

IDAPA 13 – IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

13.01.08 – RULES GOVERNING TAKING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS

DOCKET NO. 13-0108-2401 (ZBR CHAPTER REWRITE)

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING – PROPOSED RULE

AUTHORITY: In compliance with [Section 67-5221\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency has initiated proposed rulemaking procedures. The action is authorized pursuant to Sections [36-104](#), [36-405](#), [36-408](#), [36-409](#), and [36-1101](#), Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: Public hearing(s) concerning this rulemaking will be scheduled if requested in writing by twenty-five (25) persons, a political subdivision, or an agency, not later than October 15, 2025.

The hearing site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the hearing, to the agency address below.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a nontechnical explanation of the substance and purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

This rulemaking concerns the comprehensive review of current IDAPA 13.01.08, “Rules Governing Taking of Big Game,” in compliance with [Executive Order 2020-01](#). The agency has identified some technical, duplicative, obsolete, and non-substantive modifications to be evaluated for integration. The agency has evaluated content of this chapter and [IDAPA 13.01.04](#), “Rules Governing Licensing,” and to streamline, has moved relevant content that specifically addresses big game to 13.01.08 from 13.01.04 and content that addresses general licensing topics from 13.01.08 to 13.01.04.

The agency has added provisions to enable electronic tagging for big game animals; added a new Centerfire Open Sights Only special weapons season; removed language regarding draw length and let off percentage language; added language comprised of recommendations from the Hunting and Advanced Technology Working Group, staff contributions and public comments which includes prohibition of thermal imaging, night vision technology, transmitting trail cameras, and any aircraft for big game scouting or hunting between August 1 to December 31; changed use restrictions date under the motorized hunting rule from December 31 to November 14 and removed use restrictions from units 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 47, 49, 70 and 72; and under use of bait, removed plastic from prohibited container material, modified language regarding number of bait sites allowed on land management agency land, and included language reauthorized by temporary rule regarding use of bait by a grizzly bear and the need to report and pull bait.

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to [Section 67-5220\(1\)](#), Idaho Code, negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the May 1, 2024 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Volume 24-5, pages 190-191](#).

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, contact Amber Worthington at (208) 334-3771 or amber.worthington@idfg.idaho.gov.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this proposed rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before October 22, 2025.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2025.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 13-0108-2401
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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Sections 36-104(b), 36-201, 36-405, 36-408, 36-409, and 36-1101, Idaho Code, ~~authorize the Commission to adopt rules concerning taking of big game animals.~~ (3-31-22)()

001. ~~TITLE AND SCOPE.~~

~~The title of this chapter for citation is IDAPA 13.01.08, “Rules Governing Taking of Big Game Animals.”~~ These rules govern the taking of big game animals. (3-31-22)()

002. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.

01. Bait (Hunting). Any substance placed to attract big game animals, including but not limited to food, salt in liquid or solid form, or natural scent. ~~Synthetic liquid scent for deer, elk, or moose is excluded from this definition.~~ ()

012. Established Roadway. Any road established, built, maintained, approved or designated by any governmental entity or private landowner for travel by full-sized automobiles. An established roadway shows evidence of repeated use by full-sized automobiles, and may include a traveled way of natural earth with depressed wheel tracks and little or no vegetation in the wheel tracks. (3-31-22)

023. Front Quarters, Hind Quarters, Loins, and Tenderloins. As applied in Section 36-1202, Idaho Code, for edible portions of big game animals, front quarters ~~of big game animals~~ include the meat surrounding the ball joint as far down as the knees, hind quarters include the meat surrounding the ball joint as far down as the hock, and the loins and tenderloins are the meat along the backbone. (3-31-22)()

034. Full-sized Automobile. Any motorized vehicle with a gross weight in excess of one thousand five hundred (1,500) pounds. (3-31-22)

045. Hunter. A person engaged in the activity of hunting, as defined in Section 36-202, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

056. Motorized Vehicle. As defined in Section 36-202, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

07. Verifier. ~~A small lens that is inserted into a peep sight to help archers and shooters focus on the sight.~~ ()

011. -- 199. (RESERVED)

200. BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS.

No person may take more ~~than one (1) deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, or gray wolf big game animals~~ during a calendar year ~~than the number of tags the person legally possesses for the species.~~ Unless otherwise provided by statute, proclamation, or rule, a person may not take more than one (1) of any big game species, with bag and possession limits for “deer” applying to white-tailed and mule deer collectively and not separately except: (3-31-22)()

01. Depredation Hunts. One (1) additional deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, or gray wolf may be taken by persons holding a depredation hunt tag for that hunt, except where the depredation hunt precedes or follows a controlled hunt in the area, persons who drew that controlled hunt may be selected to participate in the depredation hunt in accordance with Section 800. Such persons must follow the weapon restrictions that apply to the controlled hunt they drew, and participation in the depredation hunt does not allow them to take a second animal. (3-31-22)

021. Extra Tag Hunts. ~~In extra tag~~ When Commission proclamation or rule establishes controlled hunts, one (1) additional deer, elk or pronghorn may be taken by persons holding tags for those hunts identified as "Extra Tag" or authorizes the use of second tags, the respective bag and possession limit are increased by one (1), provided the tag holder has other tags valid for the take of that species. (3-31-22)()

03. Limits on Take—Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Mountain Lion, Black Bear, Gray Wolf. In no event may any person take more deer, elk, pronghorn, mountain lion, black bear, or gray wolf in a calendar year than the number of tags the person legally possesses for each species. (3-31-22)

201. --249. (RESERVED)

250. TAGS AND PERMITS.

No person may take big game animals without having in possession the appropriate license, tags, and permits. (3-31-22)

01. Use of Controlled Hunt Tags. (3-31-22)

a. ~~Controlled hunt tags, including controlled depredation hunt tags and controlled hunt extra tags, issued for big game animals may be used only for take of the animal in the hunt area specified by Commission proclamation or Department order for the controlled hunt for which the tag is issued.~~ (3-31-22)

02. Use of General Season Tags. ~~General season tags, including extra general season tags, issued for big game animals may be used during any open general season, including any general special weapon season, ONLY as follows:~~ (3-31-22)

a. ~~Only for take of the animal specified on the tag, with a Regular Deer tag being valid for mule deer or white-tailed deer; and~~ (3-31-22)

b. ~~Only in the hunt area for which the tags are issued, as designated by Commission proclamation.~~ (3-31-22)

c. ~~And for elk, Elk A Tags may be used only during a general season, including any general special weapon season, designated by Commission proclamation as an Elk A season, and Elk B Tags may be used only during any general season, including any general special weapon season designated by Commission proclamation as an Elk B season.~~ (3-31-22)

