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GLIFWC Tribes, State and Federal Partners Work Towards 2018 Elk Hunt

Elk Committee determines omashkooz (elk) hunt is viable this year

Odanah, WI—Preliminary research numbers indicate elk have achieved a harvestable population in the Wisconsin Ceded Territory. Ojibwe Tribes exercise their sovereign ability under their own rules and regulations to harvest half of this year's allowable harvestable resource, which is split with the state. The Elk Committee is comprised of Forest Service biologists, DNR biologists, Tribal biologists, and GLIFWC biologists and is tasked with making decisions that are most protective of the resource.

This upcoming hunting endeavor is a positive indicator for the resource. The Tribes have been elk reintroduction partners since 1995 with the goal of someday restoring an indigenous population. The continuation of these efforts from all partners involved will hopefully lead to future harvesting opportunities for both State and Tribal hunters.

“This is indeed a positive sign that co-management of the resource is working, which allows our communities the ability to revitalize these traditional life ways and practices.” Says GLIFWC Executive Administrator James Zorn.

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