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8.1 **SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS**

- 8.1.1 SMALL GAME: Rabbit, squirrel, ruffed grouse, sharp tail grouse, spruce grouse, pheasant and birds regulated by federal law as Migratory Water Fowl in Title 50, CFR 10.
- 8.1.2 BIG GAME: Deer, Bear.
- 8.1.3 FUR BEARING ANIMALS: Beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, skunk, raccoon, fox, weasel, opossum, coyote, squirrel, bobcat, fisher, and lynx.
- 8.1.4 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS: Ducks, geese, brant, rails, coots, woodcock, and Wilson’s snipe (jacksnipe).
- 8.1.5 ANTLERED DEER: Any deer with one antler three inches or greater.
- 8.1.6 ANTLERLESS DEER: Any deer that is not antlered deer within the meaning of sec. 8.1.5.

8.2 **SECTION 2: LICENSE AND PERMITS**

- 8.2.1 No member shall hunt on the Reservation until s/he has attained the age of 14 years unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 8.2.2 Members of the Red Cliff Tribe do not need hunting licenses but must possess a Tribal I.D. card and abide by all laws and hunting regulations of the Red Cliff Band.
- 8.2.3 Non-Members are required to obtain from the Tribal Conservation Department, and have in their possession while hunting, a Red Cliff Tribal Hunting License, which license is subject to the limitations and regulations of this Chapter 8. The fee for a small game license shall be \$15.00, the fee for a big game license shall be \$30.00.
- 8.2.4 Persons interested in obtaining permits for controlling animals causing damage, scientific collection, disabled person hunting, wildlife exhibit, game farms, fur animal farms or deer farms must inquire with the Red Cliff Conservation Department.

8.3 **SECTION 3: ARMS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTIONS**

- 8.3.1 FIREARMS RESTRICTIONS: No person shall hunt big game:

- a) with a .22 rimfire rifle, .5mm rimfire rifle, or .17 caliber centerfire rifle;
- b) with a 410 bore shotgun;
- c) with any handgun except a hand gun which is loaded with .357, .41, or .44 magnum caliber handgun chambered or commercially manufactured cartridges which produce a minimum muzzle energy of 1000 ft-lbs, and which has a minimum barrel length of 5.5 inches measured from the muzzle or the firing pin with the action closed;
- d) with any shell, cartridge or ammunition known as tractor shell, or with incendiary shell or cartridges;
- e) with shot shells containing shot of a size less than 12 gauge "00" buckshot.

8.3.2 No one shall be in possession of handguns (any gun having 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.

8.3.3 No one shall hunt deer with the aid of a dog, or train dogs by pursuing deer. Bear can be hunted with the aid of dogs only by special permit from the Tribal Council.

8.3.4 No one shall carry or place, in or on a vehicle, moving or standing, any firearm, unless such firearm is unloaded and encased.

8.3.5 Broadhead blades may not be less than seven-eighths of an inch or more than one and one half inch in width.

8.3.6 BOW/CROSSBOW RESTRICTIONS: No person shall hunt big game:

- a) with a bow having a pull of less than 30 lbs or using an arrow that does not have a broadhead; or
- b) with a crossbow unless the crossbow:
 - 1) is fired from the shoulder;
 - 2) has a minimum draw weight of 100 pounds;
 - 3) has a stock of not less than 30 continuing inches in length;
 - 4) has a working safety; and
 - 5) is used with arrows or bolts of not less than 14 inches with a broadhead.

8.3.7 AMMUNITION RESTRICTION FOR MIGRATORY GAME

BIRDS: No person shall hunt migratory game birds using ammunition containing lead.

8.4 **SECTION 4: HUNTING METHOD RESTRICTIONS**

It is unlawful to:

- 8.4.1 Discharge a weapon on lands of another within 100 yards of a building devoted to human occupancy without permission of the owner or occupant.
- 8.4.2 Appropriate, molest, or disturb any wild animal or the carcass or part thereof which has been lawfully reduced to possession by another without having that person's consent.
- 8.4.3 Put out bait containing poison where it might cause the destruction of wild animals or birds or possess poison while hunting or trapping.
- 8.4.4 Possess any carcass of a deer or bear taken by means other than with a gun or a bow and arrow unless permission is obtained from the Conservation Department.
- 8.4.5 Any illegally taken or possessed game bird, or animal or carcass or part thereof may be confiscated by the Red Cliff Conservation Department and used for the Elderly or other Tribal purposes.
- 8.4.6 Use artificial light to assist in hunting (shining) within one quarter (1/4) mile of the center line of State Highway 13 within the reservation boundaries.
- 8.4.7 No person may hunt or discharge a weapon within 100 yards of the following areas within the Red Cliff Reservation unless specifically authorized by the Red Cliff Tribal Council or their designee:
 - a) any school building, and
 - b) any recycling center or waste recovery location, and
 - c) any ballpark or playground.
- 8.4.8 No person may hunt or shoot a bear in a den.
- 8.4.9 No person may hunt or shoot a bear that is with a cub(s).

