

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
2012 Inland Harvest Summary



Inland Fish and Wildlife Department

In 2012, Sault Tribe issued approximately 30,000 individual permits for hunting, fishing, gathering, and trapping within the 1836 Ceded Territory to 3,637 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 1,035 harvest reports.

2012 Inland Waters Fish Harvest

In 2012, Sault Tribe issued 3,637 Inland Fishing Licenses. IFWD has received harvest reports from 28% (1,035) of those license holders. Forty-five percent of those reported fishing effort in 2012. When developing harvest estimates IFWD assumed the entire 45% 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.

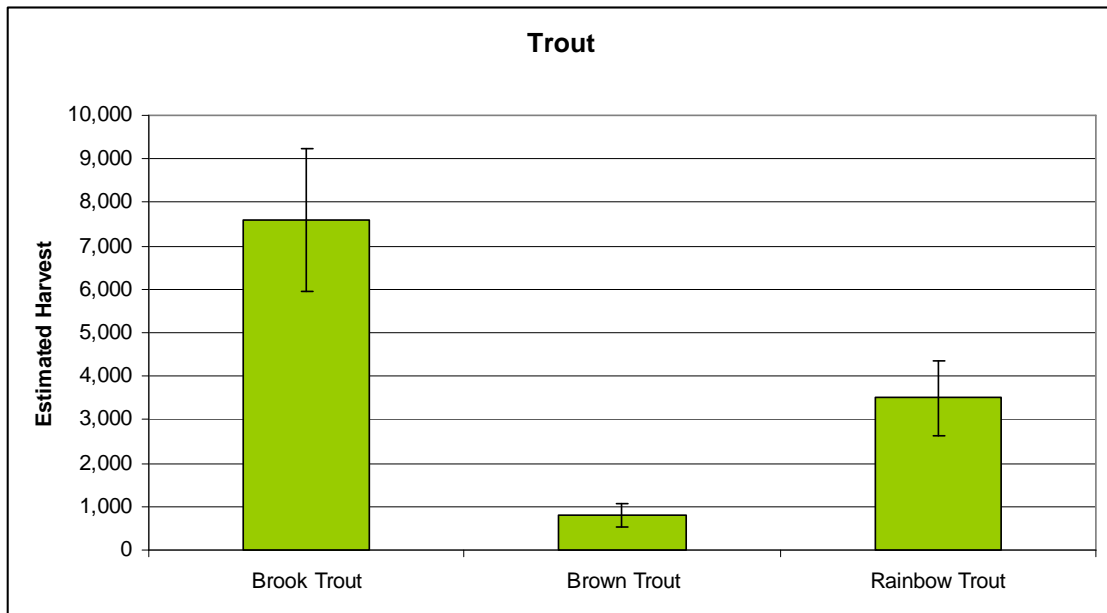
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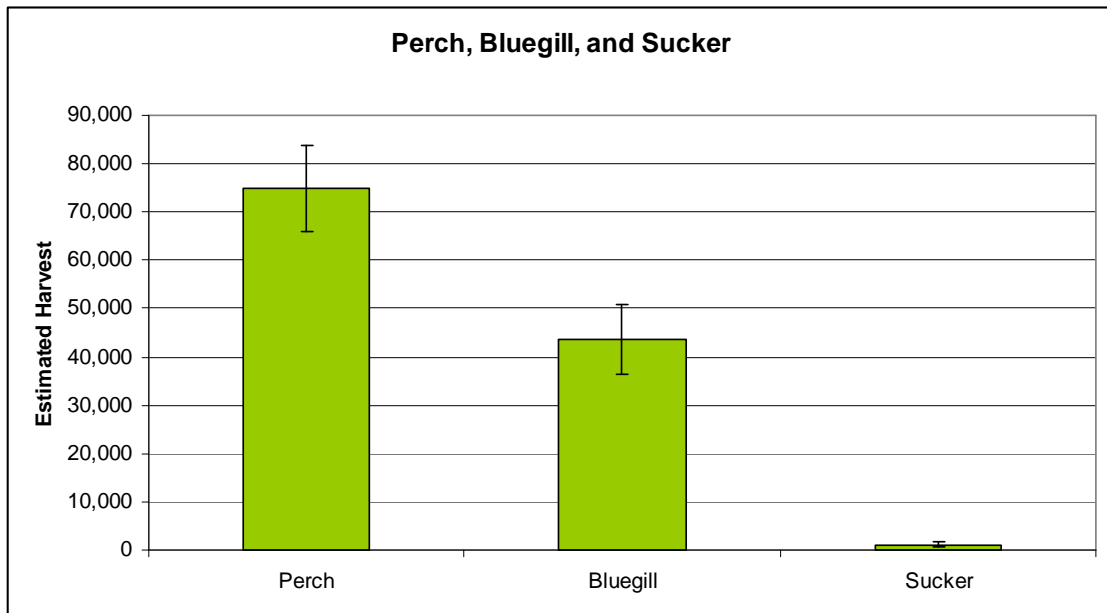
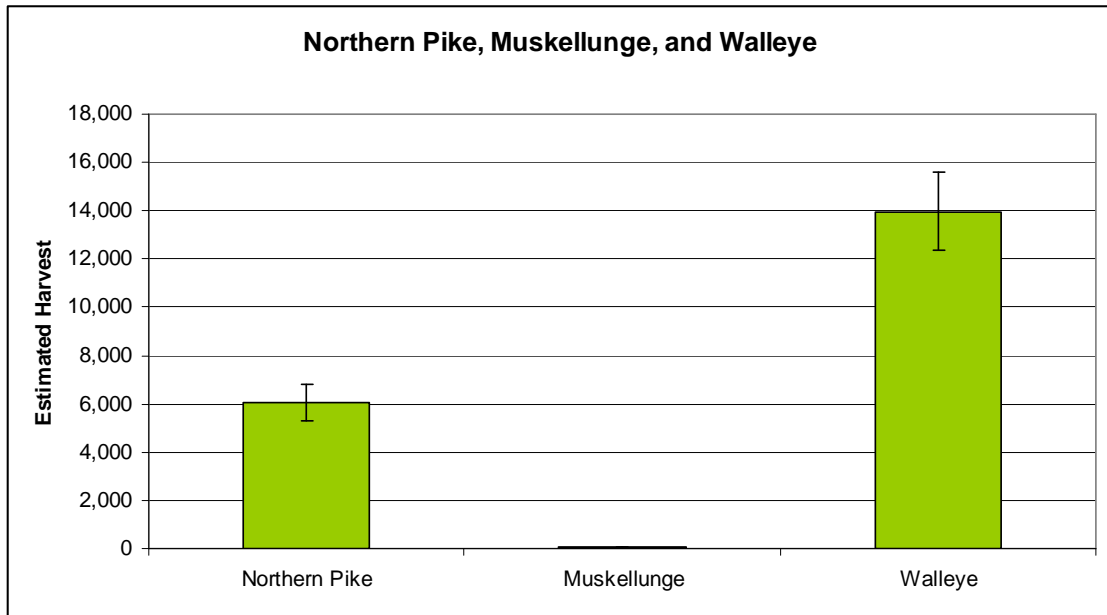
Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval (+/-)
Brook Trout	2,162	4.58	0.99	7,597	1635.4
Brown Trout	228	0.48	0.16	801	267.0
Rainbow Trout	998	2.11	0.53	3,507	855.6
Chinook Salmon	583	1.23	0.32	2,049	525.8
Coho Salmon	205	0.43	0.17	720	278.6
Pink Salmon	115	0.24	0.08	404	128.0
Northern Pike	1,723	3.64	0.47	6,055	772.7
Muskellunge	10	0.02	0.01	35	13.9
Walleye	3,976	8.41	0.97	13,972	1608.1
Perch	21,320	45.07	5.43	74,919	9002.5
Bluegill	12,391	26.20	4.34	43,542	7191.7
Sucker	318	0.67	0.35	1117	581.5
Smelt*	94	0.20	0.08	330	138.8

