



**Off-Reservation Fishing Permit Counts for the 2002-2003 Season
for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory**

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Background

As required in the "*Treaty Fisheries Management Plan for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory for the Years 1998-2002*" (TFMP), a survey of permit holders must occur at the end of year 1 and in any subsequent year that the number of permits exceeds the number in year 1 by more than 100%. Year 1 of the TFMP was the 1998-99 fishing year and 328 tribal members were issued permits (Madsen et.al. 2000). In year 2 a total of 365 permits were issued to tribal members (Miller and Madsen, 2000). In year 3 a total of 455 permits were issued to tribal members (Milroy and Madsen, 2001). In year 4 a total of 540 permits were issued to tribal members (Milroy and Madsen, 2003).

This report summarizes the number of fishing permits issued to tribal members for fishing in waters of the 1837 Minnesota ceded territory during year 5 of the TFMP. This fishing year ran from April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003. Fishing methods covered by the permit include open-water angling, winter angling, and winter spearing (Figure 1).

The Bands proposed, and the State agreed, to drop the provision requiring permits for these fishing methods under the "*Treaty Fisheries Management Plan for the 1837 Minnesota Ceded Territory for the Years 2003-2007*". The Bands have authorized the use of a valid Tribal Identification Card in lieu of a general fishing permit for open water angling, winter angling, and winter spearing. Therefore, no further reports detailing permits issued for these methods will be written.

Results

A total of 618 permits were issued to tribal members to fish in the Minnesota ceded territory during year 5 (Table 1). The number of permits issued for fishing in year 5 of the TFMP increased by 290 permits or 88% compared to year 1. This increase was below the 100% increase level that would have required another survey of permit holders.

The number of members who checked the various fishing methods for year 5 on the permit was 483 for open-water angling, 475 for winter angling, and 463 for winter spearing. On 135 permits, no fishing methods were checked off. Also, 17 members were issued duplicate permits but were only counted once.

Table 1. Number of tribal permits issued by various bands and GLIFWC for fishing in the 1837 Minnesota ceded territory during five tribal fishing years.

Tribal Fishing Year	Bad River	Fond du Lac	Lac Courte Oreilles	Lac du Flambeau	Mille Lacs	Mole Lake	Red Cliff	St. Croix	GLIFWC	Total
1998-1999	3	0	3	30	213	18	8	53	-	328
1999-2000	0	0	22	13	237	18	3	72	-	365
2000-2001	2	0	6	45	248	29	0	100	25*	455
2001-2002	5	0	17	33	281	61	7	117	19	540
2002-2003	1	0	19	5	359	64	13	154	3	618

* The 2000-2001 fishing year was the first year that permits issued by GLIFWC personnel were counted separately from the individual bands.

Figure 1. Minnesota 1837 Ceded Territory Annual Off-Reservation Treaty Fishing Permit

Minnesota 1837 Ceded Territory Annual Off-Reservation Treaty Fishing Permit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Water Angling	No. 0747
<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Angling	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Spearing
Tribal ID Number _____ of _____ Reservation	
Signature of Permittee: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
Issued by: _____ of _____ Reservation	
Date issued: _____ Date Expired: _____	

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