



OTTAWA ALGONQUIN FIRST NATION

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Resource Management Policy 2009 -2010

The Ottawa Algonquin First Nation Community is composed of both status and non-status Algonquins. The Ottawa Algonquin First Nation will adhere to and follow this Resource Management Policy and its subsequent amendments.

Definitions

Harvesting: The taking of game, fish or plants

Species: The type, breed or variety of game, fish or plant

Season: The period within which a designated species may be harvested

Limit: The maximum number of any species which may be harvested during a specified season.

Report: The required reporting of a species harvested to the Resource Manager or his/her delegate or regional representative. If a species is designated as requiring a report when it is harvested then notice must be given as to the species and the number of that species taken within fourteen days of harvesting.

Area: The defined boundaries of the Algonquin Nation as described by the Ottawa River Watershed and the margins of adjacent watershed where Algonquins have harvested in contemporary, historic and pre-European contact time.

CSC (Common sense and conservation): Harvesting in such a manner that no species is endangered and in such numbers that our descendents may continue harvesting in the future.

APB (Algonquin person benefiting): One of this species may be taken for each Algonquin person in a household. (including non-algonquin spouse)

PH (Per Household): One of this species may be taken for each Algonquin household.

PP (Per Person)

PD (Per Day): within a 24 hour period

Policy regarding Harassment by and Charges laid by the MNR

It is the policy of the Chief and Council that if a member is harassed by agents of the MNR while harvesting game, fish or plants, or charged for illegally harvesting game, fish or plants while operating within the rules set forth in the Resource Management Policy that such harassment or charges are an act perpetrated against the whole of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation and will be dealt with as such.

Harvesting Hours:

Harvesting hours for fish and game will be regulated by the Chief and Council.

Harvesting hours for plants are not regulated. Members must use the principals of Common Sense and conservation when harvesting wild plants.

Appropriate Ammunition: Hunters must use the rifle type and caliber of bullet, gauge of shotgun and type of shot, or bow and type of arrowhead which will cause the least suffering by the species of game being harvested and least possible danger to the general public and property which may happen to be in close proximity.

Non-Toxic shot must be used for hunting migratory birds. Non-toxic shot that is approved: steel shot, tungsten-iron shot, tin shot, bismuth-tin shot, tungsten-polymer shot, tungsten-matrix shot.

Purpose and Goals

1. To continue the sacred relationship between the Algonquin people, the land, and the creatures envisioned by the Creator.
2. To ensure that all Algonquins may exercise their inherent right to harvest fish, game, and plants within the traditional territories of the Algonquin Nation.
3. To ensure the protection and conservation of fish, game and plants for the continued use of the Algonquin people.
4. To recognize and promote the values of mutual respect and benefit among all Algonquins.

Administration

1. The Resource Manager may designate one or more assistants to help administer this policy.
2. The Resource Manager shall report to Chief and Council.
3. The Resource Manager shall compile and keep records required by this policy and as directed by chief and council.

Harvesting Responsibilities

1. When requested by the Resource Manager or an officer of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources a member shall present only for purposes of identification their membership card and any other identification sanctioned by chief and council.
2. Members of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation should fish, hunt or harvest plants in the traditional territory in which they have taken measures to understand and know.
3. Members of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation shall report all harvesting required by this policy.

Harvesting Schedules

FISH

| Species | Season | Limit | Report | Area |
|------------|----------------|---------|--------|------|
| Bass - Lm | Open | CSC | no | All |
| Bass - Sm | Open | CSC | no | All |
| Pickereel | April 1-30 | 6 PP/PD | no | All |
| Pickereel | May 1 - Mar.30 | CSC | no | All |
| Pike | Open | CSC | no | All |
| Lake Trout | Open | CSC | no | All |
| White fish | Open | CSC | no | All |

GAME

| Species | Season | Limit | Report | Area |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------------|------|
| Deer | Sept. 1 – Jan.15 | see amendments | Yes | All |
| Moose | Sept. 1 – Jan.15 | see amendments | Yes Tags required | All |
| Bear | Sept. 1 – Jan.15 | 1 PP | Yes | All |
| Wolf | Open | Open | Yes | All |
| Bearded Turkey | Mar. 1 – Aug. 31 | 2 | Yes | All |
| Bearded/or non-Bearded Turkey | Sept. 1- Apr. 30 | 2 | Yes | All |
| Partridge | Sept.1 - Dec. 31 | CSC | No | All |
| Ducks | Sept.1 - Dec. 31 | CSC | No | All |
| Canada Geese | Sept.1 - Dec. 31 | CSC | No | All |
| Canada Geese | Mar. 1 - Apr. 30 | CSC | No | All |

Special Conditions

1. All Algonquin hunters must carry an Ottawa Algonquin First Nation hunting card.
2. Members of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation may use dogs to hunt.

3. Members of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation may exceed the harvest limit of any species when consent is given to do so by the Resource Manager. The Resource Manager will take into consideration the Member's need and availability of game. The Manager may request other members to provide for needy persons and families.
4. This policy is intended for use within the defined boundaries of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation as described by the Ottawa River Watershed and the margins of adjacent watersheds where Algonquins have harvested in contemporary, historic and pre-European contact time.
5. Private property shall be respected at all times and permission must be obtained in writing from the owner(s) before harvesting on private property.
6. The Ottawa Algonquin First Nation will strive to harmonize its Resource Management Policy with the other Algonquin communities and the Algonquin Nation.

Enforcement

1. Any contravention of this policy which comes to the attention of the Resource Manager shall be brought to Chief and Council.
2. Members of the Ottawa Algonquin First Nation contravening this policy may be requested to stop harvesting for a determinate or indeterminate period of time, may be required to compensate for damages caused, and may be directed to take restorative measures to mitigate damages.
3. All members must take responsibility to report all infractions of this policy, to the Resource Manager.

Amendments

1. Amendments to this policy may be made from time to time by Chief and Council.
2. Moose harvest numbers will be decided annually by the community, based on moose concentration in any area and the number of non- Algonquin moose tags being issued by the Ontario MNR for the effected Wildlife Management Units.
Moose harvest shall not exceed one quarter of a moose per community household (bull/cow only), to prove that Algonquins are responsible and capable of managing their natural resource.
This policy will be superseded by any Interim Hunting Agreement signed by the community representative and the Ontario MNR.
3. Deer harvest shall be one deer per person in each Algonquin household or the maximum allowed by the Ontario MNR per hunter in each WMU, which ever is greater.