

**PENOBSCOT NATION  
FOREST PRODUCTS  
FREE USE AND PAID PERMIT  
POLICIES AND REGULATIONS**

**A. GENERAL RULES FOR ALL POLICIES**

1. Forest products harvested under free-use and paid permits shall conform to the land laws of the Penobscot Nation and federal regulations on trust lands and appropriate state regulations on fee lands.
2. The Director, Penobscot Nation Department of Natural Resources or his authorized representative will issue permits under these regulations.
3. Permits must be consistent with sound silvicultural and economic principles and maintain and enhance the productivity of the timber stands and land base.
4. Forest products harvested under these rules **may not** be harvested from active commercial harvest areas.

**B. FIREWOOD PERMITS and PAID USE PERMITS**

1. Firewood permits will be for hardwood of pulpwood quality or lower.
2. Harvesting will be done in the area specified by the permit.
3. Wood harvested will be for the permittee's personal use.
4. Good harvesting techniques to protect the residual stand, will be issued.
5. Permits will be written for stands in need of thinning, where possible.
6. Members of the Penobscot Nation may be given a free-use permit for the harvest of up to 10 cords of firewood per year.
7. The Director, at his discretion, may issue a paid permit to non-members for up to 10 cords of firewood or other minor forest products. The stumpage rate will be whatever the prevailing rate is for that product in the area the permit is issued for. Violations of any regulations will void the permit and forfeit any payment.

**C. FREE-USE PERMITS FOR OTHER FOREST PRODUCTS**

1. Free-use permits for other forest products may be issued to tribal members at their request. Other products include but are not limited to sugar maple taps wreath brush, Christmas trees for personal use, cedar posts, and products for construction purposes and gravel.
2. Free-use permits will be for members use only and may not be sold except for wreath brush.
3. Free-use permits for wreath brush (fir tips) harvesting may be issued to tribal members and the brush may be sold. Wreath brush harvesting will be limited to removing 18 inch or less branch tips from the bottom two-thirds of fir trees.
4. Restrictions on tapping permits will be : Sugar maple must be at least 10 inch in diameter before tapping, limit one tap per tree unless greater than 20" diameter then two taps may be used. Sugar maple trees of veneer quality should not be tapped. Taps should be set as low to the ground as possible. Tapping should not be done in areas scheduled for harvesting within the next three years Taps to be removed as soon as possible after tapping season. Permits for free-use tapping to be limited to 25 taps.
5. Free-use permits for products having a stumpage value greater than \$100.00 must have prior approval from the Penobscot Council.

**D. FREE-USE WITHOUT PERMITS**

Penobscot tribal members may harvest forest products without a permit for their personal use when used in traditional arts such as but not limited to basket making or canoe construction. Such forest products may include but are not limited to brown ash, birch bark, and material for carving. Also, tribal members may harvest small amounts of camp fire wood for use on tribal lands.

**E. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The above policy for free use and paid permits shall replace all previous policies and be effective on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**F. APPROVAL**

On April 7, 2015 at a Regular Meeting of the Penobscot Nation Council, the Policy was approved.

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**CERTIFICATION OF MOTION NUMBER 04-07-15-09**  
**OF THE GOVERNING BODY, OF THE PENOBSCOT NATION**

I, the undersigned Tribal Clerk of the Penobscot Indian Nation do hereby certify that a Regular Monthly Council Meeting was held on the 7th day of April, 2015 and at which time Chief Kirk Francis, was present and presided and acted throughout.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Tribal Council voted to approve the Free Use Policy with a limit of 25 taps.

**CERTIFICATION**

I further certify that I am the official custodian of certain records including the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council of the Penobscot Indian Nation, a federally recognized and sovereign Indian Tribe duly organized and existing under the Laws of the United States, and that at the meeting there was present and acting throughout, a quorum authorized to transact business hereinafter described, and that the proceedings of said meeting were in accordance with the laws of said Nation, and that said motions/resolutions have not been amended or revoked and are in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand as Tribal Clerk and have affixed the Tribal Seal on this day of April 13, 2015

  
Linda Socoby  
Tribal Clerk