

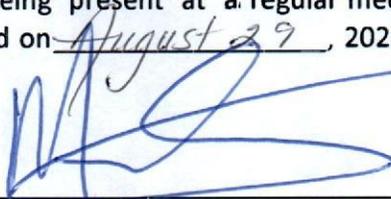
**WHITE EARTH RESERVATION BUSINESS COMMITTEE  
WHITE EARTH BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS**

Resolution No. 057-25-037

- 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 is the duly authorized governing body of the White Earth Band, and
- WHEREAS,** the White Earth Reservation Business Committee has established the Natural Resources Department, which consist of: Conservation/Enforcement, Environmental Affairs, Water Resources, Cultural Resource/Archives, Forestry, Land Office, Zoning, Fisheries, Wildlife, Wild Rice and Agriculture, and Pesticides/Emergency Management, and
- WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee to effectively, efficiently and properly manage the natural resources of the reservation and the fall netting seasons and regulations provides an enforcement tool whereby natural resources will be protected and enhanced,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the White Earth Reservation Business Committee hereby adopt the 2025 fall netting seasons, regulations, management and enforcement of all fishery resources within the reservation boundaries.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 for, 0 against, 0 silent, a quorum being present at a regular meeting of the White Earth Reservation Business Committee held on August 29, 2025 in Mahnomen Minnesota.

  
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Michael Fairbanks, Chairman

  
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Michael LaRoque, Secretary/Treasurer

# 2025 Fall Netting Season

## Gill netting period

*Gill Nets may be set beginning October 18, 2025, to December 31, 2025.*

## Lakes open to gill netting

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Bad Medicine</li><li>2. Big Bass (Mahnomen County)</li><li>3. Big Elbow</li><li>4. Green Water</li><li>5. Ice Cracking</li><li>6. Island (Mahnomen County)</li><li>7. Little Bemidji</li><li>8. Lone</li><li>9. *McCraney</li><li>10. Net</li><li>11. *North Twin</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>12. Pike</li><li>13. Roy</li><li>14. Big Rush</li><li>15. Snider</li><li>16. Strawberry</li><li>17. *South Twin</li><li>18. Tulaby</li><li>19. Additional Lakes (Many Point, Round and *White Earth) can be found under the special seasons located on page 3.</li></ol>
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\* North Twin, South Twin, McCraney and White Earth Lake will have a special regulation permit requirement due to zebra mussel and faucet snail infestations. Please see page 4.

## Gill net dimensions

1. Gill nets cannot exceed 200 feet in length.
2. Gill nets cannot exceed 6 feet in depth.
3. Mesh size cannot be less than four inch stretched, two-inch bar.

## General

1. The sale of game fish is prohibited.
2. No more than two hundred feet of gill net per tribal member fishing at any given time.
3. It is prohibited to disturb, move, obstruct or interfere with any gill net of any tribal member, unless that tribal member is present.
4. Tribal members must have in their possession a White Earth Tribal Identification Card and Harvest Permit.
5. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C. C. 800.01 Boats and Watercraft).
6. Gill nets must be checked every 48 Hours.

7. Note: Please reference special regulation lakes on page 3 for additional checking times.

#### Location

1. Gill nets must be set such that one end is in water less than ten feet deep, as measured from the lake bottom to the surface of the water or ice.
2. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within three hundred feet of a river channel, stream, inlet or outlet of a lake.
3. Gill nets shall not be set within fifty feet of a previously set net.

#### Markings

1. Gill nets must be clearly visible from the surface of the water or ice and marked with a float, buoy, pole or flag at both ends.
2. The name and enrollment number of the tribal member must appear or be attached to both ends of the gill net.