03. Statewide Hunt Area. ~~If a general season tag, including any extra general season tag, for a big game animal does not specify a hunt area, the tag may be used statewide, unless Commission proclamation or Department order specifies an area where such tag use is prohibited or otherwise limited in its use.~~ (3-31-22)

04. Additional Use of Nonresident Deer and Elk Tags. ~~A hunter may use an unfilled nonresident elk or deer tag, to take instead a black bear, mountain lion, or gray wolf, during the open season corresponding to the elk or deer tag hunt area or unit when the season for the animal taken is also open.~~ (3-31-22)

251. ARCHERY AND MUZZLELOADER PERMITS.

~~No person may hunt in a season designated by Commission proclamation as Archery Only or Muzzleloader Only without the appropriate archery or muzzleloader permit for the relevant season validated on their license.~~ (3-31-22)

252. DELAY IN ELIGIBILITY FOR BUYING LIMITED GENERAL HUNT TAG.

~~When the Commission limits the number of tags available for a general big game hunt, the Commission may establish a period of no more than five (5) days at the beginning of a tag sale period, during which any applicant for a~~

controlled hunt in the same calendar year for the same species is not eligible to buy a tag for that limited hunt. (3-31-22)

253.—254. (RESERVED)

255. NONRESIDENT TAG RESTRICTIONS.

01. Nonresident Tag Limitations. (3-31-22)

a. In controlled hunts with ten (10) or fewer tags, not more than one (1) nonresident tag will be issued. In controlled hunts, EXCEPT unlimited controlled hunts, with more than ten (10) tags, not more than ten percent (10%) of the tags will be issued to nonresidents. This rule will apply to each uniquely numbered controlled hunt and to the controlled hunts for each species. Outfitter allocated hunts are exempt from the limitation of this Subsection. (3-31-22)

b. In unlimited controlled hunts, the Commission may limit the number of tags available for nonresident hunters to no less than ten percent (10%) of the average number of tags drawn annually during the previous five (5) year period. (3-31-22)

c. For each species, the total number of outfitter allocated controlled hunt tags will be subtracted from the result of ten percent (10%) of the sum of all controlled hunt tags; including outfitter allocated controlled hunts, but excluding all unlimited controlled hunts. In addition to the limitations of Subsection 255.01.a., the resulting net number will be the maximum number of controlled hunt tags that may be issued to nonresidents for all controlled hunts except outfitter allocated and unlimited controlled hunts. (3-31-22)

d. In general hunts, the Commission may limit by proclamation the number of tags available for nonresident hunters in a zone or big game hunting unit to no less than ten percent (10%) of the average hunter participation estimated for that zone or unit during the previous five (5) year period. If the Commission adopts tag limits in a zone or big game hunt unit for non residents under this Subsection 01.d., without limiting residents, the provisions of IDAPA 13.01.04.505.02, "Rules Governing Licensing," applicable to controlled hunts with limited nonresident tags and unlimited resident tags will apply to deer and elk tag allocation instead of the provisions of IDAPA 13.01.04.505.01. (3-31-22)

e. Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tags for deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose will be taken from the nonresident tag quota and availability is subject to Nonresident Tag Limitations. (3-31-22)

256. (RESERVED)

257. ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTROLLED HUNT APPLICATION.

A person must possess an Idaho hunting license valid for taking game animals to apply for any controlled hunt for big game species. (3-31-22)

01. Bighorn Sheep. (3-31-22)

a. Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for any bighorn sheep is not eligible to apply for any bighorn tag for two (2) years. Except that a person may apply for a bighorn tag in the second application period or a leftover bighorn tag the following year. (3-31-22)

b. Any person who has killed a California bighorn ram is not eligible to apply for a California bighorn ram controlled hunt tag; and any person who has killed a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram is not eligible to apply for a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram controlled hunt tag, except any person who has killed a California bighorn ram south of Interstate Highway 84 since 1974 and is otherwise eligible, may apply for a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram tag for any hunt north of Interstate Highway 84; and any person who has killed a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram north of Interstate Highway 84 since 1974 and is otherwise eligible, may apply for a California bighorn ram tag for any hunt south of Interstate Highway 84. (3-31-22)

~~c.~~ Any person who kills a bighorn ewe is not eligible to apply for another bighorn ewe controlled hunt tag for five (5) years. The harvest of a bighorn ewe does not make the person ineligible to apply for a tag to take a California bighorn ram or a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram. Any person who applies for a bighorn ewe is not eligible to apply for any bighorn ram the same year. (3-31-22)

~~02. Mountain Goat.~~ (3-31-22)

~~a.~~ Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for mountain goat is not eligible to apply for a mountain goat tag for two (2) years. Except that a person may apply for a mountain goat tag in the second application period or a leftover mountain goat tag the following year. (3-31-22)

~~b.~~ Any person who has killed a mountain goat since 1977 is not eligible to apply for a mountain goat tag. (3-31-22)

~~03. Moose.~~ (3-31-22)

~~a.~~ Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for moose is not eligible to apply for a moose permit for two (2) years. Except that a person may apply for a moose tag in the second application period or a leftover moose tag the following year. (3-31-22)

~~b.~~ Any person who has killed an antlered moose in Idaho is not eligible to apply for a moose tag for antlered moose, and any person who has killed an antlerless moose in Idaho is not eligible to apply for a tag for antlerless moose except that any person may apply for tags remaining unsold after the controlled hunt draw. (3-31-22)

~~04. Antlered-Only Deer, Antlered-Only Elk, and Pronghorn.~~ Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for antlered-only deer, antlered-only elk, or any pronghorn (including either sex, and doe and fawn) is not eligible in the following one (1) year to apply for any controlled hunt for the respective species drawn (antlered-only deer, antlered-only elk, or any pronghorn). (3-31-22)

~~i.~~ Exceptions. A person drawn in the previous year remains eligible to apply for controlled hunts in the second application period, controlled hunts with an unlimited number of tags, or Landowner Appreciation Program hunts. Such person is also eligible to purchase a leftover tag or Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tag. (3-31-22)

~~05. Grizzly Bear.~~ No person who has killed a grizzly bear in Idaho may apply for a grizzly bear tag. (3-31-22)

~~06. Black Bear.~~ Any nonresident applying for a controlled black bear hunt who wishes to use hounds must separately apply for a Hound Hunter Permit, subject to applicable limitations of IDAPA 13.01.15.200.04, "Rules Governing the Use of Dogs." (3-31-22)

~~07. Landowner Permission Hunts.~~ Any person applying for a landowner permission hunt must have a permission slip including the name, address, and signature of a landowner who owns more than one hundred fifty-nine (159) acres in the hunt area. (3-31-22)