*smelt is reported in gallons

2012 Black Lake Sturgeon Harvest

Date	Length (in)	Weight (lbs)	Harvest Method
5/9/2013	64 1/2	62	Spear



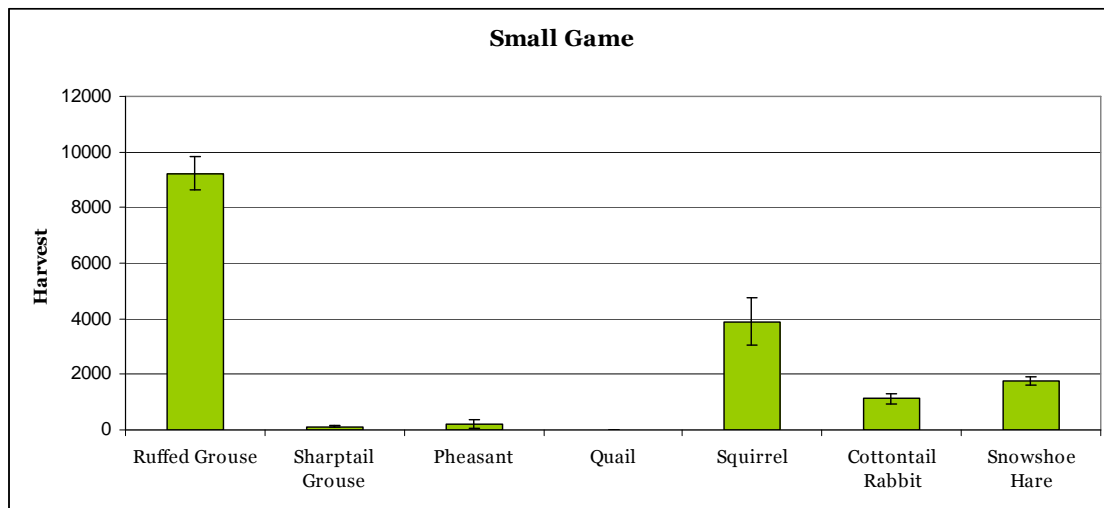


2012 Small Game Harvest

In 2012, Sault Tribe issued 3,637 small game licenses with 47% percent of those license holders reporting. Hunter participation rates varied widely between target species. Forty-one percent of license holders reported hunting ruffed grouse, eight percent reported hunting snowshoe hare, twelve percent hunting squirrel, nine percent reported hunting cottontail rabbit, and two percent reported hunting sharp-tailed grouse and pheasant.

