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Memorandum

To: Neil Kmiecik, Biological Services Director
Jennifer Krueger-Bear, Admin. Assistant to Biological Services Director
From: Peter David, Wildlife Biologist
Re: 2014 Mizise (Turkey) Harvest Memo
Date: November 24, 2015

The results of tribal turkey harvest in the Wisconsin and Minnesota 1837 and 1842 ceded territories during 2014 are attached.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

2014 MIZISE (TURKEY) HARVEST in the WISCONSIN and MINNESOTA 1837 and 1842 CEDED TERRITORIES

BACKGROUND

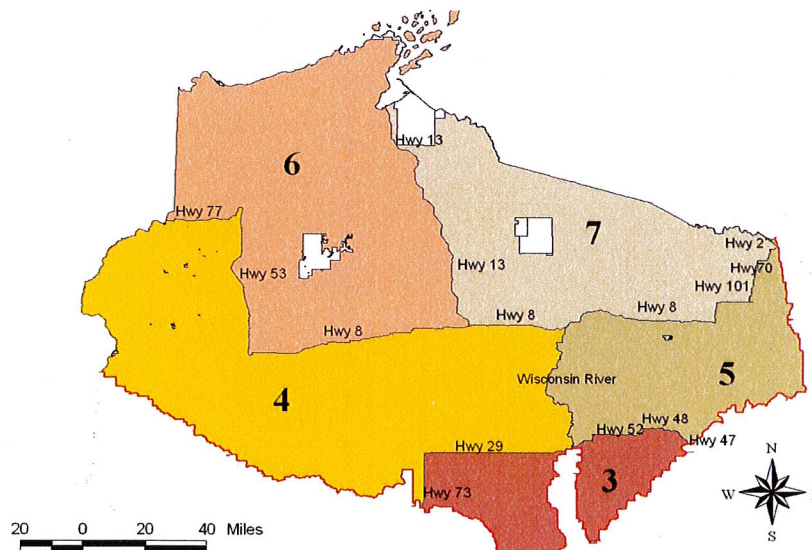
The hunting of mizise (turkeys) in the Wisconsin and Minnesota ceded territories has been a small but growing activity since the reaffirmation of off-reservation harvesting under the *Voigt* decision. Once extirpated from the region, turkeys have again become established throughout much of the Wisconsin and Minnesota ceded territories, and all of the Wisconsin and Minnesota ceded territories are now included in turkey management zones. This memo summarizes the 2014 mizise harvest; additional background discussion and harvest information for the 1994-2007 period can be found in David, 2008, and individual harvest memos done for years 2008-2013.

WISCONSIN

Regulations

Nearly all of the ceded territory turkey harvest since the re-affirmation of off-reservation treaty rights has taken place in Wisconsin.

The spring season began the Wednesday nearest April 13, and ran for 42 consecutive days, concurrent with the state season (4/16-5/27). The fall season ran from the day after Labor Day to December 31. There were 5 mizise management zones within the Wisconsin ceded territory (Figure 1). Carcass tags were not required, but all birds harvested had to be registered within 3 working days of harvest. The daily bag limit was 3. Complete turkey harvest regulations are included in the tribe's off-reservation model code.



The boundaries depicted on this map are representations and not intended to be legally binding.

Figure 1. Wisconsin ceded territory mizise management zones for 2014.

Harvest

Table 1 summarizes the 2014 Wisconsin mizise harvest. A total of 16 birds were registered, including 8 in the spring season and 8 in the fall. At least 1 bird was harvested from 4 of the 5 zones in the Wisconsin ceded territory, with the largest number of birds (11) coming from zone 6

Harvest in 2014 declined slightly from 2013 (Figure 2). Over the entire 1994-2014 period, 59% of the tribal harvest has occurred in the fall season.

Table 1. Wisconsin off reservation, ceded territory mizise harvest in 2014.

Season	Sex	Mizise Management Zone					Sex Total	Season Total	Year Total
		3	4	5	6	7			
Spring	Male		1	1	4	2	8	8	16
	Female						0		
Fall	Male				1	1	2	8	
	Female				6		6		
Zone Total			1	1	11	3			

