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9.1 SECTION 1: LICENSE, PERMIT AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1.1 Enrolled members of the Red Cliff Tribe, their immediate families and members of other tribes who share reciprocity with Red Cliff are the only persons permitted to trap within the interior boundaries of the Reservation.
- 9.1.2 No member shall trap on the Reservation until s/he has attained the age of 12 years unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- 9.1.3 Each member who traps must while trapping carry on his or her person a Tribal I.D. card and a valid trapping license, and must abide by all laws and trapping regulations of the Red Cliff Tribe.
- 9.1.4 A trapping license shall be valid for the duration of one trapping season only, from the period October 15 through March 31. Each applicant in person shall submit an application for a license each year to the Red Cliff Fisheries Department.
- 9.1.5 (a) Each licensed trapper shall submit a written report to the Red Cliff Fisheries Department on forms supplied by the Department within 15 days of the last day of each calendar month.
- (b) Each trapper shall submit the report required in paragraph (a) whether or not any trapping was done, or any animal was taken or killed, and shall indicate the fact if no trapping was done or no animal was taken or killed.

9.2 SECTION 2: SPECIAL OTTER, BOBCAT, AND FISHER TAGGING REGULATIONS

- 9.2.1 No one may have an otter, fisher, or bobcat pelt in possession or under control unless the person trapping such animal attaches and locks a valid tag issued by the Fisheries Department for each species in possession or under control.
- 9.2.2 Each person shall immediately upon possessing an otter, fisher or bobcat affix a valid tag issued by the

Fisheries Department through the opening of the mouth to the opening of the eye, immediately beneath the skin.

- 9.2.3 Such tags shall remain attached to the pelt until removed by a fur dresser or taxidermist at the time of preparation.

9.3 **SECTION 3: REGISTRATION**

- 9.3.1 Any person who has trapped an otter, fisher or bobcat shall register each animal at the Red Cliff Fisheries Office within 3 calendar days of taking.

- 9.3.2 No person shall sell, convey, or transport any otter or bobcat unless the animal is tagged with a U.S. CITES tag.

- 9.3.3 It shall be unlawful for any person to possess raw pelts of fisher, otter or bobcat effective on the fifth day after the close of the season established by sec. 9.10.1 and 9.10.2 unless such pelt bears a registration tag issued by the Red Cliff Fisheries Department.

- 9.3.4 No person shall transport take or carry a beaver, fisher, otter, or bobcat, or pelt of any such animal, off reservation unless the pelt or animal is tagged with a Red Cliff pelt tag.

9.4 **SECTION 4: TRAPPING METHODS**

It is unlawful to:

- 9.4.1 Keep live furbearing animals alive after they have been taken. Such animals taken during the open season for such species shall be killed immediately and made part of the daily bag.

- 9.4.2 Place a trap, bait or scent for furbearing animals during the closed season.

- 9.4.3 Set any trap unless such trap has a metal tag attached, stamped with the name and address of the owner.

- 9.4.4 Take or attempt to take beaver, otter, mink, muskrat or bobcat by any means other than trapping.

- 9.4.5 Molest or appropriate the traps or trapped animals of someone else.

- 9.4.6 Operate more than 75 traps for furbearing animals.
- 9.4.7 Disturb or molest any mink den, muskrat house, and muskrat feeding house, beaver house or beaver dam.
- 9.4.8 Place on the ice, any artificial house or den, for the purpose of catching any furbearing animals.
- 9.4.9 Use or possess bait-containing poison of any description a field.
- 9.4.10 Trap with bait exposed to view.

9.5 **SECTION 5: TRAP SIZE AND PLACEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

9.5.1 DEFINITIONS:

- (a) WET SET, a trap placed, set and anchored (or staked) in such manner that the trapped animal is able to reach water.
- (b) DRY SET, a trap placed, set or anchored (or staked) in such a manner as to be completely on dry land with no possibility of the trapped animal reaching water.

9.5.2 It is unlawful to:

Except when the muskrat and mink season is open, place or operate any water set smaller than 5 1/2" jaw spread for steel jaw traps and 8" x 8" of killer traps of the conibear type during the beaver and otter season.