~~08. Youth-Only Hunts.~~ Youth-only controlled hunt application eligibility is limited to persons nine (9) to seventeen (17) years of age, provided they will be ten (10) to seventeen (17) years of age during the hunt for which they apply. A nine (9) year old cannot participate in the hunt until turning age ten (10). A person who turns eighteen (18) years of age during the hunt may continue to participate through the end of the youth-only controlled hunt. A person sixty-five (65) years of age or older, or a person with a disabled license, may apply during a second application period for youth-only controlled hunts or purchase leftover youth-only controlled hunt tags on a first come, first served basis. (3-31-22)

~~09. Outfitter Allocated Hunts.~~ Any person must have a written agreement with an outfitter to submit an application for an outfitter allocated controlled hunt. (3-31-22)

~~10. Multiple Applications.~~ (3-31-22)

~~a. Any person applying for a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, or moose controlled hunt is not eligible to apply for any other controlled hunt in the same year, except Unlimited Controlled Hunts, a controlled black bear hunt, a controlled gray wolf hunt, or a designated depredation or extra tag hunt for deer, elk or pronghorn. In addition, unsuccessful applicants for bighorn sheep, mountain goat or moose controlled hunts are eligible to participate in the second application period for deer, elk, and pronghorn and the first-come, first-served deer, elk, and pronghorn controlled hunt permit sales.~~ (3-31-22)

~~b. Any person may apply for both a controlled hunt tag and a controlled hunt extra tag for the same big game species.~~ (3-31-22)

~~258. CONTROLLED HUNT APPLICATIONS~~

~~01. Applications.~~ Individual applications or group applications for controlled hunts may be submitted electronically through the automated licensing system at any vendor location, including Department offices, via the Internet or telephone, not later than the annual dates shown below. Any individual application or group application which is unreadable, has incomplete or incorrect hunt or license numbers, or lacks information or fees will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing. All applications will be considered final; except, applicants who would like to change their submitted controlled hunt application may request the original application be canceled to resubmit a new controlled hunt application during the applicable application period. The new application is subject to the appropriate application fees. (3-31-22)

~~a. Spring black bear, spring grizzly bear—Application period—January 15—February 15.~~ (3-31-22)

~~b. Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat—Application period for first drawing—April 1—30.~~ (3-31-22)

~~c. Deer, elk, pronghorn, fall black bear, fall grizzly bear—Application period for first drawing—May 1—June 5.~~ (3-31-22)

~~d. Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat—Application period for second drawing, if applicable—June 15—25.~~ (3-31-22)

~~e. Deer, elk, pronghorn, fall black bear, fall grizzly bear—Application period for second drawing—August 5—15.~~ (3-31-22)

~~02. Applicant Requirements.~~ Applicants must comply with the following requirements: (3-31-22)

~~a. Only one (1) application, per person or group, will be accepted for the same species, except a person or group may submit one additional application for a controlled hunt extra tag for the same species. Additional applications for the same person or group for the same species will result in all applicants being declared ineligible.~~ (3-31-22)

~~b. Only one (1) controlled hunt extra tag will be issued for each person on any application submitted.~~ (3-31-22)

~~c. Several applications may be submitted so long as each application is for a single species, a single applicant or group, and both hunts on an application must be controlled hunt tag hunts or controlled hunt extra tag hunts.~~ (3-31-22)

~~d. Fees must be submitted with each application. A single payment may be submitted to cover fees for all applications. If a check or money order is insufficient to cover the fees, all applications will be voided and returned. The application fee is set by Section 36-416, Idaho Code, per person per controlled hunt applied for. The tag fees are not to be submitted for deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, or gray wolf. Persons applying for moose, bighorn sheep, grizzly bear, or mountain goat controlled hunts must submit the tag fee and application fee with their application. Applicants successful in drawing for a moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat will receive a tag in the~~

~~mail. (3-31-22)~~

~~03. Group Application. (3-31-22)~~

~~a. A “group application” for deer, elk, and pronghorn is defined as two, three, or four (2, 3, or 4) persons applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application. All applicants must comply with all rules and complete applications properly. All applicants must abide by the same first and second hunt choices. (3-31-22)~~

~~b. A “group application” for moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and gray wolf, is defined as two (2) persons applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application. Both applicants must comply with all rules and complete applications properly. Both applicants must abide by the same first and second hunt choices. (3-31-22)~~

~~c. If a group application exceeds the number of tags available in a hunt, that group application will not be selected for that hunt. (3-31-22)~~

~~04. Unlimited Controlled Hunts. Unlimited controlled hunts identified by proclamation as “first-choice only” may be applied for only as the applicant’s first choice controlled hunt. (3-31-22)~~

~~05. Landowner Permission Controlled Hunts. Landowner permission hunt tags will be sold first-come, first-served basis at the Department’s Headquarters or regional offices beginning the first business day on or after July 15. (3-31-22)~~

~~06. Sale of Remaining Tags. Any controlled hunt tags, except unlimited controlled hunts that remain unsold after the controlled hunt drawings may be sold by any license vendor, through the Internet, or over the telephone on a first-come, first-served basis on the dates below unless such day is a Sunday or legal holiday, in which case the tags will go on sale the next legal business day. A controlled hunt application and tag will be issued to successful controlled hunt purchasers. The ten percent (10%) nonresident limitation will not apply. Controlled hunt applicants with a tag already in possession must return their tag to a Department office to be exchanged for the appropriate controlled hunt tag, except where the Commission has authorized by proclamation possession of the additional tag. (3-31-22)~~

~~a. Spring Bear – April 1. (3-31-22)~~

~~b. Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat – July 10. (3-31-22)~~

~~c. Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, and Fall Bear – August 25. (3-31-22)~~

~~07. Controlled Hunt Drawing. Single or group applications which are not drawn for the first choice hunt will automatically be entered into a second choice drawing, provided the second choice hunt applied for has not been filled. (3-31-22)~~

~~08. Second Drawing Exclusion. The Director may designate certain leftover controlled hunt tags to become immediately available on a first-come, first-served over the counter basis due to the dates of the hunt. (3-31-22)~~

~~259. DEADLINE FOR CLAIMING TAGS AND UNCLAIMED TAGS.~~

~~Successful applicants for the first deer, elk, black bear, gray wolf, or pronghorn controlled hunt drawing must purchase and pick up their controlled hunt tag no later than August 1. All controlled hunt tags not purchased and picked up will be entered into a second controlled hunt drawing. Any controlled hunt tags, except unlimited controlled hunt tags, left over or unclaimed after the second controlled hunt drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. (3-31-22)~~

