

**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Resolution No. 057-26-029

- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee is the duly elected governing body of the White Earth Reservation pursuant to Article VI, Section 1, of the revised constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, as amended, and organized under Section 16, of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee (WERBC) is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS,** the WERBC is responsible for reviewing and approving annual wildlife hunting and trapping seasons and harvest limits for the White Earth Reservation, and
- WHEREAS,** the wildlife seasons and limits are reviewed and renewed each year in June to ensure sustainable management of wildlife populations and to protect treaty-reserved hunting and gathering rights, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Natural Resources Department is submitting the proposed 2026-2027 Wildlife Hunting and Trapping Seasons and Limits, now

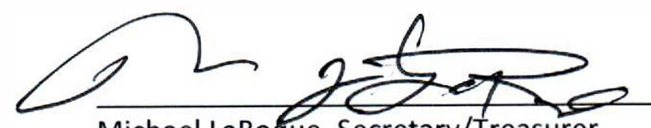
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby approves the 2026-2027 Wildlife Hunting and Trapping Seasons and Limits as submitted and that these seasons and limits shall remain in effect from August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, unless modified by emergency authority or future WERBC action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby authorizes the Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer or Executive Director to enter into negotiations and to sign the application and all necessary contracts and documents pending legal review for the above-stated purpose.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 9 for, 0 against, 2 silent, a quorum being present at a regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on June 26, 2026 in Wahnomon, Minnesota.



Michael A. Fairbanks, Chairman



Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer

**White Earth Reservation
2026/2027 Hunting/Trapping Seasons**

Big Game Hunting

Bear Baiting	August 1, 2026 - October 18, 2026
Bear Season	August 15, 2026 - November 15, 2026
	It is unlawful to harvest bear from a den
Moose, Gray Wolf, Lynx, Elk	CLOSED, NO SEASON
Deer Archery and Muzzleloader	September 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026
	October 24, 2026 - December 31, 2026
Deer Modern Firearms	
Youth Deer Firearms	October 10, 2026 - December 31, 2026

Small Game

Dove, Woodcock, Rail, Snipe, and Coots	September 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026
Ruffed Grouse, Hungarian Partridge, and Ring-necked Pheasant	September 1, 2026 - January 10, 2027
Prairie Chicken/Sharp-tailed Grouse	Experimental Season September 1, 2026 - November 30, 2026
Sandhill Crane	Experimental Season September 1, 2026 - November 1, 2026
Wild Turkey	Fall - September 5, 2026 - October 31, 2026 Spring - April 1, 2027 - May 31, 2027
Rabbit, Hare, and Squirrel	September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Raccoon and Fox	September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027
Coyote	Continuous

Waterfowl

Goose	September 1, 2026 - December 13, 2026
Ducks	September 1, 2026 - December 13, 2026
Trumpeter Swan	Experimental Season September 1, 2026 - December 13, 2026
Trumpeter Swan hunting is prohibited within the boundaries of the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge	

The taking of waterfowl is prohibited on wild rice waters identified by tribal authorities during the wild rice harvest season

Trapping

Raccoon, Badger,
Fox, and Coyote

September 1, 2026 - March 31, 2027

Mink and Muskrat

October 1, 2026 - March 15, 2027

Beaver and Otter

October 1, 2026 - May 15, 2027

Bobcat, Fisher, Pine Marten

November 1, 2026 - January 31, 2027

**White Earth Reservation
2026-2027 Hunting/Trapping Limits**

Big Game Hunting

	<u>Season Limit</u>
Bear	3
Deer	1

Small Game

	<u>Daily Limit</u>
Cottontail Rabbit	20
Snowshoe Hare	20
Jack Rabbit	20
Gray/Fox Squirrel	20 combined
Ruffed Grouse	6
Hungarian Partridge	6
Pheasant	4 cocks only

Prairie Chicken/Sharp-tailed Grouse

Experimental Season

Daily limit: 2 birds (any combination of prairie chicken/sharp-tailed grouse)

Season limit: 4 birds per tribal member (any combination of prairie chicken/sharp-tailed grouse)
quota: 20 birds (season will end once any combination of prairie chicken/sharp-tailed grouse reaches 20 birds)

It is required that all birds harvested must be registered with a White Earth Conservation Officer daily

Wild Turkey

	<u>Season Limit</u>
Wild Turkey	2 (Tom/Male)

Migratory Upland Birds

	<u>Daily Limit</u>
Rail	25
Snipe	10
Woodcock	10
Mourning Dove	25
Sandhill Crane	

Experimental

Season Daily limit 4

Waterfowl

	<u>Daily Limit</u>
Ducks	20
No more than 4 hen mallards	
No more than 4 canvasback and 4	
pintail Mergansers	10
Coots	20
Trumpeter Swan	

Experimental Season

Daily limit: 2 birds

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Goose	
Canada, White-Fronted, Brant	8
Snow. Blue Snow. Ross's	25

Trapping

	<u>Season limit</u>
Bobcat	6
Fisher/Pine Marten	4
Otter	5
Badger	No Limit
Mink	No Limit
Muskrat	No Limit
Beaver	No Limit
Raccoon	No Limit
Red fox, coyote, gray fox	No Limit