8.5 **SECTION 5: REGISTRATION AND TAGGING**

- 8.5.1 REGISTRATION:
- a) All bobcat, deer and bear harvested under this code shall be registered no later than 4:00 p.m. of the third working day after it was harvested.
 - b) All bobcat, deer, and bear are to be registered with the Red Cliff Conservation Department.

- 8.5.2 TAGGING:
- a) No person may hunt big game or bobcat without possessing a valid transportation tag. Tags are available at the Red Cliff Conservation Department, free of charge.
 - b) No member shall move the carcass of deer, bear, or bobcat before affixing to it a valid transportation tag.

8.5.3 No person may provide information to a registration official which the person knows, or has reason to know, is false or misleading.

8.6 SECTION 6: PROTECTED SPECIES

The following animals and birds are protected at all times and may not be hunted.

- 8.6.1 Marten, wolverine, badger, flying squirrel, Canada lynx, white deer, and timber wolf.
- 8.6.2 Prairie Chicken, Canada spruce grouse (spruce hen), swan, crane, kingfisher, cormorant, great blue heron, bitterns, plovers, sandpipers, loons, all species of grebes (helldivers), and all endangered species listed in the current edition of Rare and Endangered Fish and Wildlife of the United States.
- 8.6.3 All eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls.
- 8.6.4 All other wild birds including song birds not specified herein.

8.7 SECTION 7: ANIMALS AND BIRDS CAUSING DAMAGE

Crows, grackles, red-winged blackbirds, and cowbirds may be taken at any time without permit when causing damage or about to cause damage to trees, crops, livestock, or wildlife or when concentrated in large numbers that may constitute a nuisance.

8.8 SECTION 8: NUISANCE ANIMALS

Coyotes, opossum, all skunks, weasels, starling, English sparrow, chukar partridge, and cotunix quail may be destroyed when causing a nuisance.

8.9 SECTION 9: HUNTING SEASON

8.9.1 **BIG GAME HUNTING SEASON:**

8.9.1.1 Antlered Deer only may be harvested from July 1 to December 31.

8.9.1.2 Antlerless Deer may be harvested from September 1 to December 31.

8.9.1.3 Bear may be harvested from September 1 to November 30. The season limit is one bear per hunter.

8.9.2 **DEER QUOTA.** The number of deer that shall be available for harvest on the Red Cliff Reservation each season shall be limited to the number established by the Red Cliff Conservation Commission in advance. The decision shall be made annually after reviewing previous year harvest and population assessment data. The Red Cliff Conservation Commission shall have the authority to close the on-reservation deer season once the established quota has been reached.

8.9.3 Upon request made to the Red Cliff Conservation Commission or Red Cliff Conservation Department to take deer or bear in excess of the above season limits, the Commission or Department may grant a special permit to kill deer or bear in excess of the season limit of one deer or one bear per hunter.

8.9.4 **SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASON:** No person may hunt any animal or bird not listed in this chapter or in violation of the following bag limits, or season.

Species	Bag <i>Limit</i>	Season
Ruffed Grouse	10	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Sharptailed Grouse	10	Sept. 1 – Dec. 31
Squirrel	10	Sept. 1 – Dec 31
Raccoon	None	Open All Year
Rabbit and Hare	None	Open All Year
Bob White Quail	10	Open All Year
Pheasant	10	Sept. 1 – Dec 31
Turkey	1	To Be Determined by the Red Cliff Conservation Commission
Morning Dove	None	Open All Year

Bob Cat	1 per season	Open All Year
Fox	1	Open All Year

8.10 SECTION 10: PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT

In carrying on hunting or trapping activities, no one else shall cause damage to the natural habitat, other than is normally incidental to the reasonable and careful exercise of the activity.

8.11 SECTION 11: ENDANGERING HUMAN LIFE

In carrying on hunting or trapping activities, every individual shall take extreme care to avoid endangering human life or causing physical injury to other persons.

8.12 SECTION 12: ENFORCEMENT

8.12.1 Any person convicted of violating any portion of this Chapter 8 – Hunting Regulations shall be subject to a maximum civil forfeiture of not more than \$5,000. Unless otherwise specified, the Issuing Officer may designate a deposit up to \$250.

8.12.2 In addition to any monetary penalty the Court may impose such other penalty they deem just and proper including, but not limited to, community service, restitution, and suspension of the person’s privilege to hunt, fish, and gather within the boundaries of the Red Cliff Reservation or suspend or otherwise limit the persons off-reservation hunting, fishing or gathering privileges.