~~260. USE OF CONTROLLED HUNT TAGS.~~

~~01. Use of Controlled Hunt Tags. No person may hunt in any controlled hunt without having a valid controlled hunt tag in possession. (3-31-22)~~

- a:** A controlled hunt area with an "X" suffix is an extra tag hunt. (3-31-22)
- b:** In the event a tag is issued based on erroneous information, the tag will be invalidated by the Department and may NOT be used. The Department will notify the person of the invalidation of the tag. The person will remain on the drawn list, and if there is a waiting period in a succeeding year, the person will be required to wait the specified time period. (3-31-22)
- 02. Deer.** Any person who draws a controlled hunt tag for deer is not eligible to hunt in any other deer hunt—archery, muzzleloader, or general; except: (3-31-22)
- a:** The person may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Section 259 of these rules for the first deer drawing, allowing the person to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (3-31-22)
- b:** If the person draws an unlimited controlled hunt, the person may relinquish the controlled hunt prior to purchasing, allowing the person to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (3-31-22)
- c:** The holder of a deer controlled hunt tag may purchase a nonresident general season tag as a second tag. (3-31-22)
- d:** Any person who draws a controlled hunt extra tag for deer may hunt in any other deer hunt—archery, muzzleloader, general or controlled hunt. (3-31-22)
- 03. Elk.** Any person who draws a controlled hunt tag for elk is not eligible to hunt in any other elk hunt—archery, muzzleloader, or general; except: (3-31-22)
- a:** The person may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Commission rule for the first elk drawing, allowing the person to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (3-31-22)
- b:** If the person draws an unlimited controlled hunt, the hunter may relinquish the controlled hunt prior to purchasing, allowing the person to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (3-31-22)
- c:** The holder of an elk controlled hunt tag may purchase a nonresident general season tag as a second tag. (3-31-22)
- d:** Any person who draws a controlled hunt extra tag for elk may hunt in any other elk hunt—archery, muzzleloader, general or controlled hunt. (3-31-22)
- 04. Pronghorn.** Any person who draws a pronghorn controlled hunt tag is not eligible to hunt in any other pronghorn hunt; except: (3-31-22)
- a:** The person may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Commission rule for the first pronghorn drawing allowing the person to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (3-31-22)
- b:** If the person draws an unlimited controlled hunt, the person may relinquish the controlled hunt prior to purchasing, allowing the person to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (3-31-22)
- c:** The holder of a pronghorn controlled hunt tag may purchase a controlled hunt extra tag for pronghorn. (3-31-22)
- d:** Any person who draws a pronghorn controlled hunt extra tag may apply for a controlled hunt tag

for pronghorn. (3-31-22)

05. Black Bear. (3-31-22)

a. Any person who draws a spring-controlled hunt tag for black bear may choose to purchase the controlled hunt bear tag or return an unused general season bear tag in exchange for the controlled hunt bear tag. (3-31-22)

b. Any person who draws a fall-controlled hunt tag for black bear may choose to purchase the controlled hunt bear tag or return an unused general season bear tag in exchange for the controlled hunt bear tag. (3-31-22)

261. SPECIAL CONTROLLED HUNTS.

01. Special Controlled Hunt Program. The Special Controlled Hunt Program is a program to partially fund a sportsman access program adopted by the Commission. This program will offer forty (40) tags valid for the current year hunting seasons; including, twelve (12) tags each for elk, deer, and pronghorn, and four (4) tags for moose. (3-31-22)

a. The rules for controlled hunts set forth in Section 260, of these rules, do not apply to the Special Controlled Hunt Program. (3-31-22)

b. The Special Controlled Hunt application will be marketed by the Department. The Department will issue these tags to eligible persons selected by an impartial random draw process. The successful applicants will receive the tag necessary to hunt the appropriate species. (3-31-22)

02. Moneys. The Department will deposit all moneys received from the sale of Special Controlled Hunt Applications in accordance with state law. The Department will specifically use funds for the sportsman access program. (3-31-22)

03. General Rules. (3-31-22)

a. Any individual, resident or nonresident, may purchase and submit applications without limit. (3-31-22)

b. Special-controlled hunt applications may be entered in the name of individuals other than the purchaser. (3-31-22)

c. Each successful applicant must have or be eligible to obtain a valid Idaho hunting license. (3-31-22)

d. Each tag will be issued to the individual named on the drawn application that meets license eligibility requirements and cannot be transferred. (3-31-22)

e. An individual may be drawn for only one (1) special-controlled hunt tag for each species. (3-31-22)

f. Each special-controlled hunt tag is valid for the designated species and allows the person to hunt in any open hunt, general or controlled, for the designated species in the applicable year's season. (3-31-22)

g. The special-controlled hunt tag will be in addition to any other tag the person is eligible to obtain. (3-31-22)

h. Any applicant, including those who harvest an animal on a special-controlled hunt tag, will be eligible to apply for any controlled hunt for the same species in the same year or subsequent years. (3-31-22)

i. In the event a license, tag, or permit is issued based on erroneous information, all documents issued based on the erroneous information will be invalidated by the Department and may not be used. The Department will

notify the individual at his last known place of residence of the invalidation of the license, tag or permit. (3-31-22)

04. Application Fees. Applications may be sold for individual species (Super Hunt) or grouped for combined species (Super Hunt Combo). The application fees will be set by Commission Order under Section 36-415, Idaho Code, or will be the same as the controlled hunt fee set in Section 36-416, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)

05. Drawing Dates. There will be two (2) drawings. All drawings will be held at the Department's offices in Boise, Idaho. The first drawing winners will be notified by June 10, and the second drawing winners will be notified by August 15 each year. The Commission may order a different drawing day in case of business emergency, holiday, or non-business days. (3-31-22)

06. Department Marketed Applications. (3-31-22)

a. Individual applications for special controlled hunts shall be made on a form prescribed by the Department or submitted electronically at any Department Office or license vendor, via Internet or telephone. (3-31-22)

b. Applications received at the Licenses Section, Headquarters Office, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, PO Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707-0025, or submitted electronically, by no later than 11:59 pm Mountain time May 31 of the current calendar year will be eligible for the first drawing held in June; and those received after May 31 and by no later than 11:59 pm Mountain time, August 10, of the current calendar year for the second drawing. Applications received after August 10 will be eligible for the drawing held in June of the following year. (3-31-22)

c. All applications entered into the first drawing are not eligible for and will not be entered into the second drawing. (3-31-22)

d. Any individual application that is unreadable, has multiple or no species box checked, is incomplete, or lacks the information or fee will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing. All applications will be considered final; they may not be resubmitted after correction. (3-31-22)

e. Should the winner be ineligible, deceased, or incapacitated to hunt, the first alternate drawn will be declared the winner. Should the first alternate be ineligible, deceased or incapacitated to hunt, the second alternate drawn will be declared the winner. Should the second alternate be ineligible, deceased or incapacitated to hunt, that special controlled hunt tag will be null and void and will not be issued to any person. (3-31-22)

