullest. I would like answers to these questions.
- 987- I there a way I can get an e-mail sent to me in January to remind me to fill out this report? I hope I'm not the only one filling it out late. I think it would help people to get them to you.
- 1015- Should be able to drop our reports off in Manistique

- 1080- For the Question "Did you hunt white-tail deer in the 2011 season" there is no answer if you did not kill a deer. This question should have an answer like "Did you harvest a white-tail deer in the 2011 season. Thank You.
- 1711- I really like how you send our reports in mail when you send our tags and cards.
- 2892- An on-line harvest report would be cool
- 3027- It would nice to see the application a little earlier in the year. This would help with laspe of coverage after March 31. it is also a good reminder for people to get their harvest report in on time.
- 3080- Make this easier to file electronically via e-mail
- 3205- One comment: The one section asks if I hunted white-tail deer in 2011. I answered yes but strangly I'm not asked if I got one. I did not. My health prevents me from doing as much as I would normally do outdoors' but I'm hoping the future will be better.
- 3301- Fix internet, wouldn't let me submit
- 3384- Quitting changing forms. Thank you
- 4168- This harvest report is very easy to fill out thank you for making it that way.
- 5620- It is a little confusing that harvest reports are due Febuary 1st, considering that we can still ice fish beyond Febuary 1st.
- 5735- I was able to hunt for 3 days only prior to my knee surgery. This is my first opportunity to take advantage of the Tribe's harvest. I am impressed as to the degree of accountability that is required as a result of your authorizing us to particpate in the harvest of fish and game. This information will allow proper management of these resources.
- 5736- The harvest form should note that all the questions are for the 1836 treaty area.
- 3059- I am all for this harvest information, but it should be voluntary not mandatory. The tribe is being more restrictive than the state. I do not fish on inland water because the tribe made the rules so complicated and restrictive that I do not take advantage of this right. The native people gained back the right to harvest our natrual resources, but now the tribal executives are taking it away by resticting that right. I feel that if you are a tribal member with a tribal card that should be enough proof of a licence. If a method is used to harvest a large quantities of a resource then it should be made restrictive and mandatory reporting, for example hook and line compared to impoundment fishin.

- 367- Please put these forms in with packet. Also reduce or make less deer tags.
- 1640- Deer numbers in most of the EUP are very low. I've personally witnessed this and hear the same from numerous tribal and non-tribal members. Consider restricting season and bag limits until numbers rebound. Your on-line report impossible to find and very cumbersome to submit.
- 2863- This is very easy and convenient, keep up the good work.
- 4472- Could you please send me a 2012 harvest report along with my license. I would also like a rule book on fishing if you have one.
- 930- We need more habitate improvements for both fish and wildlife. We also need better deer management our northern deer yards are bad shape, feeding programs and habitate improvements will only inhance the deer herd. The wolf is here in good numbers and there is a definte sign locally here that the deer herd is suffering. The wolf has to managed.

Tags

- 406- holes in tags, easier when I the woods. Spread out tags.
- 699- I would like to make a comment on the kill tags for the whitetail deer. Would there be any way possible to go to the adhesive tag like the state tags or a zip tie type tag so they stay on more securely.
- 708- I think the harvest tags don't work well in the cold weather.
- 1130- The deer tags work well when they are warm but snap apart when it is cold.
- 1518- Please take a better way to affix big game and turkey tags.
- 1803- Love the new tags. I didn't hunt or fish much in 2011 but I plan on that changing this year.
- 4854- An easier way to put the tags for deerect. Maybe like some way to connect the ends.
- 5058- Be able to order and pay for license via telephone or internet.
- 1626- It's Is nice to have the plastic license. It is also nice to have the license so what ever you want. I want to do a lot more than I do. Thanks
- 2862- I also had a state license for all of the species hunted and fished for. I also had the federal waterfowl stamp. I would like the tribe to make and publish similar to the one the DNR uses. It should have the Great Lakes VS the Inland Lakes

regulations, seasons, bag limits, size limits by species. Trying to find all of this in two different concentric decrees is very difficult and time consuming. Calling the Tribal Law Enforcement is also time consuming also and quite often one gets varying information or someone doesn't know the answer but that person is out of the office. This should be relatively easy to produce for anyone that has a thorough understanding of the regulations. I believe that it would be quite helpful for the membership. Thank you

