

INTERTRIBAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND RECIPROCITY COMPACT

Between Participating Federally Recognized Tribal Nations

PREAMBLE

Recognizing the inherent sovereignty of each participating Tribal Nation;

Recognizing the shared responsibility to conserve, protect, preserve, and responsibly manage wildlife resources for present and future generations;

Recognizing that wildlife resources frequently move across reservation boundaries and that cooperative management benefits all participating Tribal Nations;

Recognizing the importance of honoring treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, conservation principles, and the cultural traditions of each participating Tribe;

The undersigned Tribal Nations voluntarily enter into this **Intertribal Wildlife Management and Reciprocity Compact**.

ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of this Compact is to establish a cooperative intergovernmental framework through which participating Tribal Nations may:

1. Cooperatively manage wildlife resources;
2. Recognize hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, and outdoor recreation licenses issued by participating tribes;
3. Promote consistent wildlife regulations where practical;
4. Coordinate biological management;
5. Coordinate wildlife law enforcement;
6. Protect tribal sovereignty;
7. Encourage conservation of natural resources;
8. Provide consistent outdoor recreation opportunities for enrolled citizens of participating tribes.

ARTICLE II

Authority

This Compact is entered pursuant to the inherent sovereign authority of each participating Tribal Nation.

Nothing contained within this Compact shall:

- waive sovereign immunity;
- diminish treaty rights;
- transfer jurisdiction;
- alter reservation boundaries;
- impair governmental authority;
- supersede federal law.

Each participating tribe retains all governmental authority not expressly delegated by this Compact.

ARTICLE III

Adoption of the Intertribal Wildlife Code

Each participating Tribe agrees to adopt the **Intertribal Wildlife Code**, attached as **Exhibit A**, as the minimum standards governing hunting, fishing, trapping, gathering, conservation, licensing, and wildlife management under this Compact.

The Intertribal Wildlife Code is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth.

Each participating tribe may adopt Reservation-Specific Addendums consistent with the provisions of the Code.

ARTICLE IV

Reciprocal Recognition

Participating tribes agree to recognize:

- Hunting licenses
- Fishing licenses
- Trapping licenses
- Outdoor recreation permits
- Harvest confirmations
- E-Check confirmations
- Tags
- Other permits issued pursuant to the Intertribal Wildlife Code

Recognition shall remain subject to:

- federal law;
- reservation-specific regulations;
- public safety;
- conservation requirements.

Nothing herein requires any tribe to issue licenses contrary to tribal law.

ARTICLE V

Reservation Authority

Each participating tribe retains exclusive authority over:

- Reservation-specific regulations;
- Access requirements;
- Land use;
- Public safety;
- Cultural resource protection;
- Conservation measures;
- Licensing fees;
- Reservation closures.

Reservation-specific regulations shall be adopted through **Chapter 4 – Reservation-Specific Regulations** and Reservation-Specific Addendums in accordance with the Intertribal Wildlife Code.

Nothing in this Article shall prohibit the Intertribal Wildlife Council from adopting Annual Season Dates Addendums applicable to participating tribes in accordance with the Intertribal Wildlife Code. It is the intent of this Compact that participating tribes maintain uniform hunting, fishing, trapping, and other regulated season dates whenever practical to promote consistency in wildlife management across Compact lands. A participating tribe may modify or opt out of a uniform season through its Reservation-Specific Addendum when necessary to address local biological, cultural, conservation, or public safety concerns.

ARTICLE VI

Intertribal Wildlife Council

The Intertribal Wildlife Council is hereby established as the administrative body responsible for coordination of this Compact.

Each participating tribe may appoint representatives in accordance with its own laws.

The Council shall:

1. Recommend amendments to the Intertribal Wildlife Code;

2. Coordinate wildlife management;
3. Coordinate biological studies;
4. Recommend conservation measures;
5. Coordinate intertribal enforcement;
6. Develop Reservation-Specific Addendum templates;
7. Recommend emergency conservation measures;
8. Perform other duties authorized by participating tribes.