262. (RESERVED)

263. REFUNDS OF CONTROLLED HUNT FEES.

01. Refunds. (3-18-22)

a. Controlled hunt tag fees will be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants for moose, sheep, mountain goat, and grizzly bear. Unsuccessful applicants may donate all or a portion of refunded tag fees to Citizens Against Poaching by checking the appropriate box on the application. One dollar (\$1) of the non-refundable application fee will go to Citizens Against Poaching unless the applicant instructs otherwise. (3-18-22)

b. Fees for hunting licenses will not be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible controlled applicants. (3-18-22)

c. Fees for deer or elk tags purchased prior to the drawing will not be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants. (3-18-22)

d. Overpayment of fees of more than five dollars (\$5) will be refunded. Overpayment of five dollars (\$5) or less will NOT be refunded and will be retained by the Department. (3-18-22)

e. Controlled hunt application fees are nonrefundable. (3-18-22)

~~f.~~ Fees for resident and nonresident adult controlled hunt tags subsequently designated to a minor child or grandchild are not refundable. (3-18-22)

~~g.~~ Fees for special controlled hunt application, tag and related hunting license are not refundable. (3-18-22)

~~264.—269.~~ (RESERVED)

~~270. MANDATORY HUNTER ORIENTATION.~~

~~Anyone drawing a controlled archery-only hunt tag with mandatory hunter orientation as denoted in the season proclamation will receive orientation information that includes hunt boundaries, legal restrictions, and hunter ethics. Tag holders must sign and return an affidavit that they have reviewed and understand the orientation to receive a Certificate of Completion, which must be carried by the hunter during the hunt. Holders of “Certificates of Completion” from previous hunts do not have to repeat this orientation and will be provided with updated Certificates of Completion to participate in the hunt. (3-31-22)~~

~~271.—299.~~ (RESERVED)

300. IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS THAT LEGALLY MAY BE TAKEN.

01. Big Game Animals of Either Sex. ~~Unless a season is restricted, B~~big game animals of either sex may be taken, except the following may not be taken: (3-31-22)()

- a. Mountain Goat. Females accompanied by young. (3-31-22)
- b. Black Bear. Females accompanied by young. (3-31-22)
- c. Mountain Lion. Spotted young or females accompanied by spotted young. (3-31-22)()
- d. Grizzly Bear. Adult grizzly bears accompanied by young, or young accompanied by adult grizzly bear(s). (3-31-22)

02. Seasons Restricted to Antlered or Male Animals Only. (3-31-22)

a. Deer. Only deer with at least one (1) antler longer than three (3) inches may be taken in any season open for antlered deer only. (3-31-22)

b. Two-point deer. Only deer with not more than two (2) points on one (1) antler, not including brow point, and at least one (1) antler longer than three (3) inches may be taken in any season open for two-point deer only. (3-31-22)

~~c. Three-point deer. Only deer having at least one (1) antler with three (3) or more points not counting the brow point or tine may be taken in any season open for three-point or larger deer only. (3-31-22)~~

~~d.~~ Four-point deer. Only deer having at least one (1) antler with four (4) or more points, not including the brow point or tine, may be taken in any season open for four-point or larger deer only. (3-31-22)

~~e.~~ Elk. Only elk with at least one (1) antler longer than six (6) inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlered elk only. (3-31-22)

~~f.~~ Spike elk. Only elk with no branching on either antler and at least one (1) antler longer than six (6) inches may be taken in any season which is open for spike elk only. A branch is an antler projection that is at least one (1) inch long and longer than the width of the projection. (3-31-22)

~~g.~~ Brow-tined elk. Any elk having an antler or antlers with a visible point on the lower half of either main beam that is greater than or equal to four (4) inches long. (3-31-22)

hg. Moose. Only moose with at least one (1) antler longer than six (6) inches may be taken in any season open for antlered moose only. (3-31-22)

h. Pronghorn. Only pronghorn with a black “cheek patch” and horns greater than three (3) inches long may be taken during a buck only pronghorn seasons. ()

03. Seasons Restricted to Antlerless or Female Animals Only. (3-31-22)

a. Deer. Only deer without antlers or with antlers shorter than three (3) inches may be taken in any season open for antlerless deer only. (3-31-22)

b. Elk. Only elk without antlers or with antlers shorter than six (6) inches may be taken in any season open for antlerless elk only. (3-31-22)

c. Pronghorn. Only pronghorn without a black “cheek patch” or horns less than three (3) inches long may be taken during doe and fawn only pronghorn seasons. (3-31-22)

d. Bighorn sheep. Only bighorn sheep with horns between six (6) inches and twelve (12) inches in length may be taken in any season which is open for bighorn ewes only. (3-31-22)

e. Moose. Only moose without antlers or with antlers less than six (6) inches long may be taken in any season which is open for antlerless moose only. (3-31-22)

301. -- 319. (RESERVED)

320. TAG VALIDATION AND ATTACHMENT.

01. Tag. Immediately after any ~~deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, or gray wolf~~ big game animal is killed, the appropriate big game animal tag must be validated and securely attached to the animal, as prescribed by rule or proclamation. (3-31-22)()

a. Validation. ~~Cut out and completely remove only the two (2) triangles indicating the date and month of kill. Tags may be paper or electronic, as determined by the hunter at time of purchase. Electronic tags require use of the Department’s official mobile app and must be validated for date and month through the app. Two (2) triangles indicating the date and month of kill must be cut out and completely removed from the paper tag.~~ (3-31-22)()

b. Attachment of Tag. (3-31-22)

i. Deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, mountain goat, ~~black bear~~, and bighorn sheep: to the largest portion of the edible meat to be retained by the hunter or any person transporting for the hunter. The tag must remain attached during transit to a place of processing and remain attached until the meat is processed. The validated tag must accompany the processed meat to the place of final storage or final consumption. (3-31-22)()

ii. Mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, and gray wolf: To the hide until the mandatory check is ~~complied with~~ completed. (3-31-22)()

321. -- 349. (RESERVED)