Table 2. 2012 Small Game Harvest

Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval
Ruffed Grouse	2636	6.19	0.40	9218	601.7
Sharptail Grouse	34	1.70	0.42	119	19.3
Pheasant	63	3.94	2.85	220	159.4
Quail	2	2.00	0.00	7	2.86E-14
Squirrel	1116	8.39	1.82	3903	844.2
Cottontail Rabbit	322	3.39	0.53	1126	175.1
Snowshoe Hare	504	3.97	0.52	1763	165.9



2012 Furbearer Harvest

In 2012, Sault Tribe members have relatively low participation (10.1%) in furbearer harvest compared to other areas such as small game hunting or deer hunting.

Table 3. 2012 Sault Tribe Furbearer Harvest

Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval
Beaver	125	1.19	0.36	439	134.3
Muskrat	565	5.33	2.03	1985	750.2
Mink	55	0.51	0.21	193	76.4
Red Fox	27	0.25	0.14	95	50.7
Gray Fox	2	0.02	0.01	7	4.9
Coyote	183	1.68	0.59	643	218.7
Skunk	50	0.46	0.14	176	52.1
Raccoon	297	2.72	0.99	1044	363.6

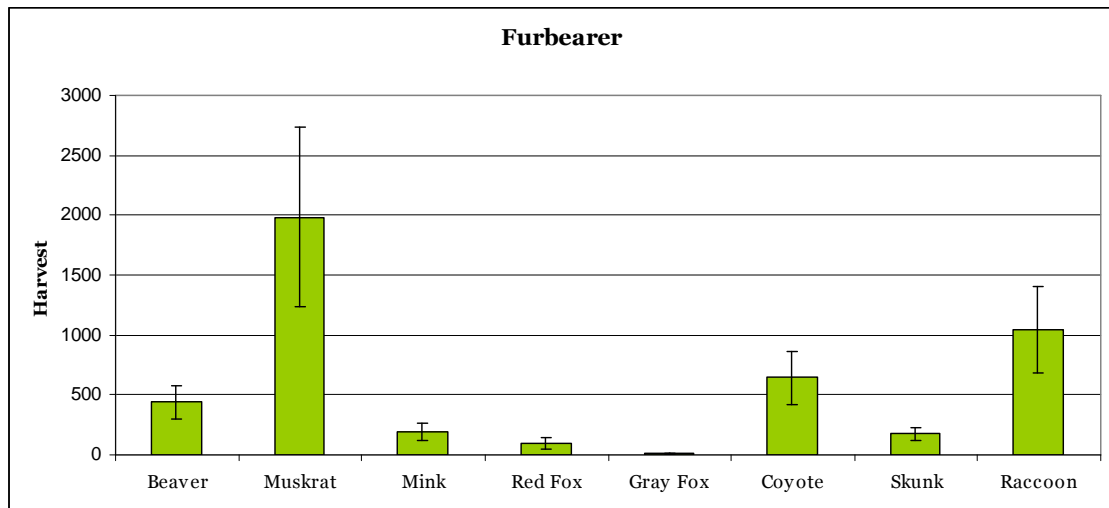


Table 4. 2012 Sault Tribe Mandatory Registration Harvest

Species	Registered Harvest
Marten	101
Fisher	30
Bobcat	18
Otter	18

2012 Turkey Harvest

In 2012 Sault Tribe issued 1,288 spring turkey and 2,430 fall turkey licenses. Sixteen percent of those reporting hunted spring turkey and 14% hunted fall turkey.

Table 5. 2012 spring and fall turkey harvest

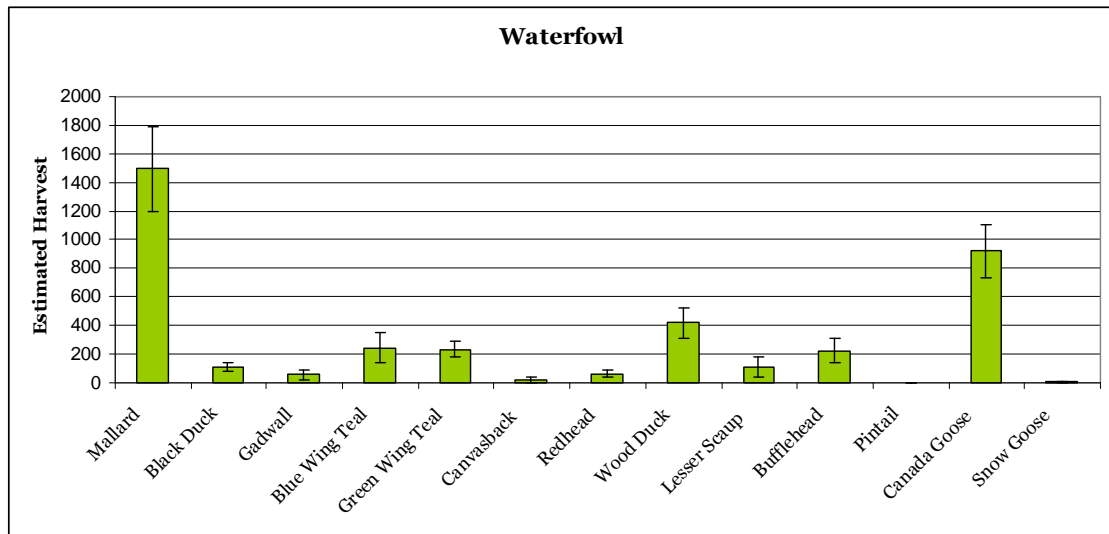
	Reported Harvest	Mean	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval
Spring	69	0.40	0.05	244	31.1
Fall	48	0.32	0.05	169	24.2