871- I wish Manistique could have some office hours to process our hunting license. Going through the mail can be tricky. Why not have some days when we can get our license at the Manistique Tribal office? Also the white stretchy tags suck. In cold weather they snap. Why not go back to the green tags, they were more dependable.

2852- Make it possible to do harvest reports and all license transactions on-line. I would like to pay for my license by debit card.

Small Game

1167- I would like to start a pheasant or grouse farm. Are there any grants available at this time?

547- Wasn't many birds

5417- I would like to know how I get a waterfowl license. Do I buy a federal and state license or is there a license my tribe provides?

1341- The deer population is way down. Seen very few rabbits

3559- The ruffed grouse population is pretty much nonexistent in Newago county and the surrounding areas. The deer population is quite slim also, I believe it is because of the farmers getting block permits or crop damage permits and they shoot a lot of deer. They don't let neighbors hunt on their property or the leased property, but they shoot a lot of deer and then sell them.

5481- I think we should have less deer tags thus supporting northern MI deer population. I also think that we should be able to take more ducks per day.

2351- I feel the management of our deer herd is doing well. Small game I think protect the sharptail.

2381- I still believe the limit of 10 northern pike is too high. I have seen people harvesting this many pike many times. As a top predator in many of these lakes, this could. I don't agree with hunting sharp tail grouse. They are rare in the Upper Peninsula and I don't think harvesting them can be sustainable.

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Turkey

335- Issue 1: I believe that the deer count in the past years has been on the decline. I think cut back on how many tribal members like myself can take. Three deer is plenty for any house and five is greedy. Issue 2: I believe that the planting of wild turkey and ruffed grouse should take place in many areas of the Eastern U P. Our land has enough food to support these birds, they would thrive. Issue 3: The management of our inland lakes should be taken more seriously. I fish Brevort a lot and the thing I see is you catch fish (walleye) 3 to 4 years after it has been planted. It's great for about the next 2 to 3 years then it falls off and gets fished out. Lakes like this one can not support Tribal nets, it should, not be allowed at all. They put cribs in but all they are doing is holding bait fish in deep water. It helps the fisherman but not the fish, walleye need spawning gravel to lay eggs. Brevort is primarily sand there needs to be spawning beds placed in the shallows of this lake. They would reproduce on their own. It would, not have to be planted so much if there was action taken place on what these fish need. Brevort lake used to have Cisco, lots of Trout, ect. When they put the dam in it, not only did it not let the sandy hills wash down from the rising water and cover the rocky ground for spawning fish. They also failed to put in a fish ladder so any fish swimming up the Brevort River from Lake Michigan can not get in the lake. Hello that is why their fish are in the lake in the first place. Something has to be done or we will just keep wasting money planting the lake and the fishing will be good at times and horrible at times. Not great all the time.

Thanks/Appreciation

681- In South Dakota and some places in Canada you can have your gun in the vehicle with shells in the magazine but you are not allowed to have a round in the chamber. This is a change I would like to see. The reporting aspect for the Tribe is top notch. The state should take note and try to get more accurate harvest numbers. It would be good to include the harvest info in an addition of the Tribal papers so members can see the numbers harvested and what areas they are taken. Great job on going back to the credit card type licenses.

9- Had a pretty uneventful year was very busy with a new time consuming job thanks.

3084- Thank you for all you are doing! Would it be possible to print a more detailed map of west Marquette county? I haven't had any problems but this is where I spend most of my time in the woods. I own private property near the head waters of the

Escanaba river. I do not have a computer. Would it be possible to print harvest season dates and include them with harvest tags envelope?

