# Stockbridge-Munsee Community

BAND OF THE MOHICAN INDIANS

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICES

#### RESOLUTION

September 16 th, 1997

No. 0248-97

- WHEREAS, The Stockbridge-Munsee Community, Band of Mohican Indians, is a federally recognized Indian tribe governed by the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council pursuant to authority vested in the Council by a Constitution approved in November 1937; and
- WHEREAS, The Stockbridge Munsee Community has the authority under its constitution and its inherent rights as a sovereign nation to pass ordinances to regulate hunting and fishing on the Reservation; and
- WHEREAS, In January of this year the Tribe held its annual conservation meeting and at that time agreed to appoint a committee to recommend changes to the current conservation ordinance; and
- WHEREAS, Said committee met several times and discussed several proposed changes to the conservation ordinance; and
- WHEREAS, Said changes were posted for two weeks and discussed and approved by the Council at the June 17, 1997.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby amends and revises to the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Conservation Ordinance as follows:

In Chapter 21 under License Procedure add the following:

Minor-aged direct descendants may receive a license to hunt during the tribal season provided:

- 1. each minor-aged descendant pays a \$15 fee.
- 2. if under 16, the minor must have completed a Hunter's Safety course.
- 3. when hunting, the minor must be accompanied by an adult tribal member.

4. the minor may only take one deer per season.

## Under Big Game Rules and Regulations change A. to:

A. Deer season runs from August 1 to December 31. Only bucks may be taken until October 1.

#### Add the following section:

#### **Turkey Rules and Regulations**

- 1. One bird is allowed to be harvested per person per calendar year.
- 2. Only toms may be taken between April 1 to October 1.
- 3. Hens and toms may be taken October 1 to December 31.
- 4. The season is closed between January 1 and March 31.
- 5. All harvested turkeys must be registered with the Tribal Game Warden.

## Under Fishing Regulations, the first paragraph shall read:

There shall be no limitation on the taking of rough fish for personal use. The following regulations are imposed on the taking of: Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Crappie, Northern Pike, Rainbow Trout, Rock Bass, Small Mouth Bass, Splake, Sturgeon, Sunfish, Walleye and Steelhead. There will be a limit of five (5) trout per person per day, and a limit for trout possession of fifty (50). There is a limit of three (3) bass per day.

# In Chapter 20, Section 20.10 CLOSED AREAS shall read as follows:

- A. The area of the West Branch of the Red River commonly known as the Spring Hole shall be closed each year from October 1 to May 1 inclusive.
  - B. All waters are closed to fishing from October 1 through November 30.
- C. The road south of Richard's Bridge shall be closed and the area maintained as a nature preserve.
- D. Four-wheel drive vehicles are prohibited on the logging roads during the spring break up.

Add the following paragraph to Chapter 21:

# Mandatory Registration / Wildlife count

A. Any big game (bear, deer or turkey) taken on the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation by a tribally licensed hunter must be registered with the Tribal Game Warden and his/her designee. Any person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class C Infraction.

- B. Before each big game season, the Game Warden or his/her designee will establish location checks where hunters will be able to register and tag big game.
- C. From time to time, but at least every other year, the Game Warden or his/her designee will perform a count of the wildlife on the Reservation, particularly the bear, deer and turkey, but also other species as needed.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Council is composed of 7 members, of whom 6, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly called, noticed, and held on the 1/6 day of statement, 1997, that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

Virgil Murphy, President

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council

Carol Goss, Tribal Secretary

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