



White Earth Reservation Division of Natural Resources Commercial Taxidermy Permit Application



(Pursuant to W.E.C.C. 1008.00 - Commercial Taxidermy Provisions)

PART I - Applicant Information

Applicant Full Name: _____

Business Name (if applicable): _____

Business Physical Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Tribal Affiliation (if applicable): _____

White Earth Business License Number (Required pursuant to W.E.C.C. 1008.01 Subd.1): _____

☐ New Application

☐ Renewal

☐ Amendment

License Year: _____

PART II - Certification of Compliance

By signing this application, the applicant certifies compliance with the following:
(Pursuant to W.E.C.C. 1008.01)

Business Licensure (W.E.C.C. 1008.01 Subd.1)

A valid business license must be obtained from the White Earth Reservation Tribal Council to:

- Buy or sell wild animals
- Tan animal hides
- Dress raw furs
- Mount specimens of wild animals
- Engage in taxidermy business operations generating revenue within Reservation boundaries

Recordkeeping Requirements (W.E.C.C. 1008.01 Subd.2 & 3)

The applicant agrees to:

- Maintain complete and accurate records of all animals, fish, or other species mounted, tanned, dressed, purchased, sold, shipped, or transferred
- Submit annual reports to the White Earth Natural Resource Department by March 15 for the preceding license year.
- Preserve required records for two (2) years after license expiration
- Make records available for inspection upon request by the White Earth Reservation Division of Natural Resources or its authorized agents

Required records must include:

- Names and addresses of persons from whom wild animals were obtained and to whom transferred
- Dates of receipt, shipment, and sale
- Detailed descriptions of number and type of wild animals purchased, sold, or shipped
- Serial numbers of seals, tags, or permits required to be attached to wild animals
- Trapping license numbers for protected fur-bearing animals (or notation of exemption)

Federal Migratory Bird Permit (W.E.C.C. 1008.01 Subd.4-5)

Before mounting or performing taxidermy work on migratory birds, their parts, nests, or eggs (including eagles), the applicant must obtain the required federal taxidermy permit issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

☐ Applicant holds a valid Federal Migratory Bird Taxidermy Permit

Permit Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

☐ Applicant will obtain required federal authorization prior to performing such work.

The applicant acknowledges compliance with all applicable federal laws, including but not limited to:

- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act
- Lacey Act
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)
- General Federal Wildlife Permit Provisions

Non-tribal applicants must also comply with all applicable State regulations in addition to Tribal and Federal requirements.

PART III- Commercial Possession Compliance (Pursuant to W.E.C.C. 1008.02)

The applicant certifies the following:

1. Lawful Origin

No unlawfully taken, bought, sold, or possessed wild animal from outside the Reservation shall be brought into or possessed within the Reservation.

2. Storage of Protected Wild Animals

Protected wild animals stored for others must be plainly marked in ink with:

- Owner's name and address
- Natural Resource Harvest Permit number of the person taking the animal
- Number and species contained in the package

3. Transfer by Gift

Lawfully taken protected wild animals may be transferred by gift. A license is not required solely for possession and transport of protected wild animals acquired by gift.

4. Exceptions

This section does not apply to lawfully taken mounted specimens, antlers, tanned hides, or dressed furs.

5. Importation of Hunter-Harvested Cervidae (Deer) per season

- Applicants must record corresponding Deer Permit Areas (DPA) for each Hunter-Harvested Cervidae carcass submitted from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) or Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) management and surveillance zones, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MNDNR). DPA records must be submitted to White Earth Natural Resources by January 30 following the hunting season.

6. Importation of Hunter-Harvested Cervidae (Deer, Elk, Moose)

Importation into the Reservation of hunter-harvested Cervidae carcasses from Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) or Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) management or endemic areas, as determined by USDA APHIS, is prohibited except for:

- Cut and wrapped meat
- Quarters or portions with no spinal column or head attached
- Antlers
- Hides
- Teeth
- Finished taxidermy mounts
- Antlers attached to skull caps cleaned of all brain tissue

Carcasses from endemic areas may be transported on a direct route through the Reservation.

7. Possession of Live Cervidae

Possession of live Cervidae is prohibited except as authorized by permit of the White Earth Natural Resource Department.

PART IV – Inspection Authorization

The applicant agrees to allow inspection of business premises, records, and wildlife specimens by authorized personnel of the White Earth Reservation Department of Natural Resources to ensure compliance with the Conservation Code.

PART V - Applicant Affirmation

I certify under penalty of perjury and Tribal law that the information provided in this application is true and correct. I agree to comply with all provisions of W.E.C.C. 1008.00 of the White Earth Reservation Conservation Code and all applicable Tribal, Federal, and (if applicable) State regulations. By signing below, I further attest that I have the authority to sign this application on behalf of this proposed activity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

***** This is NOT a Permit. *****

SECTION VI – Department Review and Authorization

Wildlife Manager Review

☐ Approved

☐ Approved with Conditions (attach addendum)

☐ Denied

Special Conditions (if any): _____

Denied Comments: _____

Return application & all supporting documents
(choose one)

In person to:

**White Earth Natural Resources Permit Office
102 3rd Street NE.
Mahnomen, MN 56557**

By mail to:

**White Earth Division of Natural Resources
PO BOX 393
Mahnomen, MN 56557**

Electronically to:

Permitoffice@whiteearth-nsn.gov

Required Signatures
(*For Office Use Only)

Environmental & Permitting Manager: Chris Londo
White Earth Reservation Business Committee
Division of Natural Resources
Email: Chris.Londo@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Phone number: 218-935-3823

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wildlife Manager: Tess Lindow
White Earth Reservation Business Committee
Division of Natural Resources
Email: Tess.Lindow@whiteearth-nsn.gov
Phone Number: 218-936-9373

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Status & Date (Office Use Only)

Receipt #: