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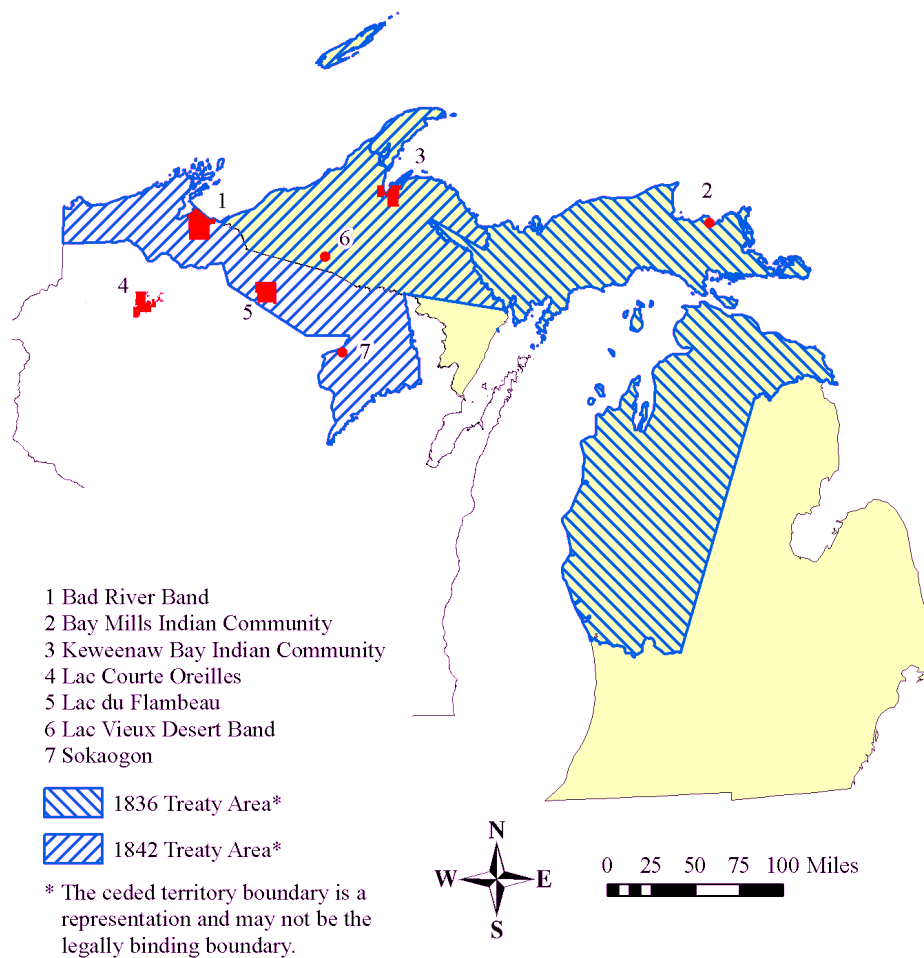
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### INTRODUCTION

This report summarizes the 2009 off-reservation harvest of waawaashkeshi (deer), omashkooz (elk) and makwa (bear) in Michigan by GLIFWC-member tribes who retain hunting, fishing and gathering rights on these lands in the treaties of 1836 and 1842 (Fig. 1). Successful tribal hunters included members from the Bad River Band, Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC), Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), Lac Courte Oreilles Band (LCO), Lac du Flambeau Band (LDF), Lac Vieux Desert Band (LVD), and the Sokaogon Chippewa Community (Fig. 1).



**Figure 1.** Location of GLIFWC-member tribes and ceded territory.

## **DEER HUNTING**

### **Methods**

*1836 Ceded Territory.* In 2009, 225 harvest permits were issued to BMIC tribal hunters. Hunters were initially issued two carcass tags each unless additional tags were requested in writing. Harvest information was collected (month and county of harvest, antlered or antler-less) from hunters who filled their first two tags before additional tags were issued. At the end of the season all hunters who had been issued tags were contacted and harvest information was collected by the BMIC Conservation Enforcement Department.

*1842 Ceded Territory.* Harvest data for the 1842 ceded territory in the UP were obtained from tribal registration stations where information was collected on each deer registered. Information included county and date of harvest, and type of deer (antlered or antlerless).

### **Results**

The total off-reservation tribal deer harvest for GLIFWC-member tribes in Michigan was 135 deer (68% antlerless) (Table 1). A total of 60 deer (77% antlerless) were registered in the 1842 ceded territory in Michigan and reported harvest for the 1836 ceded territory in Michigan was 75 deer (61% antlerless). Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of deer harvested in the ceded territories of Michigan in 2009.

**Table 1.** Summary of 2009 off-reservation deer harvest in Michigan by GLIFWC-member tribes.

<b>Treaty Area of Harvest</b>	<b>Registration Station</b>	<b>Antlered</b>	<b>Antlerless</b>	<b>Total</b>
1836	N/A	29	46	75
	Bad River	0	7	7
	Keweenaw Bay	4	9	13
1842	Lac du Flambeau	0	2	2
	Lac Vieux Desert	7	6	13
	Sokaogon	3	22	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>43</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>135</b>