350. IDENTIFICATION OF SEX, SIZE, AND/OR SPECIES IN POSSESSION AND DURING TRANSPORTATION OR SHIPMENT.

01. Evidence of Sex. Evidence of sex must be left naturally attached to the carcass of any big game animal until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption, or is taken to a commercial meat processing facility as follows: (3-31-22)()

a. ~~In antlered or male only seasons, the~~ For species having antlers or horns, the evidence of sex requirement is met when the head, horns, or antlers are left naturally attached to the whole carcass or to a front

quarter. If the head, horns, or antlers are removed, some other external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis ~~or~~ testicles, udder, or vulva) must be left naturally attached to the carcass or to a hind quarter; and ~~the any~~ horns or antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit. (3-31-22)()

bi. In spike elk or two-point (2) deer only seasons, the evidence of sex requirement is met when the head with both complete unaltered antlers are left naturally attached to the whole carcass or to a front quarter. If the head or antlers are removed, some other external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis or testicles) must be left naturally attached to the carcass or to a hind quarter; and In addition, in seasons restricted based on spike, brow tines, or antler points or branches, both complete, unaltered antlers must be naturally attached to each other must and accompany the carcass while in transit. (3-31-22)()

e. In antlerless, doe/fawn or female only seasons, if the head is removed from female elk, moose, deer, pronghorn, or bighorn sheep, some other external evidence of sex (either udder or the vulva) must be left naturally attached to the carcass or to a hind quarter. (3-31-22)

d. The entire head of antlerless male elk, moose, deer, or pronghorn, or a male lamb bighorn sheep killed during an antlerless, female, doe/fawn or ewe only season, may be left naturally attached to the carcass or to a front quarter. If the head is removed, some other external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis, or testicles for males or udder or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the carcass or to a hind quarter. (3-31-22)

eb. For black bear, grizzly bear, mountain lion, and gray wolf, external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis or testicles for males, ~~or udder~~ or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check has been complied with satisfied. (3-31-22)()

02. Evidence of Species. In seasons restricted to mule deer only or white-tailed deer only, if the head is removed, the fully-haired tail must be left naturally attached to the carcass or portion of edible meat if boned, until it reaches the final place of storage, or consumption, or is taken to a commercial meat processing facility. (3-31-22)()

03. Other. Proclamations or emergency hunt orders may designate seasons and areas in which portions of a carcass must be presented to the Department within a specified timeframe; ~~or waive an for which~~ evidence requirement(s) of this section will not apply. (3-31-22)()

351. – 403. (RESERVED)

404. SPECIAL WEAPON SEASONS.

The Commission may designate by proclamation Special Weapon seasons, such as Archery Only, Muzzleloader Only, ~~or~~ Short-range Weapons Only, or Centerfire Open Sights Only, in which restrictions to method of take apply in addition to those set forth in Section 410. (3-31-22)()

405. SPECIAL WEAPON SEASONS – ARCHERY.

01. Archery Only Season. ~~During a season designated by Commission proclamation as an~~ In Archery Only season, it is unlawful to take a big game animal: (3-31-22)()

a. With any firearm, crossbow, or implement other than a longbow, compound bow, or recurve bow. (3-31-22)

b. With any device attached to the bow that holds a bow at partial or full draw. (3-31-22)

c. With any bow or crossbow equipped with magnifying sights, except verifiers. (3-31-22)()

02. Traditional Archery Only Season. ~~During a season identified by Commission proclamation as~~ In Traditional Archery Only seasons, it is unlawful to take any big game animal: (3-31-22)()

a. With any firearm, crossbow, or implement other than a longbow or recurve bow. (3-31-22)

- b. With an arrow not constructed of wood or fletched with non-natural material. (3-31-22)
- c. With any bow equipped with sights. (3-31-22)

406. SPECIAL WEAPON SEASONS – MUZZLELOADER.

01. Muzzleloader Only Season. It is unlawful to take a big game animal with any firearm, including muzzleloading pistols, or implement other than a muzzleloading rifle or musket that complies with each of the following: (7-1-24)

- a. Is at least forty-five (.45) caliber for deer, pronghorn, mountain lion, or gray wolf, or at least fifty (.50) caliber for elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat or black bear. (3-31-22)
- b. Is capable of being loaded only from the muzzle. (3-31-22)
- c. Is equipped only with open or peep sights. (3-31-22)
- d. Is loaded only with loose black powder including synthetic black powder. (3-31-22)
- e. Is equipped with no more than two (2) barrels. (3-31-22)
- ~~f. Is loaded only with a projectile with a diameter within one hundredth (.01) of an inch of the bore diameter. (3-31-22)~~
- ~~g. Is equipped only with flint, musket cap, or percussion cap. 209 primers are prohibited. (3-31-22)~~
- ~~h. Is equipped with an exposed ignition system. (3-31-22)~~
- ~~i. Is loaded only with a patched round ball or conical metal or metal alloy projectile, with the exception of allowance of accuracy tips and pressure bases are allowed. (7-1-24)()~~

02. Pelletized Powder. It is unlawful to use pelletized powder in a Muzzleloader Only season. (3-31-22)

~~**03. Sabot.** It is unlawful to use a sabot in a Muzzleloader Only season. (3-31-22)~~

407. SPECIAL WEAPON SEASONS – SHORT-RANGE WEAPONS.

01. Short-range Weapon Only Season. ~~During a season designated by Commission proclamation as~~ In a Short-Range Weapon Only seasons, it is unlawful to use any weapon other than the following: (3-31-22)()

- a. Any shotgun using any slug or double-aught (#00) or larger buckshot. (3-31-22)
- b. Any muzzleloader that is at least forty-five (0.45) caliber for deer, pronghorn, mountain lion, or gray wolf, or at least fifty (0.50) caliber for elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or black bear. (3-31-22)
- c. Any bow having a peak draw weight of not less than forty (40) pounds ~~up to or at a draw of twenty-eight (28) inches. (3-31-22)()~~
- d. Any crossbow having a peak draw weight of not less than one hundred fifty (150) pounds. (3-31-22)
- e. Any handgun using straight wall centerfire cartridges ~~not originally developed for rifles. (3-31-22)()~~
- f. Any airgun using pre-charged pneumatic power to propel a projectile (excluding shot and arrows) with unignited compressed air or gas and projectiles at least thirty-five (0.35) caliber for ~~deer and pronghorn antelope~~

~~deer, pronghorn, mountain lion, or gray wolf~~, or at least forty-five (0.45) caliber for ~~elk and moose~~ elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or black or grizzly bear. (3-31-22)()

408. SPECIAL WEAPON SEASONS – CENTERFIRE OPEN SIGHTS.

01. Centerfire Open Sights Only Season. In Centerfire Open Sights Only seasons, it is unlawful to use any weapon other than the following: ()

a. Any centerfire firearm equipped only with open or peep sights, with or without verifier. ()

~~408.~~ **409. (RESERVED)**

410. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKE – GENERAL.