2012 Waterfowl Harvest

At the time of this report, we received 1035 harvest reports back from hunters. Of those reporting, 9% hunted waterfowl during the 2012 hunting season. Table 6 summaries reported and estimated harvest for major species.

Table 6. 2012 Sault Tribe Waterfowl Harvest

Species	Reported Harvest	Mean Harvest	Standard Error	Estimated Harvest	Confidence Interval (+/-)
Mallard	425	7.59	1.51	1496	296.9
Black Duck	31	1.35	0.35	109	28.6
Gadwall	4	1.45	0.84	56	32.3
Blue Wing Teal	70	3.04	1.33	246	107.7
Green Wing Teal	67	2.48	0.53	236	50.6
Canvasback	6	0.43	0.36	21	17.7
Redhead	18	1.06	0.41	63	24.3
Wood Duck	119	3.31	0.82	419	103.3
Lesser Scaup	32	2.46	1.57	113	71.7
Bufflehead	64	3.05	1.14	225	84.5
Pintail	0	-	-	-	-
Canada Goose	262	4.68	0.93	922	184.0
Snow Goose	2	0.13	0.09	7	4.8



2012 Big Game Harvest

Bear

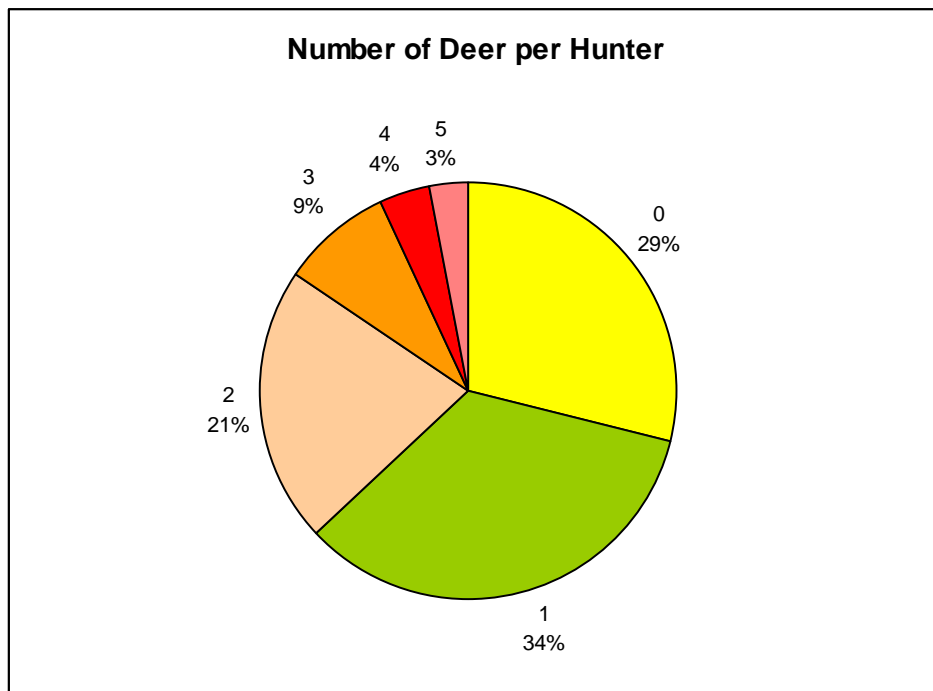
Table 7. 2012 Sault Tribe Bear Permits Issued and Bear Harvest by Management Unit

BMU	Permits Issued	Total Harvest
Baraga	19.0	2
Drummond	1.0	1
Gwinn	35.0	7
Newberry	54.0	8
Baldwin	5.0	0
Gladwin	4.0	0
Red Oak	28.0	3

Whitetail Deer

Sault Tribe issued 3,618 deer licenses in 2012. At the time that this report was developed, IFWD had received 1,035 harvest reports back or about 28 percent. Forty-four percent (861) of those reporting actually hunted deer. The total estimated harvest for 2012 is 4,044 (+/-340) deer.

This estimate is based on a mean harvest per hunter of 1.34 with a standard error of 0.043. 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 (3% or 96 hunters) or even 4 deer (4% or 115 hunters). Twenty-nine percent of our reporting hunters were issued 5 harvest tags but did not hunt deer in 2011. Approximately 29% (870) of hunters were unsuccessful in their hunting efforts, while 34% (1024) harvested 1 deer, 21% (643 hunters) harvested 2 deer, and 9% (262 hunters) harvested 3 deer.