#### Limits

1. No limit on the amount of tullibee, whitefish or rough fish.
2. Incidental game fish may be kept.
  - a. **Musky caught in gill nets do not need to follow length limits and may be kept.**
  - b. **Live Lake Sturgeon must be released.**
  - c. **Lake Sturgeon that have expired can be kept.**

#### Early Elder Netting Season and Permits

1. **Early Elder Season Netting** October 4 – October 17, 2025.
2. An **elder special use permit** must be filed with the Natural Resources Department for elders 55 years of age or older for early season netting.
3. Elder's may have a helper(s) present under the age of 55 while setting and checking. However, the helper(s) may not set a net of their own until the regular netting season opens on October 18, 2025.
4. Nets need to be checked every 12 hours during the early Elder's Season.
5. The permitted parties must submit the request to Natural Resources prior to net placement.
6. The permitted parties must be enrolled members of White Earth and provide enrollment information at the time of application.
7. Information regarding dates and lakes to be netted will be filled out at the time of application.
8. The permitted Elder(s) and helper(s) must be present in the boat while setting and checking and each elder may not have more than 200 feet of net fishing at any given time.
9. The remaining netting regulations for the 2025 netting season apply.
10. **Early Season Elder Use Permits** can be acquired by contacting [will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov) or at the Mahnomen Natural Resources Office.
11. Elder Season Permits are non-transferable.
12. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 800.01 Boat and Watercraft).
13. Lakes with AIS classification(s) will have to follow special regulation seasons.

## **Lakes open to gill netting under Special Seasons**

**1. Many Point**

**2. Round**

**3. White Earth**

(Note: White Earth Lake carries an AIS Designation, See Page 4).

### **Special Season Gill Netting Period**

*Gill Nets may be set beginning November 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.*

### **Special Seasons netting restrictions for Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.**

1. Gill Nets must be checked at least once every 24 hours on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lake.
2. Gill Nets must be set such that both ends are in water less than ten feet deep as measured from the lake bottom to the surface of the water or ice. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within three hundred feet of a river channel, stream, inlet or outlet of a lake. Gill nets shall not be set within fifty feet of a previously set net.
3. Gill net dimensions, Markings and Limits are the same as listed above,
4. General rules are the same as the regular season with the exception that nets must be checked every 24 hours.
5. Live sturgeon must be returned to the water immediately after removal from nets.
6. Lake Sturgeon that have expired can be kept.

#### **Note:**

Efforts to restore Lake Sturgeon in White Earth Lake and Round Lake have included dam alterations to allow fish passage and the stocking of fingerlings.

Please contact The Natural Resources Department and report any Sturgeon mortality.

**South Twin, North Twin, McCranney and White Earth Lake**

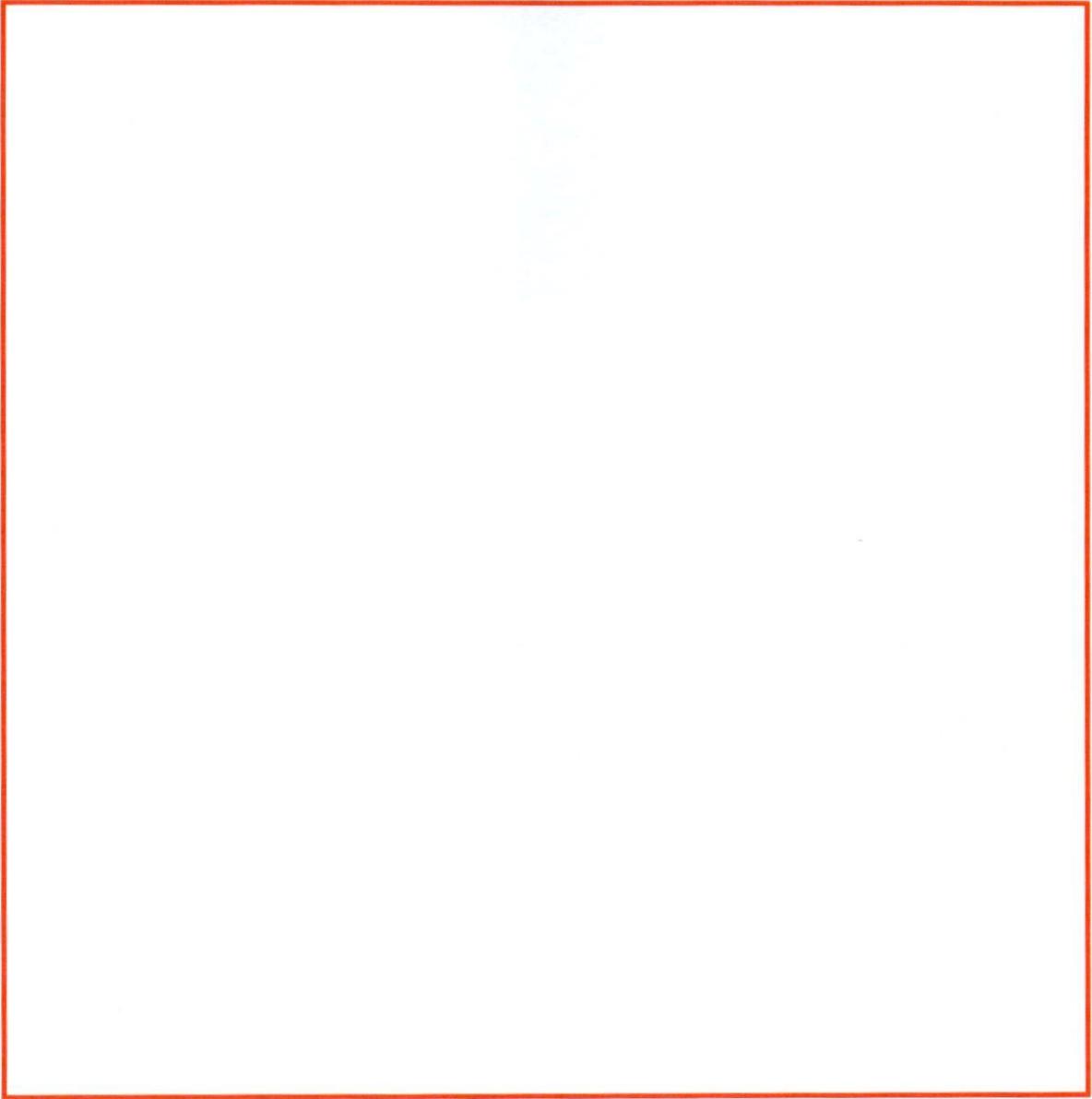
**Special Regulation Gill Net Use and Permitting**

