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Subject: Migratory Bird Harvest 2008-09, 1836 Ceded Territory and Tribal Reservations.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a self-governing, federally recognized Tribe with Tribal Headquarters located in Manistee, Michigan. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (hereafter the “Band”) is the political successor to certain Grand River Ottawa Bands who were signatory Bands of the Treaty of 1836. The United States holds lands in trust (and is in the process of taking additional lands into trust) for the benefit of the Band within the Band’s historic Reservations in both Manistee and Mason Counties. The Band proposes the following regulations to govern the hunting of migratory birds by Tribal members within the 1836 Ceded Territory as well as within the Band’s Reservations. Waterfowl hunting by non-members would be prohibited on Tribally-owned fee and trust lands within the Band’s Reservation.

For the 2008-09 duck season, the Band proposes for reservations as well as within the 1836 Ceded Territory that the season runs from September 15, 2008, through January 20, 2009. A daily bag limit of 12 would include no more than 2 pintail, 2 canvasback, 1 hooded merganser, 3 black ducks, 3 wood ducks, 3 redheads, and 6 mallards (only 2 of which may be mallard hens). Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

For the 2008-09 Canada geese season, the Band proposes for reservations as well as within the 1836 Ceded Territory a season from September 1, 2008 through February 8, 2009. For white-fronted geese, brant, and snow geese, the Band proposes for reservations as well as within the 1836 Ceded Territory a September 20, 2008 through November 30, 2008, season. The daily bag limit for all geese is five birds. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

For woodcock, mourning doves, snipe, and rails the Band proposes for reservations and within the 1836 Ceded Territory a September 1, 2008 to November 14, 2008, season. The daily bag limit for woodcock would be five birds. The daily bag limit for mourning doves, snipe, and rails is 10 per species. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

The Band would adopt, by reference, the provisions of all other Federal regulations contained in 50 CFR to apply as Band regulations. Shooting hours will be from one half hour before sunrise to sunset Eastern Standard Time.

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