No person may take big game animals as set forth in this section. (3-31-22)

01. Firearms. (3-31-22)

a. With any firearm that, in combination with a scope, sling, and/or any other attachments, weighs more than sixteen (16) pounds. (3-31-22)

b. With any shotgun using any shot smaller than double-aught (#00) buck. (3-31-22)

c. With any rimfire rifle, rimfire handgun or any muzzleloading handgun, except for mountain lion and trapped gray wolf. (3-31-22)

d. With a fully automatic firearm. (3-31-22)

e. With any electronic device attached to, or incorporated in, the firearm (including handguns and shotguns) or scope; except scopes containing battery powered or tritium lighted reticles are allowed. (3-31-22)

02. Bows, Crossbows, Arrows, Bolts, Airguns, Chemicals or Explosives. (3-31-22)

~~**a.** With arrows or bolts having broadheads measuring less than seven-eighths (7/8) inch in width and having a primary cutting edge less than fifteen-thousandths (0.015) inch thick. (3-31-22)~~

ba. With any bow having a peak draw weight of less than forty (40) pounds up to or at a draw of twenty-eight (28) inches, or any crossbow having a peak draw weight of less than one hundred-fifty (150) pounds. (3-31-22)

cb. With any chemicals or explosives attached to the arrow or bolt. (3-31-22)

~~**d.** With arrows or bolts having expanding broadheads. (3-31-22)~~

~~**e.** With arrows or bolts having barbed broadheads. A barbed broadhead is a broadhead which has any portion of the rear edge of the broadhead forming an angle less than ninety (90) degrees with the shaft or ferrule. (3-31-22)~~

fc. With any electronic or tritium-powered device attached to, or incorporated into, an arrow, bolt, crossbow, or bow; except lighted nocks are allowed. (3-31-22)()

gd. With any bow capable of shooting more than one (1) arrow at a time. (3-31-22)

~~**h.** With any compound bow with more than eighty-five percent (85%) let-off. (3-31-22)~~

ie. With an arrow and broadhead, or bolt and broadhead, with a combined total weight of less than three hundred (300) grains. (3-31-22)

if. With an arrow less than twenty-four (24) inches or a crossbow bolt less than twelve (12) inches in length from the broadhead to the nock inclusive. (3-31-22)

~~**kg.** With an arrow wherein the broadhead does not precede the shaft and nock. (3-31-22)~~

lg. With any crossbow pistol. (3-31-22)

mh. With any airgun using pre-charged pneumatic power to propel a projectile (excluding shot and arrows) with unignited compressed air or gas and projectiles less than thirty-five (0.35) caliber for deer, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion, or gray wolf, or less than forty-five (0.45) caliber for elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or black or grizzly bear. (3-31-22)

03. Muzzleloaders. (3-31-22)

a. With a muzzleloading rifle or musket which is less than forty-five (.45) caliber for deer, pronghorn, mountain lion, or gray wolf, or which is less than fifty (.50) caliber for elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or black bear. (3-31-22)

b. With any electronic device attached to, or incorporated in, the muzzleloader. (3-31-22)

04. Other. (3-31-22)

a. With electronic calls except for the hunting of mountain lions, black bears, and wolves in seasons set by proclamation and in accordance with Section 36-201, Idaho Code. (3-31-22)()

b. With any bait ~~for hunting, including grain, salt in any form (liquid or solid), or any other substance (not to include synthetic liquid scent) to constitute an attraction or enticement, except in accordance with IDAPA 13.01.17, "Rules Governing the Use of Bait for Hunting Big Game Animals."~~ for hunting, except as set forth in these Rules. (3-31-22)()

c. With dogs, except for mountain lion or black bear in accordance with IDAPA 13.01.15, "Rules Governing the Use of Dogs." (3-31-22)()

d. With any net, snare, trap, chemical, deadfall or device other than legal firearm, archery or muzzleloader equipment or airgun; except in accordance under Section 36-201, Idaho Code, and with IDAPA 13.01.16, "Rules Governing Trapping of Wildlife and Taking of Furbearing Animals." (3-31-22)()

e. Within an enclosure designed to prevent ingress or egress of big game animals, including fenced facilities defined as Domestic Cervidae Farms under Section 25-3501, Idaho Code, unless authorized by the director. This rule does not apply to domestic cervids. (3-31-22)

f. With radio telemetry or other electronic tracking devices used as an aid to locate big game animals. This rule does not affect the use of telemetry equipment on hounds or other sporting dogs. (3-31-22)

g. With the use of any smart optics when attached to or incorporated, except scopes with battery powered, tritium lighted reticles, or as defined by IDAPA 13.01.04.304, Reasonable Modification Permit. ()

h. For big game ungulates (moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, mule deer, white-tailed deer, and pronghorn) from August 1 through December 31: ()

i. With the use of thermal imaging technology, including for scouting, hunting or retrieval; ()

ii. With the use of night vision technology, including for scouting, hunting or retrieval; ()

iii. With the use of a transmitting trail camera, including for hunting and scouting, on land in federal, state, or local government ownership, or private land open to the general public for hunting; or ()

iv. With the use of any aircraft, including any unmanned aircraft system, for scouting or hunting. This restriction is in addition to the restrictions for use of aircraft in Section 36-1101(b) Idaho Code. ()

411. MOTORIZED HUNTING RULE.

The use of motorized vehicles by hunters as an aid to hunting big game is restricted in certain areas. This use restriction is in addition to all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders; including, but not limited to, any motorized vehicle licensing, registration, and permitting requirements and traffic laws. Hunters must comply with all motorized vehicle limits or prohibitions instituted by the landowner or land manager. Also, this use restriction rule is not an exception from, and is in addition to, the statutory prohibition against hunting from or by the use of any motorized vehicle set forth in [Section 36-1101\(b\)\(1\), Idaho Code](#). (3-31-22)

01. Use Restriction. In designated units from August 30 through ~~December 31~~ November 14, hunters may only use motorized vehicles on established roadways that are open to motorized traffic and capable of travel by full-sized automobiles. (3-31-22)()

02. Exceptions. This use restriction rule does not apply to the following permissible motorized vehicle uses by hunters off of an established roadway: (3-31-22)

a. Holders of a valid Disabled Motor Vehicle Hunting Permit may use a motorized vehicle as allowed by the land owner or manager. (3-31-22)

b. Hunters may use a motorized vehicle to retrieve downed game if such travel is allowed by the land owner or manager. (3-31-22)

c. Hunters may use a motorized vehicle to pack camping equipment in or out if such travel is allowed by the land owner or manager; however, hunters may not hunt while packing camping equipment. (3-31-22)

d. Private landowners on their private land, their authorized agents, and persons with written landowner permission are excepted from the Motorized Hunting Rule use restriction. (3-31-22)