## **ELK HUNTING**

### **Methods**

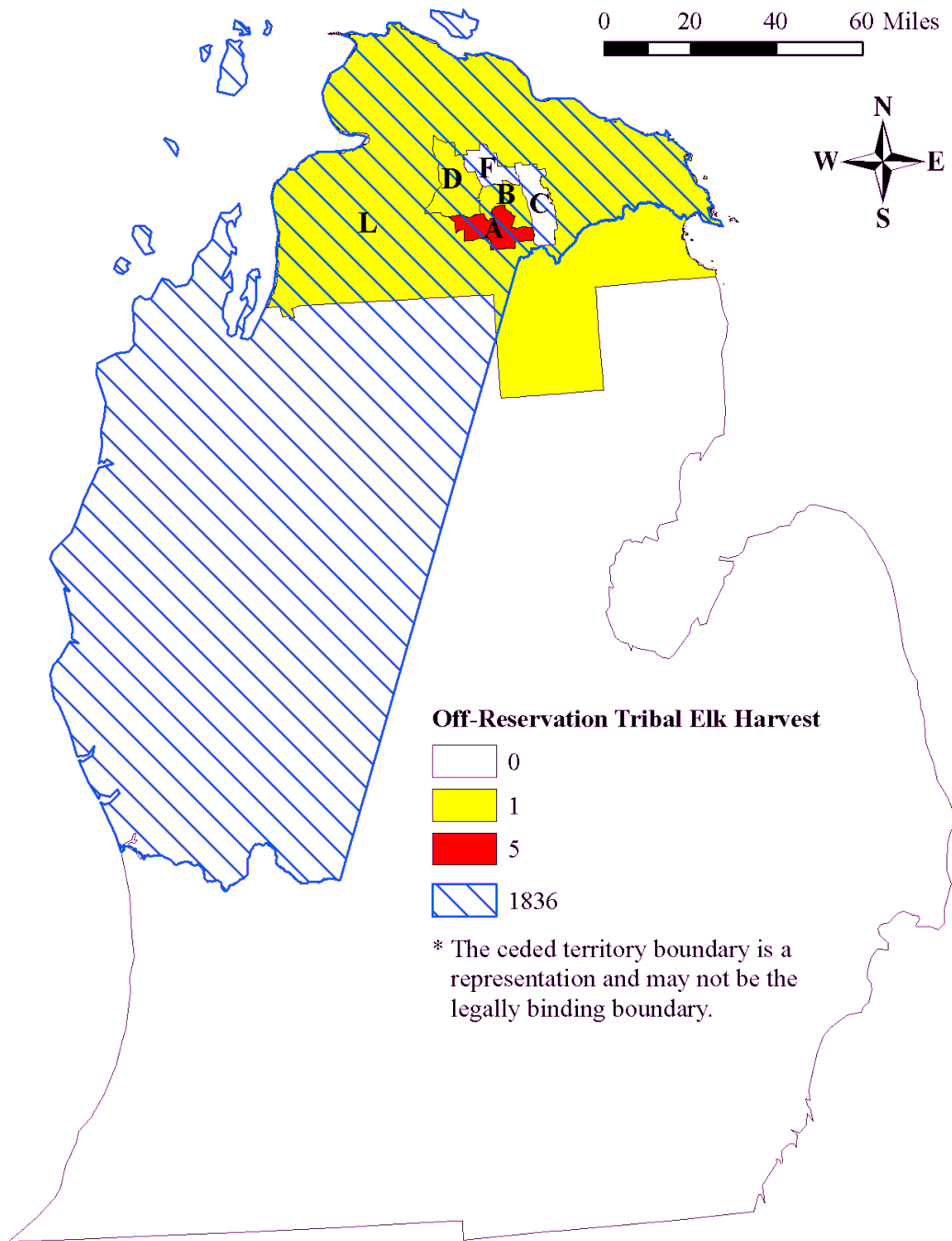
*1836 Ceded Territory.* The Bay Mills Indian Community issued eight elk permits to tribal hunters. Six of those were cow tags and two were hunter choice. All animals were checked in at Michigan DNR check stations for disease testing and a tooth was taken for aging.

### **Results**

A total of eight elk were harvested off-reservation in the 1836 ceded territory of Michigan by members of the Bay Mills Indian Community during the 2009 elk season (Table 2). Figure 3 illustrates the distribution of elk harvested in the 1836 ceded territory of Michigan in 2009.

**Table 2.** Summary of 2009 off-reservation elk harvest in Michigan by GLIFWC-member tribes.

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Cow</b>	<b>Bull</b>	<b>Total</b>
L	Early 9/1-9/4; 9/11-9/15	0	0	0
L	October 10/13-10/21	0	1	1
D	Late 12/8-12/15	0	1	1
B	Tribal 12/16-12/30	0	1	1
A		5	0	5
Total		5	3	8



**Figure 3.** Distribution of off-reservation elk harvest by GLIFWC-member tribes, 2009.

## **BEAR HUNTING**

### **Methods**

*1836 Ceded Territory.* A total of 18 permits were issued in 2009 for bear, however only 6 were issued to active bear hunters, the remaining permits were issued for incidental harvest during the deer hunt. Because participation in the bear hunt is limited among Bay Mills Indian Community members, a targeted survey of the active bear hunters was conducted by the BMIC Conservation Enforcement Department to determine the level of harvest.

*1842 Ceded Territory.* Harvest data for the 1842 portion of the UP were obtained from tribal registration stations where information was collected on each bear registered. Information included sex, county, and date of harvest.

### **Results**

Only one bear was harvested in the 1836 ceded territory, a sow from Chippewa county. No bear were harvested in the Michigan portion of the 1842 ceded territory.