Stories
From On The Land

Indigenous Food Sovereignty & Security Values

Our culture is intrinsically linked to food security and sovereignty.

Our calendar and work schedule follows seasons versus workweeks.

Harvesting and preparing food must be part of everyday life.

We are relatives of plants, animals, land, air and water.

Sense of empathy and kinship with other life forms.

We honor those relationships with ceremony.

We only take what is needed to survive to ensure sustainability.

Zero waste – every part of animal or plant is used.

State and Federal policies do not align with our values.
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Availability
Hunting pressure decreases number easily accessible moose
Cow hunts jeopardize future availability

Indigenous Culture
Cow hunts are against tradition – only taken for survival or ceremony
Waste is the worst form of disrespect

Decision-Making Power
BOG does not equally weigh public testimony, especially Indigenous Knowledge, with Western science
BOG demographics is not reflective of our interests
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Availability
- How do we train scientists to think like we do?

Indigenous Culture
- How do we inform researchers in order to develop a holistic, cyclical framework for observing?

Decision-Making Power
- How do we equally weigh Indigenous Knowledge with Western Science?

Health & Wellness
- How do we begin observing to protect the health and safety of lands, waters, animals and humans?

Stability
- How do we communicate urgency for protection of our natural resources?

Accessibility
- How do we change regulations to prioritize feeding ourselves first?
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Questions

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