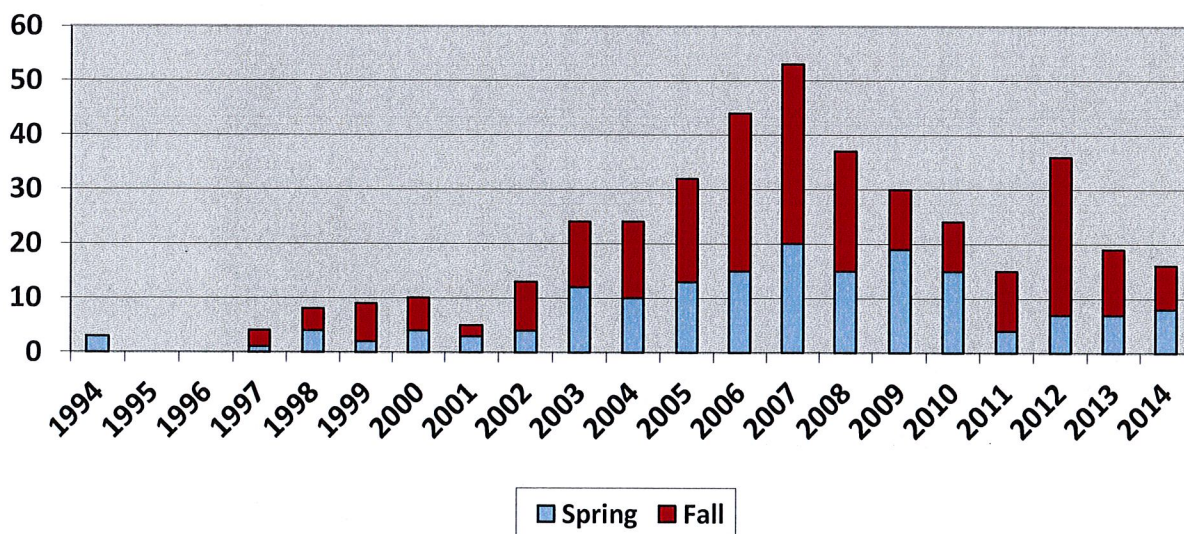


Figure 2. Wisconsin off-reservation, ceded territory mizise harvest, 1994-2014, by season.

MINNESOTA

Regulations

Mizise harvest in Minnesota has been very minimal, although all of the 1837 ceded territory was within zones open to turkey hunting with the exception of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge (Figure 3). Tribal management zones paralleled the state's, which were reconfigured in 2013, reducing the number of zones in the ceded territory. Spring season dates were April 12 – May 29; fall season dates were the day after Labor Day – Dec. 31. Complete turkey harvest regulations are included in the tribe's off-reservation model code.

Harvest

Three male birds were reported harvested from the Minnesota ceded territory in 2014, all being taken in zone 508 in the spring hunt. The total previous harvest from the MN ceded territory (all other years combined since 1998) consisted of 1 bird taken in 2013, 3 birds taken in 2010, 3 in 2008 and 2 in 2007.

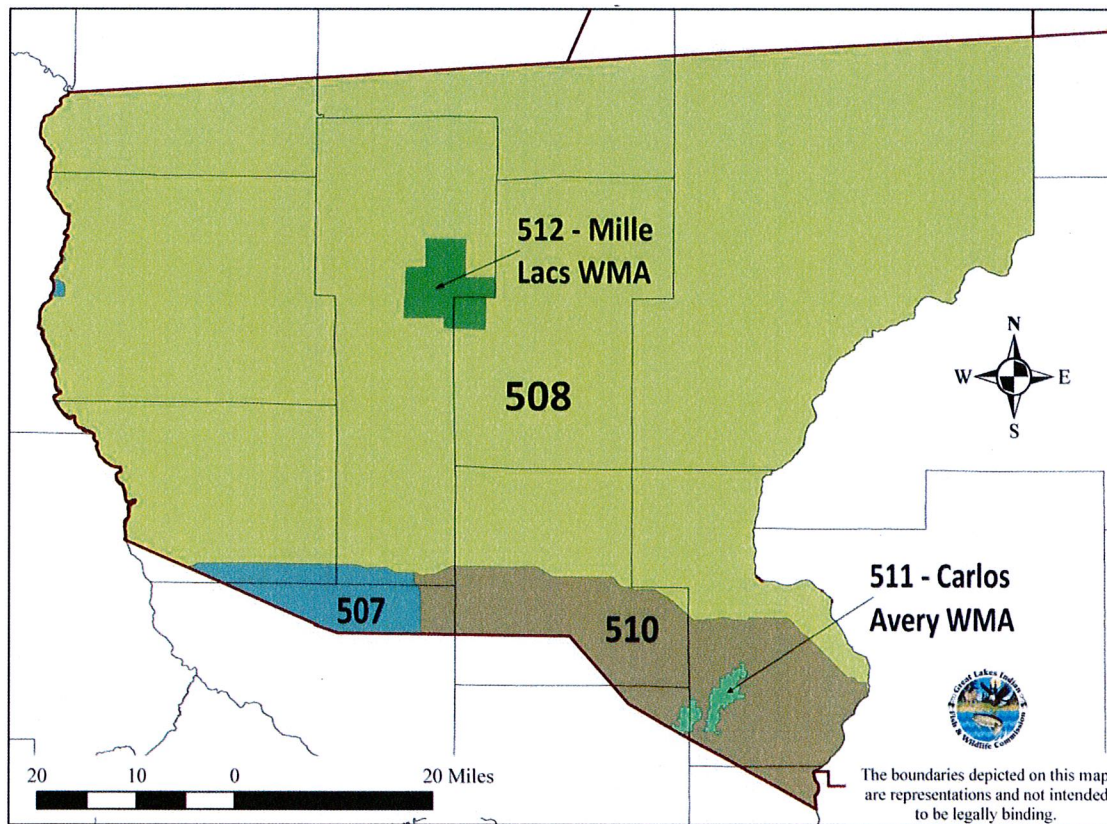


Figure 3. Minnesota 1837 ceded territory mizise zones in 2013.

LITERATURE CITED

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