- 9.5.3 Set, place or operate any steel-jawed trap with a spread width of more than 8 inches.
- 9.5.4 Operate trap sets, which permit the trapped animal to reach water, except during the muskrat, beaver and otter trapping seasons.
- 9.5.5 Set any trap on any perch more than 3 feet above the ground.
- 9.5.6 Set, place, or operate, except as a water set, any killer trap of the conibear type that is larger than 7" x 7" or any steel-jawed trap with teeth.

9.5.7 Set any trap closer than 50 feet of any beaver house or dam. However, during the open season for beaver, traps may be set within 15 feet of a beaver house or dam.

9.5.8 Fail to check all dry land sets and remove animals therein at least once each day.

9.6 **SECTION 6: POSSESSION RESTRICTION**

It is unlawful to:

9.6.1 Possess the green skin of any furbearing animal effective on the 30th day after the season for that animal is closed, except that the more restrictive provisions of sec. 9.3.3 shall apply to persons in possession of fisher, otter and bobcat.

9.6.2 Possess the pelt of any otter or fisher at any time unless the special tag prescribed by sec. 9.2 above is attached and locked to the pelt.

9.6.3 Possess the skin of any mink, muskrat, beaver, fisher, otter or bobcat showing the same has been shot or spread.

9.7 **SECTION 7: ANIMALS PROTECTED AT ALL TIMES**

9.7.1 Moose, elk, marten, wolverine, badger, flying squirrel, timber wolf, Canada lynx, white deer, cougar and any endangered species; these animals may not be trapped or hunted at any time.

9.7.2 Any person who violates this section shall forfeit not more than \$5000.00 (\$50.00 deposit permitted).

9.8 **SECTION 8: UNPROTECTED ANIMALS**

9.8.1 Coyotes, opossum, skunks, weasels, and all other wild mammals not specifically mentioned in the hunting and trapping regulations.

9.9 **SECTION 9: OTHER RESTRICTIONS**

9.9.1 Trapping Navigable Waterways: Trapping or hunting anywhere within the Red Cliff Reservation, even on

navigable waterways, constitutes a trespass and, therefore, requires permission from the owner.

9.9.2 All trappers and hunters must obtain permission before trapping or hunting on private land.

9.9.3 Animals causing damage: During the closed season, a Red Cliff permit is required to remove nuisance animals. Contact Law Enforcement office for details.

9.10 **SECTION 10: TRAPPING SEASONS AND LIMITS**

| 9.10.1 | <u>Species</u> | <u>Season Dates</u> | <u>Reservation Quota or Season Limit</u> |
|--------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| | Beaver | Oct. 15 - Apr. 30 | No limit |
| | Bobcat | Oct. 15 - Dec. 31 | Reservation Quota: 1 bobcat per year. |
| | Fisher | Oct. 15 - Mar. 31 | Reservation Quota: 20 per year. |
| | Fox | Oct. 15 - Feb. 28 | No limit. |
| | Mink | Oct. 15 - Feb. 28 | No limit. |
| | Muskrat | Oct. 15 - Apr. 30 | No limit. |
| | Otter | Dec. 1 - Apr. 30 | 1 per trapper per year. |
| | Raccoon | Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 | No limit. |

9.10.2 It shall be unlawful to shoot or hunt muskrat, mink, bobcat, beaver or otter.

9.11 **SECTION 11: ACCIDENTAL TRAPPING**

9.11.1 Any person who captures a non-target or protected animal shall immediately release the animal.

9.11.2 In the event the captured animal is killed while in the trap, said animal shall be left in the trap and the Tribal Game Warden shall be notified within 24 hours for instructions of disposal.

9.11.3 Injured non-target or protected animals that are captured shall be immediately reported to the Tribal Game Warden who may transport the injured animal to the nearest rehabilitation facility.

9.12 **SECTION 12: ENFORCEMENT**

9.12.1 Any person who violates any section of this chapter except where otherwise provided shall forfeit not more than \$150 (\$25.00 deposit permitted).