

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

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LTBB ELK PERMIT POLICY

In accordance with the 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 reapply.

2. Permit Applications.
 - a) Application Period: May 1-June 1st.
 - b) Tribal members must indicate the type of permit they are seeking, *Bull Only* or *Anterless/Bull*.
 - 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) Permits will be issued via live lottery conducted at the 1st regularly scheduled LTBB Natural Resource Commission in July (second Wednesday of the month).

- b) 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.
 - 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) An equal number of “back-up” applicants corresponding to the number permits allocated for the year will be selected.
 - e) Successful applicants will be assigned a permit specific to a hunt period of and particular management unit. Assigned hunt period and management unit can not be changed.
 - f) Permittees unsuccessful in harvesting an elk will not be allowed to carry the permit over to the next hunting period or hunting year.
 - g) 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. 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) Hunters who fail to apply or are ineligible to apply for an elk license for three consecutive years will lose their accumulated chances.
 - d) 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.