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Master's of Science Graduate Opportunity

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) is sponsoring a graduate study opportunity to investigate brain tanning. Funding has been secured and GLIFWC is working with the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point to establish a collaborative study. The objectives of the study are three-fold, to gather and report on Ojibwe TEK associated with the craft of brain tanning, to understand and document the chemical and physical changes to hides when they are tanned with brains and to compare these changes to those in industrial tanning process, and finally to assess the risk of CWD exposure to those practicing the art of brain tanning with cervids. The preferred start date would be June 2021, but a fall start is possible.

Any person with interest in this area should contact Jonathan Gilbert, Director, Biological Services Division, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (jgilbert@glifwc.org) or Scott Hygnstrom, Professor of Wildlife, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point (shygnstr@uwsp.edu).