Fifty-four percent of the 2012 deer harvest took place in the month of November. Harvest in October and December accounted for 18% and 19% 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 2012 harvest by county is listed in Table 8.

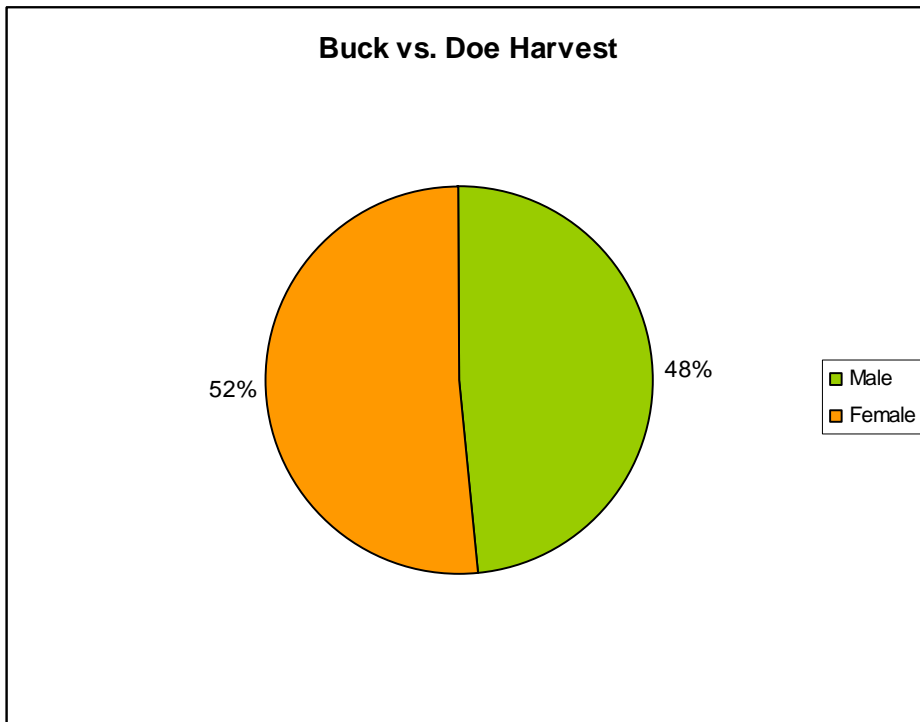
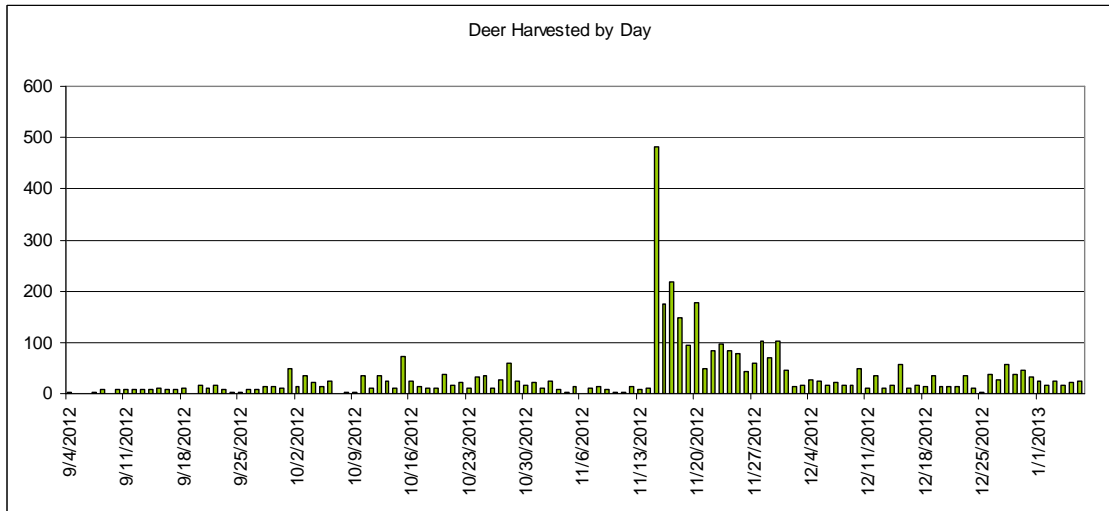
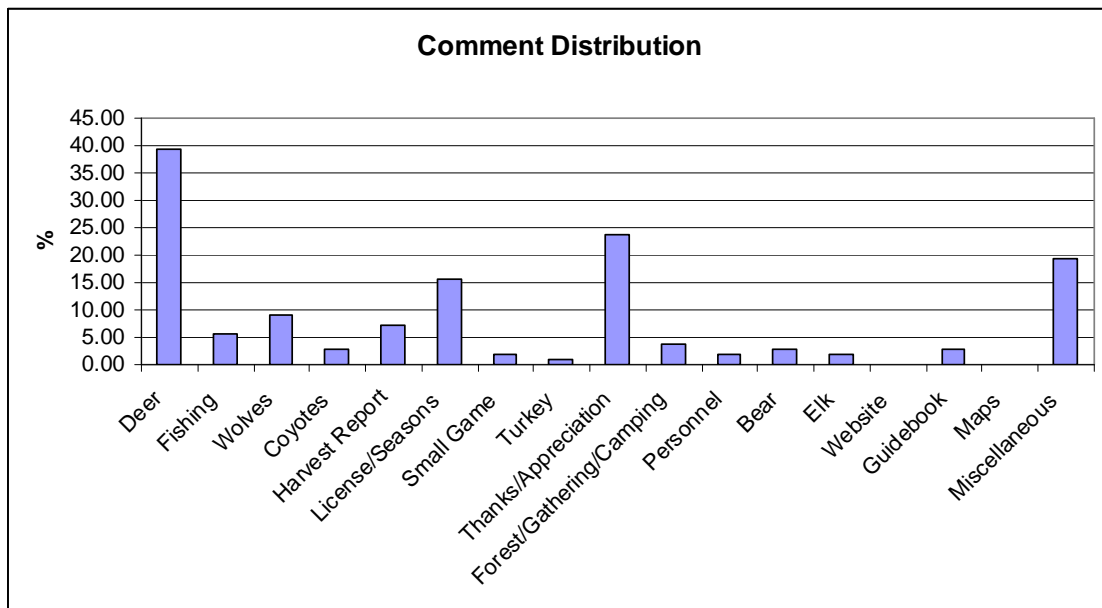