807- Thank you for allowing me to hunt and fish. Please give rules and forms at the time we receive our licenses. Otherwise I am very pleased, keep up the good work.

943- I would like to see more definition/ clarity on hunting and fishing regulation. Some are too vague, or not listed at all and I end up calling conservation to get clarification. Other than that think this is a great service the Tribe has provided.

3087- Appreciate the opportunity! Rules can be confusing and restrictive at times.

I am always nervous about hunting outside of normal Michigan State hunting seasons. What can I do if I am harassed

127- thank you so much for the tags and license, not much caught or shot but was still good to have. It was also good to see Tribal officers out on the ice checking out people.

1729- Thanks to the native American privileges and hope to continue with your program. The Tribal police are doing their job very efficiently. Thank you

2863- This is very easy and convenient, keep up the good work.

5185- I would like to see the size limit for pike lowered for a season or two on Beal Lake in Antrim County. We catch and release just a ton of small pike in there. A lot of them have bite marks on their sides from the other pike, Seems like they are lowering the crappie population also. Very rarely do we get one over 20 inches. Just a thought. Thank to the tribe for one heck of a bow hunting season for deer, it was one I will never forget.

1626- It's nice to have the plastic license. It is also nice to have the license so whatever you want. I want to do a lot more than I do. Thanks

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4507- I applaud you for not supporting the moose, yet anyway. Thank you all for making it possible for me to still hunt and fish, the license allows me to hunt even if it's a little. It is the enjoyment, anticipation and encouragement for me. Thank you again.

284- I thank the tribe for all the work put into this Treaty rights program.

340- I think you guys are doing a super good job

- 509- Thank You to the inland fish and wildlife dept for all you do! Keep up the good work.
- 565- no issue here liked having the harvest CARD WITH THE TAGS. I APPRCIATE ANOTHER YEA OF OPPORTUNITY THANK.
- 644- I like being able to participate in the harvesting program even though I don't get out much when I do it is worth it. Bringing grandkids is a plus.
- 678- I very much appreciate my tribal hunting privileges
- 812- Thank you for the opportunity to utilize by native hunting and fishing privilidges.
- 889- Thank-you so much for this gift.I always give venison to those in need. I am sorry for this to be a few days late.
- 978- I have used tribal hunting and fishing ever since the first tags. I think it's the best thing that's ever happened since beer.
- 1115- Just wanted to thank the Sault Tribe as I hunt and fish with my 14 year old son
- 1154- Me and my family had limited time in the field this year. We are grateful to have our hunting and fishing rights. You guys do a great job with managing the resource.
- 1156- Thanks
- 1319- Good job
- 1392- Your doing a great job.
- 1492- Thanks a lot for helping me for the meat on the table. Here from me soon to hunt again to enjoy fishing and small game. Hunting deer to. Enjoy outside. Send my permits please
- 1516- Very good management
- 1554- Keep up the great work
- 1567- I was not lucky this year, but love the opportunity to get out there every year. We sure do live in a wonderful state Thank You.
- 1649- Good it's good
- 1652- I think you are doing a great job.