Annual Season Review

Each year, following publication of the final migratory bird hunting frameworks by the **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**, together with any other applicable federal hunting regulations affecting participating tribes, the Intertribal Wildlife Council shall convene to review the upcoming hunting seasons.

In conducting its review, the Council shall consider:

- Federal migratory bird frameworks;
- Applicable federal regulations;
- State wildlife management recommendations, where appropriate;
- Wildlife population data;
- Biological surveys;
- Harvest information;
- Conservation needs;
- Public safety;
- Recommendations submitted by participating tribes.

Following its review, the Council shall adopt and publish an **Annual Season Dates Addendum** establishing the official hunting, fishing, trapping, and other regulated season dates applicable under this Compact.

Unless modified through a Reservation-Specific Addendum or otherwise required by federal law, the Annual Season Dates Addendum shall serve as the official season calendar for all participating tribes.

ARTICLE VII

Intertribal Enforcement Cooperation

Participating tribes agree to cooperate in wildlife enforcement by:

- sharing information;
- coordinating investigations;
- assisting neighboring tribal agencies;
- recognizing wildlife suspensions where authorized;
- conducting joint enforcement operations when requested.

Nothing contained herein expands criminal jurisdiction beyond that otherwise authorized by federal law, tribal law, or applicable cross-deputization agreements.

ARTICLE VIII

Sovereign Immunity

Nothing contained in this Compact shall be construed as:

- a waiver of sovereign immunity;
- consent to suit;
- consent to jurisdiction of another sovereign;
- limitation upon any immunity possessed by a participating tribe.

Any waiver of sovereign immunity must be expressly approved by the governing body of the affected tribe.

ARTICLE IX

Admission of Additional Tribes

Any federally recognized Tribal Nation may become a participating member upon:

1. approval by the Intertribal Wildlife Council;
2. adoption of the Intertribal Wildlife Code;
3. execution of this Compact; and
4. approval by its governing body.

ARTICLE X

Withdrawal

Any participating tribe may withdraw by providing ninety (90) days written notice to:

- the Intertribal Wildlife Council; and
- each participating tribe.

Withdrawal shall not affect obligations incurred prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

ARTICLE XI

Amendments

This Compact may be amended only through written approval of each participating tribe in accordance with its governmental procedures.

Amendments to the Intertribal Wildlife Code adopted under the authority granted by this Compact shall become effective only after approval in accordance with the procedures established by participating tribes and the Code.

ARTICLE XII

Effective Date

This Compact shall become effective upon execution by two or more participating federally recognized Tribal Nations and shall remain in effect until terminated in accordance with this Compact.

ARTICLE XIII

Severability

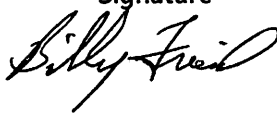
If any provision of this Compact is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect unless such determination materially defeats the purpose of this Compact.

ARTICLE XIV

Execution

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certify that they are duly authorized by their respective Tribal Governments to execute this Compact on behalf of their Tribal Nation.

PARTICIPATING TRIBES

Participating Tribe	Authorized Official	Title	Signature	Date
Wyandotte Nation	Billy Friend	Chief		8/4/26
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma	Douglas Lankford			8.4.26

Participating Tribe	Authorized Official	Title	Signature	Date
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	Glenn J. Wallace	Chief	Glenn J. Wallace	8-4-26

Ottawa Tribe of Oklahoma	Cody R. Hollenbeck	Chief	[Signature]	8-4-26
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Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Rosanna Dobbins	Chief	Rosanna Dobbins	8/4/26
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Modoc Nation	Robert Burkyale	Chief	[Signature]	8/4/2026
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Seneca-Cayuga Nation	Charles Diebold	Chief	Charles Diebold	8/4/26
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Quapaw Nation

Shawnee Tribe	Roy D. Buldridge	2nd Chief	[Signature]	8/4/26
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Cherokee Nation (if participating)
