Wisconsin 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territory Deer Season Length Regulatory Amendment

This Commission Order modifies the Tribes’ deer hunting regulations for the Wisconsin portion of the 1837 and 1842 ceded territory pursuant to the authority granted by §3.33 of the Tribes’ Off-Reservation Conservation Codes. Section 3.33(b) permits issuance of a Commission Order via a Technical Amendment, which provides tribal members more treaty harvest opportunities in line with state harvesters subject to the LCO Case and Stipulation parameters pertaining to the following: age restrictions, disability exemptions, method restrictions, equipment restrictions, hunting hours, season length, new places to hunt or caliber restrictions.

Sec. 1: Authority and Applicability; Terms Used and Definitions.

Subd. 1: This Order is issued in accordance with §3.33(b) of the Tribes’ Off-Reservation Conservation Codes (hereinafter “Code” or “Codes”) that authorizes the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Executive Administrator to issue a Commission Order for Technical Amendments. Upon the issuance of this Order, unless a Tribe chooses to adopt more restrictive measures, and unless and until a subsequent order modifies the regulations, the regulations established herein shall be the Tribe’s regulations as provide in each Tribe’s Code.

Subd. 2: In the Stipulation for Technical, Management, and other Updates: First Amendment of Stipulations Incorporated into the Final Judgment, Section XI. A., the Parties agreed that “the Tribes will amend § 6.07. . . of the Model Code thereby extending the tribal deer season in line with the state deer season so that the tribal season may always be opened as long as the state deer season....” At that time, the deer season was extended from the end of December until the first Sunday following New Year's Day, in parallel with an extension of the state bow and crossbow season.

Subd. 3: Wis. regulations Section NR 10.01(3)(em)1. provides that the state deer bow season closes on the Sunday nearest January 6, which in 2022 is January 9, 2022. This Order extends the tribal deer season for the current season only until January 9, 2022.
**Subd. 4:** Terms used in the Codes shall be given the meaning set forth in the Codes when used in this Order.

**Sec. 2: Deer Season Length Regulation.** For the 2021-22 deer season only, unless changed by a subsequent order, the closing date of the season will be January 9, 2022.

**Sec. 3: Reservation of Each Tribe’s Authority.** Nothing in this order is intended to, or shall be construed to, limit the authority of each Tribe to establish tribal deer season length regulations or other measures that are more restrictive than what is provided in this Order.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2021.

Michael J. Isham, Executive Administrator
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
Model Code Amendment – Deer Season Length.

Model Code revision regarding deer season regulations [§ 6.07 (Deer Seasons; Specific Regulations)] are (deletions shown by strikeout and additions by redline):

6.07 Closed Season.

(1) No member shall hunt deer from the first Monday following New Years Day Monday, January 10 to Labor Day.