Wisconsin 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territory Manoominikewin Regulatory Amendment

This Commission Order establishes amendments to the Tribes’ manoominikewin (wild rice harvesting) 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 each 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, the regulations established herein shall be the Tribe’s regulations as provide in each Tribe’s Code.

Subd. 2: Wis. Stat. §29.607(3) addresses licensing for manoominikewin (wild rice harvesting) pursuant to state law, exempting individuals aged 16 years and younger and 65 years and older from any requirement to obtain a license. This Order exempts tribal members aged 16 years and younger and 65 years and older from the requirement to obtain a wild rice harvesting permit to harvest or gather manoomin (wild rice), in line with state harvesters.

Subd. 3: Terms used in the Codes shall be given the meaning set forth in the Codes when used in this Order.
Sec. 2: Manoominikewin Regulatory Amendment. Starting immediately, and unless and until changed by a subsequent order, mandatory reversion is required, or the parties make permanent the provisions of this order, the following parameters for off-reservation manoominikewin shall apply:

Youth and Elder Exemption to Permit Requirement. Members aged 16 years or younger and 65 years and older shall not be required to possess any wild rice harvesting permits in order to harvest or gather manoomin.

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 hunting regulations or other measures that are more restrictive than what is provided in this Order.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2019.

Michael J. Isham, Executive Administrator  
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
Model Code Amendment – Youth and Elder Exemption to Wild Rice Harvesting Permit Requirement.

Model Code revision regarding manoominikewin regulations [§ 5.02 (Permit Required)] are (deletions shown by strikeout and additions by redline):

5.02 Permit Required.

No member, over the age of 16 years or under the age of 65 years, shall harvest or gather wild rice pursuant to this ordinance without possessing a valid wild rice harvesting permit issued by the tribal conservation department. No wild rice harvest permit is required of helpers of a permittee who participate only in shore operations.