**within AIS Waters**

Gill Nets may be set beginning November 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 on North Twin, South Twin, White Earth and McCranney Lake.

**Special Regulation netting restrictions**

1. A **Special Regulation Permit** must be filed with the Natural Resources department prior to setting net in North Twin, South Twin, White Earth and McCranney.
2. Nets used in North Twin, South Twin and White Earth may be reset within North Twin, South Twin, and White Earth lake only. They may not be placed into another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days. Net placement is nontransferable. Nets used in one AIS designated lake may not be moved to another AIS designated lake without required drying and cleaning.
3. Nets used in McCranney may be reset within McCranney only. They may not be placed into another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days.
4. Watercraft launched and used for day use on North Twin, South Twin and McCranney may not be used on another waterbody until they have been removed from the water and dried for a minimum of 5 days.
5. Watercraft which have been kept on a dock or lift on North Twin, South Twin, White Earth or McCranney may not be used outside of these lakes until they have been cleaned and dried a minimum of 21 days.
6. All applicable clean, drain, and dry AIS preventions must be in place.
7. All other general netting regulations apply.
8. **Special Regulation Permits** can be acquired by contacting [will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov](mailto:will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov) or at the Mahnomen Natural Resources Office.
9. Special Regulation permits are non-transferable.





# WHITE EARTH RESERVATION

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## 2025 Special Use Elder Netting Permit

The White Earth RBC has approved Early Season Elder netting from October 4 – October 17, 2025. This early season is open to tribal elders 55 years of age or older. This permit is issued to:

**Permit:**

**Tribal ID/Enrollment Number:**

**Netting Partner/Assistant:**

**Tribal ID/Enrollment Number:**

**Lake to be set:**

**This special use permit is valid from: October 4 – October 17, 2025.**

The Permit Holder shall assure the harvest is in accordance with the current White Earth Conservation Code, approved 2025 netting season and the Early Season Elder Use permit guidelines. **Reminder:** Each tribal member 55 years and older on this permit is allowed no more than 200 feet of gill net at any given time. Tribal members 54 years old and younger may assist the permit holder setting and checking nets but may not set a net of their own until the regular netting season opens October 18, 2025. Nets must also be checked every 12 hours due to high water temperatures.

North Twin, South Twin and White Earth will not be open to the early elder season due to zebra mussel infestations. Please see the special regulations page in the 2025 netting seasons for further information.

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