Table 8. 2012 Sault Tribe Deer Harvest Percentage per County

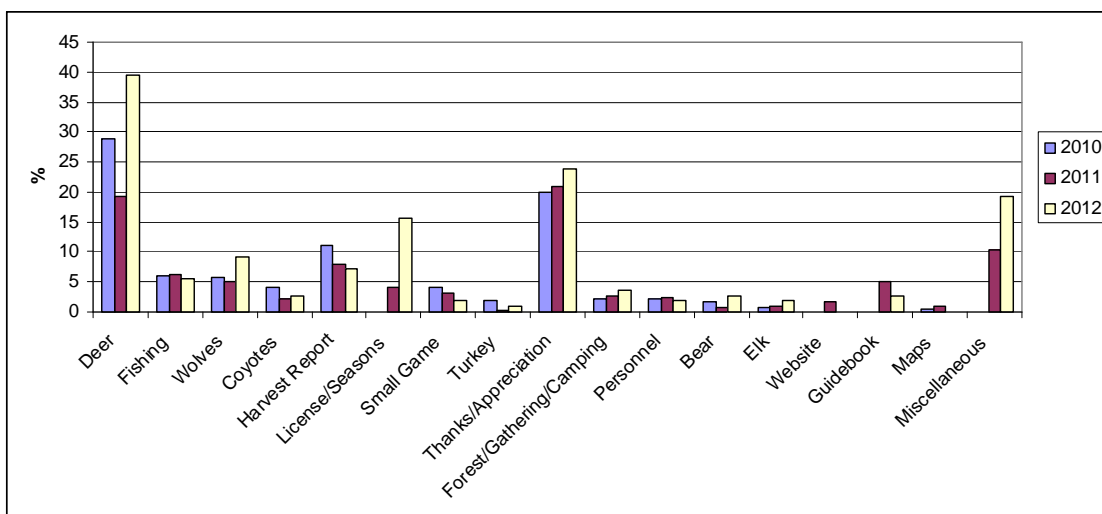
County	% Harvested
Alger	3.81%
Antrim	0.69%
Benzie	1.56%
Charlevoix	0.78%
Cheboygan	7.54%
Chippewa	16.12%
Clare	0.09%
Delta	8.93%
Emmet	4.07%
Grand Traverse	0.61%
Kalkaska	0.43%
Kent	0.35%
Lake	0.26%
Luce	6.50%
Mackinac	20.97%
Manistee	1.47%
Marquette	1.91%
Mason	1.65%
Mecosta	1.39%
Missaukee	0.35%
Montcalm	0.26%
Montmorency	0.17%
Muskegon	0.35%
Newaygo	1.30%
Oceana	1.04%
Osceola	0.61%
Otsego	0.61%
Ottawa	0.09%
Presque Isle	2.34%
Roscommon	0.26%
Schoolcraft	12.74%
Wexford	0.78%

Comments

In 2012, 3,074 members had a Harvest Report turned in at the time of completing this report. Out of those members 110 wrote comments. The comments were sorted into categories depending upon the topic(s) being discussed. The main topics were narrowed down to 15. 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 1.38 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 through 2012. This was done to show changes in the percentage of respondents commented from year to year.



Deer

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 if 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.
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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 a year.
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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 clarified and 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

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- 321- Deer hunted over 30 days, hunting was taken pictures.
- 355- I hunted 80 days. 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 Sept - 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 individuals are very curious and don't like to spoil your hunt. And I of course use the same mentality. I don't trod on others or their area of hun.

Let them go/ let them grow.

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4215- 1) Too many deer are killed by so called farmers in Emmet county- specifically Bliss township to protect they're crops, we need to pressure DNR to stop this practice. What crops? They are just hay fields.

