

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS
OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
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LTBB ELK PERMIT POLICY

In accordance with the 2007 Inland Consent Decree the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will issue a limited number of Elk harvest permits to LTBB members on an annual basis.

1. Eligibility.
 - a) Must be a Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Member.
 - b) Must have valid LTBB Inland Hunting and Fishing License.
 - c) Must completely fill out a LTBB Elk Permit application and submit no later than the end of the Application period.
 - d) Must not be currently incarcerated.
 - e) Successful Elk Permits Drawers to wait five (5) years before they can re-apply. Tribal members who are drawn and offered an opportunity but decline to accept a permit will loose all accumulated "chances," see section 4. below.

2. Permit Applications.
 - a) Application Period: Jan. 1-June 1st.
 - b) Tribal members must indicate the type of permit they are seeking, *Either Sex or Anterless*.
 - c) Tribal members must indicate the hunt period they would like to hunt. There may be up to three different hunt periods with varying restrictions or conditions.
 - d) Tribal members must indicate the top three management units they are interested in hunting.
 - e) All applications must be sent to the LTBB Natural Resource Department and either received or postmarked by June 1st.
 - f) Tribal members may only apply once per hunting year.
 - g) Each applicant shall be required to submit a \$5.00 non-refundable fee with their application. Elders shall have the fee waived.

3. Permits.

- a) LTBB will issue a predetermined number of either sex and antlerless permits specific to geographic areas for each of the hunt periods (ex. early fall-Sept, fall-October, winter-Dec. or late winter-Jan.) authorized for that year.
- b) Permit selection order will be determined via live lottery conducted at the 1st regularly scheduled LTBB Natural Resource Commission in July (second Wednesday of the month). Successful applicants will be contacted the next business day. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their contact information is up to date. The NRD will make best efforts to contact all successful applicants. If the NRD is unable to reach the applicant, the NRD will move on the next person on the list and the skipped over applicant will lose all accumulated “chances” for the weighted lottery system.
- c) Successful applicants will be required to select the type of permit/tag (either sex/cow), hunt period and the geographic location in accordance with the selection order determined in 3.b and subject to the limited number of permits/tags available. Successful applicants will have a maximum of three (3) business days to make this determination.
- d) Successful applicants will be required to attend a half-day training session before their scheduled hunt. The location and dates of the sessions will be provided to successful applicants. The training session will cover hunter safety, elk behavior, marksmanship, carcass handling, hunting rules and regulations, hunting tips and recommended hunt locations.
- e) Successful applicants will be required to have their inland hunting and fishing license and their tribally issued permit/harvest tag in their possession while hunting.
- f) An equal number of “Elk Permittee Alternates” corresponding to the number of permits allocated for the year will be selected. Should a selected applicant be unwilling to accept a permit/tag the next person on the list will be advanced and provided the opportunity.
- g) Successful applicants will be assigned a permit specific to a hunt period and particular management unit. Assigned hunt period and management unit can not be changed.
- h) Permittees unsuccessful in harvesting an elk in their hunt period will be allowed to use their permit in the extended Tribal hunt period, which begins immediately after the last state hunt period closes and runs for 15 consecutive days provided they made best efforts to harvest an elk during their original hunt period.
- i) Elders unsuccessful in harvesting an elk during their assigned hunt period may have their permit extended to include the next hunt period provided they made best efforts to harvest an elk in that hunt period.
- j) Tribal members shall not be eligible for more than one LTBB elk every five years. Tribal members will only be issued 1 permit if your name is drawn more than once in a year.

4. January Hunt Period. In the event that a January hunt is authorized the NRC will select a NRC member or NRD tribal employee to harvest the elk for Tribal consumption. The harvested elk will be processed and made available to tribal members for consumption.
5. Weighted Lottery System.
 - a) LTBB elk hunting permits will be selected using a weighted lottery system. In this system, hunters will receive one additional “chance” each year they apply for an elk license and are **unsuccessful** in the drawing, starting with 2007 applications. For example, a person who applies for the 2009 drawing and who also applied in 2007 and 2008 will have 3 chances to be drawn in 2009 (one chance for the current application, plus two chances from previous unsuccessful applications).
 - b) The chance standing of any applicant who is successful in the elk drawing will return to zero chances after the drawing.
 - c) Tribal members who are drawn and offered an opportunity consistent with their choice (bull/cow) as indicated on their application but decline to accept a permit will lose all accumulated chances. Their chance standing will return to zero. This provision shall not apply to tribal members selected as alternates.
 - d) Hunters who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated chances.
 - e) Hunters have the option to purchase a “Chance Only” when applying. “Chance Only” applications are excluded from the license drawing for the current year but will be counted as an additional chance for future years. Only one chance may be awarded per year.