- 1658- Love this program and love to hunt deer, hope to fish more this year.
- 1816- Management seems to be good.
- 1954- everything seems to be working fine. Thank you
- 2051- All people involved are doing an excellent job.
- 2280- I like to purchase whether I hunt and fish or not because I am thankful for what the Tribe has done for me.
- 2542- I am very happy with the management. I am more than pleased to be able to take game and fish, I was the main caretaker of my mother until she passed in June and wasn't able to go out very much. This year I am hoping to do more. I'm thankful for my gathering card! When ever I've talked with some one about (for example this report) I've been very satisfied with their prompt response.
Respectfully [REDACTED]
- 2628- Keep up the good work and your relations. Thank you
- 2759- Improving every year keep it up. Sorry I am late; I forgot to send in my report after the season.
- 2899- Not at this time. Just to say Thank you and my Tribe for this opportunity
- 2985- Nothing. Thank for the opportunity to hunt and fish it was fun, even though nothing was harvested.
- 3019- I enjoy using my native permits to hunt in Michigan. The process keeps getting easier and easier. Thank You
- 3555- I feel the management is great , no problems.
- 3635- Thank You these licenses really help.
- 3749- Again, I thank the tribe for it's efforts in securing native american's rights to hunt and fish and harvest for their families in the state of Michigan
- 4011- Sorry for the late report. You guys are doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.
- 4228- KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK
- 4360- I had a successful season thank for the harvest tags.
- 4489- Not any thing I know of but thanks for everything

- 4606- Greatly appreciate having 1 licence that covers many activities.
- 4719- I love being outdoors and appreciate the tribe letting me obtain the tags needed to spend my time outdoors. Thanks.
- 4837- Thank you
- 4924- Thank you for a great job.
- 2761- I didn't get much of a chance to hunt in 2011, but I thank you very much for the opportunity to. Thank you
- 2806- Recieved tags for whitetails deer but did not hunt do to illness and I forgot to submit form until now. I hope to apply for tags again in 2013. Thanks for sending tags for last year Sincerely John 2013.
- 3025- Sorry about the old harvest report papers. Could find the new one. Hope to have a better luck this year and to get more time to go. Thank you much
- 3034- Thank you for helping us down here in Benzie county. Alex is a young hunter and had an exciting year. He had lost his older brother John and uncle yet continued and passed the hunters saftey course within a few days. We believe he will fallow in the Colegrove-Brown -Mosws tradition. Hopefully I filled all the right steps and mailed this correctly. We had too many of our children -brothers move on. Thank you for your time.
- 5785- Did not have time to come up to gods country to hunt and fish. Maybe next year. I think that this is a great thing for tribal members of Michigan, Thanks and take care.
- 3219- I think the tribe is doing a good job managing our resources. Deer numbers were up this year and seem to be doing well with the mild winter in our area of Emmet county.

Forest/Gathering

- 4602- Would like to know where a good place to go frogging and where is a good to harvest the different plants, and names of the plants to harvest.
- 931- Would like more habitate improvement projects wildlife burning- needs more of it improves wildlife habitat and is good for berry picking
- 1095- On the firewood. Why can't we cut standing obviously dead or dry wood trees? They are and will fall over some time anyway.

4582- I did not hunt or fish. I used a gathering permit to gather wild blueberries, raspberries, and sweetpeas and I am very grateful for the privilege to do so, and the privilege of using camp voucher while doing so. Sincerely and gratefully
[REDACTED]

5952- Poor year for blueberries

2744- I enjoyed my deer hunting and picking morels. I plan on hunting and fishing this year I have a lot more time now.

649- Would like a harvest report with my license. Also would request a wood cutting permit.

Personnel

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5105- Hold question and answer meeting at all five tribal units. On all tribal hunting and inland fishing rights and boundaries.

5944- Law enforcement staff is amazing keep up the good work.

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4244- Nice website. Good customer service

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Bear

1231- I would like to know how to apply for a bear permit. I have never applied before, but being my years of a hunter will soon come to an end because of my age. I have been watching the big guy for the last two years and would like a chance to bag him.

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disappointed that our tribe put a stop to the proposed moose hunt. It would have been the best thing happen to our moose population, moose awareness and moose support.

Elk

1292- The 11-1 to 11-14 quite period for deer, I feel with the limited amount of bucks that we harvest (I haven't taken a buck in 3 years) have not seen any. That quite period is the best time to see or harvest a mature buck deer. I spend 90-100 hours deer hunting from Sept to January.

