

August 6, 2026 – PUBLIC NOTICE of proposed Chapter 3.02 of the Bad River Hunting of Deer Ordinance, to 3.02 Hunting of Big Game

Notice is hereby given of the proposed Chapter 3.02 of the Bad River Hunting of Deer Ordinance to Hunting of Big Game.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Chapter 3.02 are available for review from the Executive Secretary at 72682 Maple St, Odanah, WI.

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Closing Date: September 6, 2026

Public Hearing will be scheduled for August 31, 2026, at 5:00 PM at the Bad River Casino.

Chapter 3.02 Hunting of Big Game

3.02.010 Findings

The Tribal Council finds that the lands now comprising the Bad River Reservation were traditional hunting grounds for the ancestors of the Tribe; that these lands were selected as a Reservation because of their wealth of fish, game, and wild rice; that deer, and bear have been a nutritional staple for members of the Tribe for generations beyond memory; that deer continue to provide a substantial portion of the protein and other nutritional needs of the Tribe's members; that high unemployment and cash-poor local economy indicate that deer will remain critical as a food source for the Tribe's members; that pressure on the deer population by non-member sport hunting reduces the availability of deer as a food source for members; that non-members flaunting of tribal conservation laws has contributed to a decline in the reservation deer population; and that effective regulation of both member and non-member hunting of big game is essential for the preservation of the species in numbers sufficient to supply the economic and nutritional needs of the Tribe's members.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

53.02.010 was formerly codified as 301.1

3.02.020 Definitions

- (a) "Conservation Department" means the Conservation Department of the Tribe.
- (b) "Member" means any person who is enrolled or is eligible for enrollment in the Tribe, or who is recognized as a member of the Tribe by the Tribal Council.
- (c) "Non-members" means any person who does not come within the definition of member.
- (d) "Reservation" means the Bad River Reservation.
- (e) "Tribal Council" means the Tribal Council of the Tribe.

(f) "Tribe" means the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of the Bad River Reservation.

(g) **Big Game: deer, bear**

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

53.02.020 was formerly codified as 301.2

3.02.030 Hunting Prescribed

(a) No person shall hunt or take any **big game** within the reservation except during the open season.

(b) No person shall hunt or take any **big game** within the reservation in excess of the limit allowed.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

53.02.030 was formerly codified as 301.3

3.02.040 Season, Limits

Open seasons and limits are established as follows:

Open Season Limit

(a) Member July 1 - January 31 None

(b) Non-member none N/A

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

§3.02.040 was formerly codified as 301.4

Codifications

3.02.050 Reporting a Kill

(a) No member who takes a **big game** shall fail to comply with reporting of kill regulations as established by the Conservation Department.

(b) No non-member who takes a **big game** shall fail to report the kill to the Conservation Department within 72 hours of the kill.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

53.02.050 was formerly codified as 301.5

3.02.060 Equipment and Methods

(a) No person shall, while hunting **big game**:

(1) Hunt with any means other than the use of a gun discharged from the shoulder or a bow and arrow.

(2) Have in possession while hunting any poisoned, drugged, or explosive tipped arrow.

(3) Have in possession while hunting any incendiary type ammunition, except hunter distress flares.

(4) Be in possession of handguns (any gun having a barrel less than 12 inches in length) if under the age of 18 years unless supervised by an adult 18 years of age or older.

(5) Hunt with the aid of a dog.

(6) Use arrows that are not well sharpened broad head blades. Broad head blades may not be less than seven-eighths of an inch or more than one-half inches in width.

(b) No person shall, while hunting **big game**:

(1) Discharge a firearm on lands of another within 500 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy without permission of the owner or occupant.

(2) Appropriate, molest, or disturb any **big game** or the carcass or part thereof which has been lawfully reduced to possession by another without having that person's consent.

(3) Hunt with the use of an airplane, including the use of an airplane to spot, rally or drive **big game** for hunters on the ground.

(4) Put out bait containing poison where it might cause the destruction of wild animals or birds or possess poison while hunting or trapping.

(5) Place, operate, or attend, spread, or set any net, pitfall, spring gun, pivot gun, or any other contrivance for the purpose of catching or which catch or take **big game**.

(6) Take or attempt to take any **big game** with the aid of any explosives.

(7) Train dogs by pursuing **big game**.

(8) Fail to make every reasonable effort to retrieve all **big game** crippled or killed.

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Prior Codifications

53.02.060 was formerly codified as 301.6

3.02.070 Licensing

No person shall hunt or take **big game** who does not have in his or her possession a valid license issued to him or her by the Conservation Department, or who does not have or is not eligible to receive a membership or enrollment card of the Tribe.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

§3.02.070 was formerly codified as 301.7

3.02.080 Forfeitures

(a) The following civil remedial forfeitures may be assessed against any person for a breach of the provisions of this chapter.

(1) For breach of any provision of Section 3.02.030, a forfeiture not greater than \$100.00.

(2) For breach of Section 3.02.050, a forfeiture not greater than \$100.00.

(3) For breach of any provision of Section 3.02.060, a forfeiture not greater than \$100.00.

(4) For breach of Section 3.02.070, a forfeiture not greater than \$100.00.

(b) The following civil remedial forfeitures may be assessed against any person for a breach of the provisions of the chapter, and against whom a breach of the same provision is found to have occurred at least once before:

(1) For breach of any breach any provision of Section 3.02.030, a forfeiture not greater than \$500.00.

(2) For breach of any provision of Section 3.02.050, a forfeiture not greater than \$500.00.

(3) For breach of any provision of Section 3.02.060, a forfeiture not greater than \$500.00.

(4) For breach of Section 3.02.070, a forfeiture not greater than \$500.00.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

§3.02.080 was formerly codified as 301.8

3.02.090 Seizure and Forfeiture

(a) Any **big game** taken in violation of this chapter may be seized by the Conservation Department and may be ordered forfeited.

(b) Any equipment used in the violation of this chapter may be seized by the Conservation Department and ordered forfeited.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

§3.02.090 was formerly codified as 301.9

3.02.100 - Severability

Should any section of this chapter be held to exceed the regulatory authority of the Tribe the remainder hereof shall not be affected thereby.

(9-2-81-12.)

Prior Codifications

93.02.100 was formerly codified as 301.10