

# GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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## Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Order

Order No. 2025-04

### **Wisconsin Ceded Territory Opening of Tribal Crex Meadows Sharp-Tailed Grouse Closed Area for Harvest from October 18 to November 9, 2025, and Establishment of a Tribal Sharp-tailed Grouse Quota within Tribal Management Unit 10.**

The state of Wisconsin has established a sharp-tailed grouse harvest unit in the northwestern part of the state and has established a limited quota for this unit during the 2025 sharp-tailed grouse harvest season. To provide a similar opportunity for Tribal harvest of sharp-tailed grouse within the Ceded Territory, this Commission Order establishes amendments to the Tribes' general restrictions on hunting in certain areas for the Wisconsin portion of the 1837 and 1842 ceded territory and establishes permit and registration requirements for harvest of sharp-tailed grouse within Tribal Management Unit 10 (TMU 10) during the Tribal sharp-tailed grouse harvest season.

#### **Sec. 1: Purpose; Authority and Applicability; and Expiration and Limitations.**

**Subd. 1: Purpose.** The state of Wisconsin has made provisions to establish a sharp-tailed grouse harvest unit. The area to be opened, with boundaries identical to the Tribes' existing Tribal Management Unit 10, is called [WI] Sharp-tailed Grouse Game Management Unit 10 and establishes a quota-limited season from October 18 until November 9, 2025, for State hunters.

**Subd. 2: Authority and Applicability.** This Order is issued in accordance with provisions of the *LCO v. Wisconsin* case under authority specified at §3.33(1)(b) of the Tribes' Model Off-Reservation Conservation Code (hereinafter "Model Code" or "MORCC"). This authority provides for the issuance of a Commission Order, without consultation with the State, to provide tribal members with treaty harvest opportunities that are substantively identical to opportunities provided under State law to non-members.

**Subd. 3: Expiration and Limitations.** This Commission Order shall expire on March 31, 2026, unless extended by subsequent Commission Order.

#### **Sec. 2: Tribal Sharp-tailed Grouse Harvesting Regulations.**

**Subd. 1: Tribal CA 2(b)(1) Closure Lifted.** The prohibition on hunting Sharp-tailed Grouse in the Crex Meadows Sharp-tailed Grouse Closed Area, currently identified as CA 2(b)(1) Burnett County. Crex Meadows. Township 39 north, range 18-19 west, town of West Marshland, shall be opened for Tribal harvest. This Tribal Closed Area, established in the administrative document entitled *Tribal Wildlife Refuges and Closed Areas* (September 1990), is

lifted from October 18 until November 9, 2025, or when the Tribal quota is reached, pursuant to an Emergency Closure. Harvester maps are attached as Appendix A.

**Subd. 2: Hunting Season Established.** A sharp-tailed grouse hunting season is established within Tribal Management Unit 10 that opens on October 18, 2025, and closes on November 9, 2025, or when the Tribal quota is reached, pursuant to an Emergency Closure. Harvester maps are attached as Appendix A.

**Subd. 3: Stamp and Registration Required.** To hunt sharp-tailed grouse in Tribal Management Unit 10 (TMU 10) this season, Tribal members must obtain a valid small game stamp and a sharp-tailed grouse stamp; a sharp-tailed grouse stamp will be valid for the harvest of one sharp-tailed grouse in TMU 10. Sharp-tailed grouse must be registered within 48 hours at a Tribal registration station or with a GLIFWC Conservation Warden. To receive an additional sharp-tailed grouse stamp for TMU 10, members must first register their harvest. To implement these requirements:

MORCC §8.07 (1)(c) shall be created as follows (deletions shown by ~~strikeout~~ and additions by **redline**):

*§8.07(1)(c) No member shall hunt sharp-tailed grouse within Tribal Management Unit 10 without possessing a valid sharp-tailed grouse hunting stamp.*

MORCC §8.09(3)(c) shall be amended as follows (deletions shown by ~~strikeout~~ and additions by **redline**):

*§8.09(3)(c) The daily bag limit for sharp-tailed grouse **outside of Tribal Management Unit 10** is one and no member shall harvest any sharp-tailed grouse in excess of this bag limit. All sharp-tailed grouse harvested within Tribal Management Unit 10 must be registered within 48 hours of harvest with a Tribal registration station or a GLIFWC Conservation Warden.*

**Sec. 3: Reservation of Tribes' Authority.** Nothing in this order is intended to, or shall be construed to, limit the authority of each Tribe to establish tribal harvest regulations or other measures that are more restrictive than provided in this Order.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.



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Appendix A