Elk permits: I feel any tribal member who draws a permit once should no longer be able to apply intill all members who apply have drawn a permit. I am 100% permantly diasabled Veit Nam combat vet. The State of Michigan is now making special allowances for us, how about the tribe? In my case working with tribal DNR to fill all my deer tags (info on where to hunt, access, assistance) Being able to fill a couple of tags for my 83 year old mother?

844- I feel we lost a lot- losing the Nov1- Nov 14 deer hunting time (during rut) and the deer are moving.

I would like to see the tribe promote wintering yards (feeding) in areas of low deer herd.

I did enjoy bear hunting season (did not harvest) but enjoyed seeing mother and two cubs numerous times at bait.

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Maps

936- Please publish a map, ever for sale that outlines the boundries of the 1836 ceded territory. The currently published maps are very difficult to read and follow.

5204- I am not familiar with township lines, suggest a map of townships with liecense is issued?

Moose

5152- Keep Tribal members up to date on the status of the moose hunt proceedings and on the delisting of the wolves. Keep opposing the moose hunt for now. It is not biologically sound to have a hunt for them right now.

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64- Your website is hard to navigate and there should be a link to the harvest report. It would be nice to be able to fill out and submit the report from one page.

5509- Put a direct link to the harvest report on your website it's hard to find.

5890- Put a direct link next time to the harvest report on your website. It takes way to long to find it. Thank you

Miscellaneous

450- Due to health reasons in did not untor fish in 2011

679- I didn't hunt or trap which is unusual for me because I have been caring for my wife.

782- My medical conditions did not allow me to do any hunting in 2011. Hopefully they will have my fibromyalgia under control enough to where I can do some things I enjoy like hunting and fishing.

784- I enjoy being outdoors, I don't kill often and fish I usually put back.

932- I am sending my report early because I won't be here in March.

992- Was sick all fall

1036- Have a great season.

- 1118- Never hunted or fished last year do to a back injury.
- 1211- Please never give up our rights to the DNR of Michigan--- this would not be good for our heritage.
- 1213- I always apply ever year even though I don't hunt or fish but I might. I'm late sending this because of a death in the family.
- 1409- Didn't have a lot of time to hunt this year.
- 2301- Sorry it took so long for me to send this report in. I don't have a computer and work out of town. I don't want to loose my license.
- 2649- Away at colledge I hunt and fish when I can.
- 3530- I live on 84 acres I rent and management with my son and 2 grandsons
- 3768- Are there any tribal members acting as guides, or supplying places to stay or to hunt to downstate hunters? This could bring downstate money North and be a benefit to both sides. Both being tribal members.
- 3773- Sorry we are late, we could not find these.
- 4192- Due to poor grades in school, Austin was not allowed to fish or hunt on 2011.
- 4634- This report is late because I have been working away from home and just now remembered, sorry for the inconvenience.
- 4756- I am still learning the locations of the zones I can hunt and fish in the treated zone.
- 5222- Wish I had more time off.
- 5788- Didn't get harvesting license till late, I believe it's a good way in controlling the intake of game harvesting.
- 5809- I am a hunting and fishing beginner and looking forward to using harvest card more in 2012.
- 5821- So sorry - I just moved in January and found this, so I am sending it now. Please let me know if there is any problems or if I will be ok to receive tags for next year.
- 5889- Your welcome

- 5895- This was my first year getting g a license and I never made it out to hunt , maybe next year.
- 5902- No feedback, just hope I will have time to fish and hunt next year.
- 5908- I apologize for not having these done sooner. I thought they were due in April and when I was late, I didn't fill them out again. I apologize.
- 5923- I had to help my mom take care of my brother who was hit by a car so he or I couldn't do or go anywhere to use last year license.
- 5924- Kodie was hit by a car (brokenneck, arm, both legs, foot detached) that is why he didn't get to use this last year. His brother had to help me with him so he didn't use his either.
- 5935- I appoligize for not getting my report in by feb 1st. If still possible, I would like to purchase a fishing license and hunting permit for the 2012 season.