



Fulfilling Treaty Promises

- Land Cession Treaties –1837 and 1842
- Right to Continue the Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Way of Life in all Parts of the Ceded Territory

Treaty Rights Regulation and Management

- “Tribal” Rights – retained by the Tribe as Sovereign
- Tribal Self-Regulation – Regulatory authority over tribal members
 - Tribal laws must meet legitimate conservation, health and safety requirements to prevent application of state laws
 - Tribal off-reservation law enforcement authority over members exercising treaty rights (including power to arrest)
 - Prosecution in tribal courts
- Management Perspective – Coordination and cooperation (co-management) between the Tribes and Wisconsin

Off-Reservation Natural Resources Agency

- Based upon the Sovereignty of each Member Tribe – Common origin, history, language, culture and treaties
- Not a “Super-Regulatory” Agency – The tail, not the dog
- Exercises Delegated Authority/Duties –
 - GLIFWC’s Constitution
 - Tribal Codes or other Enactments
 - Intertribal Agreements or similar protocols

GLIFWC’s Divisions

- Biological Services – 11 Biologists and 8 Technicians
- Conservation Enforcement – 20 Officers and 2 Dispatchers
- Public Information
- Intergovernmental Affairs
- Planning & Development