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6.1 SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

- 6.1.1 “Inland Waters” generally includes all waters within the exterior boundaries of the Red Cliff Reservation.
- 6.1.2 “Outlying Water” is Lake Superior (including bays).
- 6.1.3 “Game Fish” includes all varieties of fish except rough fish and minnows.
- 6.1.4 “Rough fish” includes suckers, redhorse, carp, burbot (lawyer), lamprey, alewife, and smelt.
- 6.1.5 “Minnows” include suckers, mud minnows, madton, stonecat, killifish, stickleback, trout-perch, darters, sculpin and all minnow family cyprinids except gold fish and carp.
- 6.1.6 “Possession Limits” means the daily bag limit.
- 6.1.7 “Size Limits” Fish shall measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.
- 6.1.8 “Trout Streams” includes Sand River and tributaries, Raspberry River and tributaries, and Chicago Creek.

6.2 SECTION 2: LICENSES

- 6.2.1 Every non-member who fishes within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation or who fishes in Lake Superior from the Reservation shore shall have in his or her possession a Tribal Fishing License, which is subject to the restrictions and regulations provided in this Chapter 6. A Tribal Fishing License is obtainable from the Red Cliff Law Enforcement Office.
- 6.2.2 The fee for a non-member fishing license shall be \$3.00 for the season.
- 6.2.3 Fees for camping in campground operated by the Tribe shall include the cost of a fishing license for the period covered by the camping fee.
- 6.2.4 Any non-member who shall violate regulations promulgated under this Chapter 6 shall forfeit no more than \$150.00 (\$25.00 deposit permitted).

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SECTION 3: GENERAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS

IT IS UNLAWFUL:

- 6.3.1 To take fish by any means other than angling and trolling except as otherwise provided (Rough fish may be taken by hand at all times).
- 6.3.2 To fish in all waters other than ice fishing with more than two (2) lines with more than one hook or bait per line. If one line is used, not more than two (2) hooks or baits are permitted.
- 6.3.3 To fish through the ice with hook and line on all inland waters with more than three (3) hooks.
- 6.3.4 To fish in trout streams during the closed season for trout except that rough fish can be taken by hand.
- 6.3.5 To have in possession or in control on any inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time a spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish.
- 6.3.6 To use goldfish or alewife for bait.
- 6.3.7 To transport live, rough fish into or within the Reservation without a permit from the Conservation Commission.
- 6.3.8 To leave any fish line unattended.
- 6.3.9 To fish within areas posted against fishing by official signs.
- 6.3.10 To release unused minnows.
- 6.3.11 To possess or use snag hook, snag line, or snag pole unless specifically provided.
- 6.3.12 To keep fish taken by fouling or snagging unless otherwise provided.
- 6.3.13 To take fish by firearms or pellet gun.
- 6.3.14 To possess any unlicensed set line at any time on any inland water.
- 6.3.15 To use or possess a live box without legible tag bearing the name and address of the owner or user. Containers carried by anglers are accepted.
- 6.3.16 To sort fish after the legal bag limit is filled.

6.4 **SECTION 4: MINNOW REGULATIONS**

6.4.1 It is unlawful for non-members of the Red Cliff Tribe to possess more than 600 minnows or to sell minnows on the Reservation.

6.4.2 Bait minnows may be taken only by:

- a) Hook and line.
- b) Seines – not to exceed 25 feet long and six feet deep, flat measure, with mesh not to exceed one-half inch stretch measure except 75 foot lengths of seine may be used in Lake Superior.
- c) Dip nets – not to exceed 8 feet in diameter or square.
- d) Traps – not to exceed 24 inches long, 16 inches in diameter or square with a throat of 1-½ inches or less. All traps must bear the name and address of the owner and be emptied at least once every 24 hours.

6.4.3 It is unlawful to use minnow seines, dip nets, or traps in designated trout streams, except that three (3) traps may be used in trout streams during trout season.