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4591- Would like the rules on baiting explained more in detail and when your allowed to put portable ground blinds out to hunt deer, not explained in your rule book, and when we can start baiting deer and how much we can put out at one time, maybe you can add that in your rule book you hand out to tribal members that hunt white tail deer.

Thank you for your time?

4592- Would be very helpful to let deer hunters know more about, how much bait to put out and when we can legally start baiting and when we can legally put out ground blinds for hunting deer on public land. Hopefully you would have it next year listed in our rule book, so we don't get a ticket.

Thank you for your time.

4783- Deer hunted hard from November 15th- 23rd . Only seen a doe and a fawn on the 16th in the am hours. Seen 1 buck on the 23rd that I took in the am hours

4798- Deer are nocturnal where I hunt -lots of sign and trail camera action- turkey is looking good for next year.

5057- I let my nephews do the hunting and I only look for trophy size deer, but I think we allow to many deer to be taken and as a result they do not have time to mature, just an unscientific opinion. As a result I did not harvest any deer this year.

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Fishing

- 316- Send out paper on when to apply for permits like elk, bear and other. Please
- 1489- Easier to read regulation, specifically on trout streams
- 612- Would like to see the Tribe managing the fisheries. Need more perch, walleye, bass- not salmon.
- 3068- I would like to see you continue stocking walleye in the future.
- 5978- Better enforcement of Tribal fisherman, especially subsistence netters.
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- 394- Get rid of the wolves and mountain lion
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Harvest Report

- 182- Annual report by your department to show the harvest. More information on the conditions of the resources would be cool as well, updates on projects, etc. Maybe sponsor some youth activities ie archery, fishing demonstrations, trapping demonstration, etc. What about having volunteer groups for stream restoration, just my 2 cents.
- 2445- Hard to find the site to do this and just found this one at home. My computer doesn't do your PDF.file thing
- 5007- Can't submit this report online? Hunters need POCKET GUIDE WITH ALL THE RULES.
- 539- Why do whiteman do not have to report or fine or jail. Why do you not trust your own people? Just very curious
- 1364- Can you put this on-line?
- 3503- I didn't return my harvest report in February due to the fact I was still trapping.
- 4472- It is nice to get the harvest report along with your permits. Don't have to remember later to send for one.
- 4846- I didn't hunt this year, but I did last year. I have a recommendation pertaining to collecting harvest report information. It is very hard to remember harvest information from January or February a year later, but if the information was collected at the end of hunting season, for the entire season. The information would be more accurate and perhaps more useful for you. Thank You

License/Seasons

- 201- I like this program, You people are doing a great job. I would like to know who gets the bear, elk, and sturgeon permits.
- 2852- I would like to be able to get a exact boundries of our hunting and fishing area. I do not know where to obtain these maps or whatever they may be. Please let me know via e-mail. Thank you for doing a wonderful job. Rules and regulations and a map should be in everyone license.
- 4003- I think you're doing a great job, but I feel that 5 deer tags are not nessessary for anybody.
- 531- There are some Tribe Members that abuse tags/over harvest / wasting meat. There should be a limit per household. Some tribeal members use sibling tags and harvest to many deer.
- 3434- better listing of when each season is.
- 4445- Please send season scheduals and return envelopes

- 4515- Need a better system for handi-capped people.
- 1) Hunting from vehicle.
 - 2) Mail tags & applications to handi-capped - not need to go to P.D to acquire them.
 - 3) If permantly handi-capped -no need for doctor's report very year.
- 5674- Get me the permit early enough so I can use it, if you can't
- 860- Youth should be able to hunt November 1-14th
- 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.
- 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.
- 4591- Would like the rules on baiting explained more in detail and when your allowed to put portable ground blinds out to hunt deer, not explained in your rule book, and when we can start baiting deer and how much we can put out at one time, maybe you can add that in your rule book you hand out to tribal members that hunt white tail deer.
- Thank you for your time?
- 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 priviledge. At this time I personally recommend a 2 deer limit. I buck and 1 doe or two bucks. As Native Americans we should be leaders in game management.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 increaase 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

Small Game

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.

5584- I saw few deer, I heard more coyote than ever, even the squirrel numbers are down in Chippewa. I had to bury 2 small deer in NE Kent County, the deer numbers in Kent are also lower.

Turkey

4798- Deer are nocturnal where I hunt -lots of sign and trail camera action-turkey is looking good for next year.

Thanks/Appreciation

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2851- In general pretty good, not a lot of buck sightings.

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2852- I would like to be able to get a exact boundries of our hunting and fishing area. I do not know where to obtain these maps or whatever they may be. Please let me know via e-mail. Thank you for doing a wonderful job. Rules and regulations and a map should be in everyone license.

4003- I think you're doing a great job, but I feel that 5 deer tags are not nessessary for anybody.

200- You r doing a fine job. Thank you

456- Keep up the good work.

509- Thank you for the chance to hunt and fish using my tribal license this year and many more years to come. The Tribe has been great to me, and for that I am very thankful.

Thank you [REDACTED].

727- Excellent

845- Thank you for the program for the Native American

889- Thank you for this sacred right

903- Very proud to be a Tribal member.

