

# Oneida Nation

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## **BC Resolution # 01-14-26-B Amendments to the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law**

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law (“the Law”) was adopted by the Oneida Business Committee through resolution BC-08-31-94-C, and then amended through resolutions BC-04-24-96-A, BC-07-22-98-A, BC-09-13-00-D, BC-06-04-03-A, BC-06-30-04-I, BC-07-13-05-E, BC-08-29-07-F, BC-06-24-09-E, BC-08-26-10-I, BC-12-14-11-E, BC-05-22-13-A, BC-01-25-17-D, and BC-07-26-17-F; and
- WHEREAS,** the purpose of this Law is to protect and conserve wildlife on the reservation and to promote respect among sportsmen, for both the environment and fellow sportsmen; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law add a definition for descendant, great bodily harm, and warden; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law eliminate the Environmental Resource Board (ERB) from the law and delegate all responsibilities of ERB provided in the law, except hearing authority, to the Conservation Department throughout the entire law; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law require the Conservation Department draft rules that identify designated seasons and/or hunting hours for elder, disabled, and youth hunts; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law eliminate the requirement that the Conservation Department draft rules establishing a process for retention, storage and disposal of items confiscated or turned over to the Department in accordance with this law; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law require the Conservation Department draft rules that regulate the use of recovery and retrieval services and methods; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law require the Conservation Department draft rules that regulate the care and husbandry of animals used to hunt or animals used for private game hunting; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law eliminate the requirement that a rule booklet be provided to each person receiving a license permit; and

- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law recognize that wardens fall within the organization of the Oneida Police Department and not the Conservation Department and therefore prescribe all responsibilities/duties of the wardens to the Oneida Police Department officers; and eliminate the requirement that an Oneida Police Department office who observes a violation of this law report it to a warden; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law adds beaver to list of animals a landowner, lessee, or designee is allowed to hunt or trap on property they own or lease year round without a sportsman license, removing beavers from the list of nuisance animals that a person is not required to get a nuisance animal removal permit to hunt or trap; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law eliminate the provision that allowed any licensee holding a fishing only sportsman license to name a designated hunter to fill the hunting or trapping permits that regularly accompany a sportsman license; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law eliminate the requirement that at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the group and/or organization members be Tribal members for groups/organizations that seek a ceremonial and/or feast permit; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law require that all persons participating in the ceremonial and/or feast hunt be tribal members, descendants, or a spouse of a tribal member in addition to the requirement that they be named hunters on the permit; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law require that medical verification for a disabled hunter permit show that the physical disability results in mobility issues that makes it necessary for the disabled hunter to hunt from a stationary vehicle; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law provide that any person who has had a license or permit denied in accordance with section 406.6-7(a) may appeal the Department's decision by requesting a hearing before the Trial Court instead of ERB; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law provide that any person who accidentally collides with and kills a deer while operating a vehicle on a roadway, may retain possession of the said deer, provided that the person shall have the deer tagged by the State of Wisconsin, instead of the Department; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law increase the allowable size of a hunting party from ten (10) to fifteen (15) persons; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law allow designated hunters to hunt for an unlimited number of permittees, instead of being limited to the number authorized by the rules; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law adjust the age restrictions for minors, now allowing all persons between the ages of ten (10) and fourteen (14) years old the ability to hunt if they have obtained the required license and permits and are under the immediate supervision of a parent, legal guardian, or a responsible adult to which a parent or legal guardian has delegated their supervisory responsibilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law allow individuals to obtain a mentored-only hunting license and permit and hunt without first completing a hunter education course as long as they accompany a mentor while hunting; and

**WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law remove much of the provisions regarding citations, and simply providing that an individual who violates a provision of this law or the corresponding rules may be subject to the issuance of a citation by a warden or an Oneida Police Department officer in accordance with the Nation's laws and policies governing citations; and

**WHEREAS,** the amendments to the Law make other minor drafting revisions; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislative Operating Committee developed the proposed amendments to the Law through collaboration with representatives from the Oneida Police Department, Oneida Law Office, Conservation Department, CEO of Nation Services, and the Environmental, Land, Agriculture Division; and

**WHEREAS,** in accordance with the Legislative Procedures Act a legislative analysis and fiscal impact statement were completed for the proposed amendments to the Law; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislative Operating Committee held a public meeting on the proposed amendments to the Law on August 15, 2025, with two (2) individuals providing oral comments, and the public comment period for the amendments to this Law was held open until August 22, 2025, with no submission of written comments received; and

**WHEREAS,** the Legislative Operating Committee reviewed and considered all public comments received on September 17, 2025; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Oneida Business Committee hereby adopts the amendments to the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law, which shall become effective on February 25, 2026.

*Administrative Rulemaking*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Conservation Department shall review the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law Rule Handbook and make revisions to the Rule Handbook as deemed necessary to comply with these adopted amendments to the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** the Conservation Department shall report to the Legislative Operating Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the progress of the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law Rule Handbook amendments until amendments are formally adopted by the Oneida Business Committee.

*One Year Review of the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Law*

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Legislative Reference Office shall conduct a one (1) year review of the Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping law and provide the Legislative Operating Committee a report on the use and implementation of the Law.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a quorum; 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 5 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."