6.5 **SECTION 5: OPEN SEASON; DAILY BAG LIMITS; MINIMUM LENGTHS**

6.5.1 It shall be unlawful to violate the following regulations on open season, daily bag limits, and minimum lengths:

INLAND WATERS

Kinds of Fish	Open Season Both dates inclusive	Daily Bag Limit	Min. Length (inches)
Brook Trout	At 5:00 a.m. on May 5 to Sept. 30	10	6
Trout & Salmon	May 6 to May 31 June 1 to Sept. 30	5 in aggregate 10 in aggregate	6
Muskellunge	May 6 to Nov. 30	1	30
Northern Pike	May 6 to Mar. 1	5	none
Walleye & Sauger	May 6 to Mar. 1	5 in aggregate	13

Large and Small-mouth bass	May 6 to Mar. 1	5 each	none
Perch, Crappie, bluegill or Sunfish and Pumpkinseed	Continuous	50 in aggregate	none
White Bass & Yellow (striped) Bass and Rock Bass	Continuous	None	none
Bullhead	Continuous	None	none
Cisco and Whitefish	Continuous	25 pounds and 1 fish in aggregate	none
Catfish	Continuous	10	none
Sucker and Redhorse	Continuous	50 in aggregate	none
Rough Fish (except Sucker & Redhorse)	Continuous	None	none
Lake Sturgeon	Sept. 2 to Oct. 15	1 per season	45
Shovelnose Sturgeon	No open season	--	--
Paddlefish (Spoonbill catfish)	No open season	--	--

**LAKE SUPERIOR AND BAYS
Species of Fish Not Listed Are Governed
By the Inland Regulations**

Kinds of Fish	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily Bag Limit	Min. Length (inches)
Trout (except Lake Trout)	Continuous	5 in aggregate	10
Salmon	Continuous	5 in aggregate	10
Lake Trout	Dec. 1 to Sept. 30	5 in aggregate with trout and salmon	10

Northern Pike	Continuous	5	none
Walleye & Sauger	Continuous	5 in aggregate	none
Large & Small - mouth Bass	May 13 to Mar. 1	5 of each	none
Perch	Continuous	none	none
Lake Sturgeon	Continuous	1 per year	40
Rough Fish	Continuous	none	none

6.6 **SECTION 6: ICE FISHING**

6.6.1 SHELTERS. All enclosed shelters may be used provided the door is readily opened from the outside when occupied; the legible name and address of owner is permanently affixed on outside with each letter being a minimum of one inch square in size; and the shelter is removed from ice on or before March 15. Portable shelters may be used after the above dates by persons actively engaged in fishing. Such shelters shall be removed daily when not in use.

6.6.2 SIZE OF HOLES. It is unlawful to use a hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square for taking fish in any manner through the ice, except for dip netting, the taking of minnows, by minnow traps, sturgeon spearing and when spearing on Lake Superior, or skin diving.

6.7 **SECTION 7: POSSESSION AND USE OF NETS FOR ROUGH FISH**

6.7.1 Dip nets not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square may be used from April 1 to May 25 for taking smelt and suckers in all streams within the Red Cliff Reservation.

6.7.2 The bag and possession limit for suckers and redhorse taken by dip netting shall be 50 in aggregate per person and no suckers and redhorse so taken shall be sold or bartered in any manner. There shall be no bag limit on other species of rough fish.

6.7.3 Only one dip net per person is permitted for the taking of rough fish. Such dip net must be attended at all times while in use and such nets shall only be raised and lowered vertically when fishing.

6.7.4 It is unlawful to fish with hook and line while using a dip net for rough fish or from any boat which has a dip net attached.

6.7.5 It is unlawful to leave dip nets or seines unattended within 25 feet of the edge of waters inhabited by smelt.

6.7.6 Seines not more than 75 feet in length and not more than 6 feet in depth may be used for taking smelt and suckers from April 1 to May 25 in Lake Superior.