978- Thank you for the opportunity to hunt and fish.

1046- I appreciate all my hunting and fishing privileges. I like the amount of time allowed to hunt. I have time to hunt and fish around my work schedule. I like the Mi buck combo laws so I do not take any small bucks myself. I only take 1 doe if I harvest a buck otherwise 2 does.

1080- Thank you for this wonderful benefit.

1123- Only had time to hunt three days this year, hopefully more next year. Thanks for the harvest card.

1153- Keep up the good work

1366- The conservation dept of the Tribe does an outstanding job.

1851- Keep up the good work

2051- Everything seems to be handled in a solid manner. Thank you

3133- Good job managing resources by tribal and DNR

3336- I did not do any fishing or other hunting because I got my license late in the year. Thank You

4306- Thankful for the benefits

5139- Well satisfied with current program

284- Products and services are very expensive, if I couldn't gather firewood and harvest animals to cut my monthly expenses, managing a household may be more difficult. A large portion of my time throughout the year involves utilizing treaty rights. I am glad the Tribe does such a good job managing and implementing these programs. I would like to see more of our conservation officers in the wood, but I realize maybe I don't see them because of the large area they are expected to cover.

Forest/Gathering

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324- I would like to know if I can get a state camp permit sticker through the tribe. Also curious about firewood harvesting

4467- I feel the U.S Forestry is becoming more and more restrictive in our ability to enjoy our great outdoors by closing more and more roads. I also feel the DNR does a poor job of wildlife management overall. More regulations = more money for them, without any real regards for our precious natural resources and wildlife.

5792- Just went camping and picking berries.

Personnel

4671- I do have to say I've called law enforcement for questions about what I can and can't do and have had different answers to the same questions. Sometimes I need to reassure myself I am not doing something wrong, that why I call. Somethimes when I call law enforcement people seem short, that makes me not want to call which is B. S. I have two questions I need answered please.

1) Can I dip with a handled hoop net blue minnows out of Hatlam Creek , a tributary to Big Glen Lake in Leelanau County for personal use?

2) Can I harvest deer on a friends land or leased land using my tribal licenses and season? Also same question for geese.

Bear

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Elk

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Guidebook

4591- Would like the rules on baiting explained more in detail and when your allowed to put portable ground blinds out to hunt deer, not explained in your rule book, and when we can start baiting deer and how much we can put out at one time, maybe you can add that in your rule book you hand out to tribal members that hunt white tail deer.

Thank you for your time ?

1489- Easier to read regulation, specifically on trout streams

5007- Can't submit this report online? Hunters need POCKET GUIDE WITH ALL THE RULES.

4571- Please write a easy to understand rule book.

Miscellaneous

4215- 1) Too many deer are killed by so called farmers in Emmet county- specifically Bliss township to protect they're crops, we need to pressure DNR to stop this practice. What crops? They are just hay fields.

2) I am totally opposed to taking the wolf off the endangered species list. We must do everything we can to not allow hunting of wolves

3) We need to pressure DNR to get rid of those dam cormernts. (fish duck)
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394- Get rid of the wolves and mountain lion

182- Annual report by your department to show the harvest. More information on the conditions of the resources would be cool as well, updates on projects, etc. Maybe sponsor some youth activities ie archery, fishing demonstrations, trapping demonstration,etc. What about having volunteer groups for stream restoration , just my 2 cents.

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21- Allow average people to shoot cormarants.

207- unable to hunt and fish , had knee replacement

373- Yes, I would like to separate from the state! I am sick of the State DNR harassing us Tribal members. I feel that we should be stopped by the same Co a dozen or more times in a year. Yes, I do know that they are doing their job, but really stopped a dozen times in one year by the same conservation officer.

611- Sorry my report is late

- 663- Should be able to get or pick-up our hunting and fishing cards in Manistique at police office.
- 1122- I was harassed, impeded, and threatened by D N R officer Skalobo of Presque Isle. I contacted Clarence Hudak and made him aware of it and contacted the C.O's lieutenant in Gaylord and made documentation with him.
- 1222- I hope the cormorants, (black Aislinn birds) are being taken care of, they are very destructive and can eat a lot of fish. I think Tribal and DNR should step up their game control on these birds. I still see them on a regular basis in the Strait of Mackinaw and even down by Harbor Springs. Thank you for restocking our lakes with walleye. As I am seeing more fish as time goes on. Burt Lake in the Northern Lower is very heavily fished and most people I talk to out there are after the big perch and walleye, but quantity is still low.
- 2301- Was not able to hunt as much in the past due to heavy work load.
- 2351- sorry I am late.
- 2661- Did not hunt this year due to family health problems
- 2744- I enjoy deer hunting, plan to do more hunting and fishing in the future.
- 3025- I hope to be able to get out more this coming year. My disabilities seem to get in the way of what I love the most.
- 3138- I hunt near the far west boundary of our tribal hunting area.
- 4348- Sorry I am late been dealing with my depression and working
- 4412- All deer were taken with a bow.
- 4542- I would like to see all of the State open for us to hunt.
- 4602- I would like to see the area cover the whole state.
- 4634- Would like to apply for a permanent blind for hunting and viewing wildlife.