

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS  
OF ODAWA INDIANS  
NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT  
POLICY & PROCEDURE**

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**LTBB BEAR PERMIT POLICY**

In accordance with the Inland Consent Decree the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians will issue a limited number of Bear 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 Bear Permit application and submit no later than the end of the Application period.
  
2. Permit Applications.
  - a) Application Period: July 1-August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b) Tribal members must indicate and prioritize the management units they are interested in hunting.
  - c) All applications must be sent to the LTBB Natural Resource Department and either received or postmarked by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - d) Tribal members may only apply once per hunting year.
  - e) 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) Permits requests will be issued according to the LTBB's available quota for the corresponding management unit. In the management units where the permits requests outnumber the available quota a live lottery will be conducted at the 1<sup>st</sup> regularly scheduled LTBB Natural Resource Commission meeting in August (second Wednesday of the month) to determine successful applicants.
  - b) Excess bear permits/tags available after the application deadline will be issued on first come first serve basis.
  - c) 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.

- d) Successful applicants will be assigned a permit specific to a particular management unit. Assigned management units can not be changed.
- e) Tribal members unsuccessful in harvesting a bear will not be allowed to change management units or to carry the permit over to the next hunting period or hunting year.
- f) Tribal members shall only be eligible to harvest one bear each year.