

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 84 - 88
Natural Resources

A Commissioner's Order establishing a regulation to permit the use of endangered species, or parts thereof, for religious purposes.

WHEREAS, the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians is a signatory and successor to the Treaty of 1837, 7 Stat. 536, and the Treaty of 1842, 7 Stat. 591, and;

WHEREAS, the establishment of Mille Lacs, Rice Lake, and Sandy Lake Reservations occurred under the Treaty of 1855, 10 Stat. 1165, and;

WHEREAS, Commissioner's Order No. 37-86 identifies and protects endangered and threatened species within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, and;

WHEREAS, Band Statute 1032-MLC-1, Section 29 directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to protect all natural resources of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians; and;

WHEREAS, certain Band members require a variance from the endangered species regulation to obtain items of religious significance.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedl, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians hereby establish the following regulations and forms.

REGULATION FOR
RELIGIOUS OBJECTS
AND
ENDANGERED SPECIES

1. Any Mille Lacs Band member or Indian who resides on lands under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band may apply to the Mille Lacs Band Natural Resources Administration for a permit to possess endangered species, or parts thereof, for religious purposes.
2. Such permits shall be issued to qualified individuals if:
 - a. Form 88-ES is completed and approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.
3. The permit shall contain:
 - a. Name, date of birth, enrollment number and signature of the applicant.
 - b. Description of items for which the permit is valid. (Description will include the name of the species from which the item came.)
 - c. The permit will be non-transferable.
4. Verification of religious purposes:

Individuals who verifies that the item (s) are or will be used for religious purposes must be a recognized spiritual leader, religious leader or medicine man. Any questions about this authority will be determined by the Mille Lacs Band's Spiritual Leader.

APPLICATION FOR
POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES
OR PARTS THEREOF

Name of Applicant	Date of Birth	Enrollment Number
Address	City	State Zip Code

Description of Item:

Method of Obtaining the Item:

Verification of Religious Purposes:

I personally have reviewed the applicant's religious items and verified that the applicant does use these item(s) for religious purposes.

Signature Date

Application:

I hereby certify the above information is true and correct. A violation of this certification can result in cancellation of permit, seizure of items and penalties assessed by the Court of Central Jurisdiction.

Signature Date

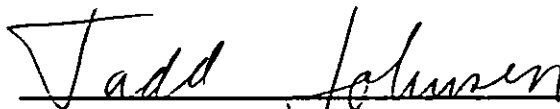
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DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this seventeenth day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight.



Don Wedll
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS TO
FORM AND EXECUTION



Tadd Johnson
Solicitor General

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