412. DESIGNATED MOTORIZED HUNTING RULE UNITS.

The motorized hunting use restriction applies to units 29, ~~30, 30A~~, 32, 32A, ~~36A, 37~~, 37A, 45, ~~47, 49~~, 50, 51, 52, 52A, 53, 56, 58, 59, 59A, 66, 66A, 69, ~~70, 72~~, 73, 75, 76, 77, and 78. (3-31-22)()

413. EXCEPTIONS FOR METHODS OF TAKE AND SHOOTING HOURS FOR GRAY WOLF.

01. Exceptions for Dispatch of Trapped Wolf. A lawfully trapped gray wolf may be dispatched at any hour with any rifle or handgun in exception ~~to IDAPA 13.01.08.400 and of Section 410, "Rules Governing Taking of Big Game Animals," without additional permit from the Director~~ of these rules. (3-31-22)()

02. Exceptions for Methods of Take. The Commission may by proclamation set seasons ~~by proclamation for units~~ in which the hunting or trapping of gray wolf is exempt from method of take restrictions for game animals contained in [Section 36-1101, Idaho Code](#), or Sections 410 or 412 of these rules, where such take restrictions do not apply to other wild canines. (3-31-22)()

03. Permits Involving Waiver of Official Shooting Hours. Where the Commission sets seasons pursuant to Section 413.02 of these rules, no person may hunt gray wolf by use of artificial light or otherwise outside of official shooting hours set by [IDAPA 13.01.07.400, Rules Governing Taking of Wildlife](#), unless: (3-31-22)()

a. On public land, that person has a valid permit from the Director and complies with any permit conditions. The Director may deny a person's application for such permit, limit the time or area for hunting, or impose other conditions for good cause, such as public safety or protection of other wildlife or property; or (3-31-22)

b. On private land, that person is the owner of that land or has written authorization from the landowner or landowner's agent. (3-31-22)

414. -- 4189. (RESERVED)

419. RETURN OF TAGS BY UNSUCCESSFUL HUNTERS.

Hunters who are not successful in killing a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, or moose shall present or mail their unused tags to a Department office within ten (10) days after the close of the season for which the tag was valid. Canceled tags will be returned to the hunter upon request. (3-31-22)

420. MANDATORY CHECK AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

Any person killing black bear, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, gray wolf, or mountain lion ~~in a unit with no quota~~, must comply with mandatory check and report requirements within ten (10) days of the date of kill, ~~or a~~. Any person killing ~~mountain lion in a unit with a quota, or a grizzly bear~~, a grizzly bear or species to which a hunt closure quota applies must, within five (5) days of the date of kill, comply with the mandatory check and report requirements by: Mandatory check and reports requirements are: (3-31-22)()

01. Harvest Report. Completing the ~~relevant harvest report~~ (big game mortality report or other report form as required) form for the species taken, or other report form as may be specified by proclamation for the hunt. (3-31-22)()

02. Presentation of Animal Parts. Presenting the following animal parts ~~so that Department personnel may collect biological data and mark the animal parts:~~ (3-31-22)()

a. Black Bear: Skull and portion of the hide with evidence of sex attached to be presented to a conservation officer, regional office or official check point for removal and retention of premolar tooth and to have the hide marked. (3-31-22)

b. Grizzly Bear: Skull and portion of the hide with evidence of sex attached to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office for removal and retention of a premolar tooth, and to have the hide marked. (3-31-22)

c. Mountain Lion: Skull and portion of the hide with evidence of sex attached to be presented to a conservation officer ~~or~~, regional office, or official checkpoint for removal and retention of a premolar tooth, and to have the hide marked. (3-31-22)()

d. Gray Wolf: Skull and portion of the hide with evidence of sex attached to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office for removal and retention of a premolar tooth, and to have the hide marked. (3-31-22)

e. Moose: ~~Antlers from antlered animals~~ Skulls and antlers (if antlered) to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office. (3-31-22)()

f. Bighorn Sheep: ~~Ram h~~ Horns to be presented to a regional office ~~for marking, ewe horns to be presented to a regional office,~~ with ram horns to be marked. (3-31-22)()

g. Mountain Goat: Horns to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office. (3-31-22)

03. Return of Tags by Unsuccessful Hunters. Hunters who are not successful in killing a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, grizzly bear, or moose must present or mail their unused tags to a Department office within ten (10) days after the close of the season for which the tag was valid. Canceled tags will be returned to the hunter upon request. ()

034. Possession of Raw Pelts of Black Bear, Grizzly Bear, Mountain lion, and Gray Wolf. No person may have in possession, except during the respective time period after lawful harvest allowed for mandatory check in this ~~Section 420 of these rules~~ (five (5) or ten (10) days), depending on species), any raw black bear, mountain lion, grizzly bear, or gray wolf pelt, without an official state export tag attached, unless that person possesses a fur buyer or taxidermist license or appropriate import documentation. (3-31-22)()

045. Authorized Representative. A person may authorize another person to comply with the above requirements if that person complies with reporting requirements and possesses enough information to accurately

complete the necessary form.

(3-31-22)

421. MANDATORY REPORTS FOR PRONGHORN, DEER, AND ELK ~~REPORT REQUIREMENTS~~.

01. Mandatory Report. Any hunter that obtains a pronghorn, deer, or elk tag must submit to the Department an accurately completed Mandatory Report for the respective species on a form prescribed by the Department, within ten (10) days of killing such animal, or if the hunter does not kill such animal, within ten (10) days of the closing date of the appropriate season. (3-31-22)

02. Failure to Report. Failure to submit the pronghorn, deer, or elk Mandatory Report as required in this section will render the person ineligible to obtain any license until a late Mandatory Report permit is submitted with the Department. (3-31-22)

422. MANDATORY TELEPHONE REPORT.

In addition to other check and reporting requirements, any hunter killing a grizzly bear must report the harvest within twenty-four (24) hours by calling the Grizzly Bear Reporting Number, a toll-free telephone number published in the grizzly bear season and rules brochure available at Department offices and on the Department website. (3-31-22)

423. -- ~~499~~49. (RESERVED)

450. BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION.

Any person killing a big game animal must comply with requirements for biological sampling for detection of disease or other population management, as established by proclamation or order of the Commission or director. ()

451. -- 499. (RESERVED)

500. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS.

In addition to the closures specified in IDAPA 13.01.07.300, "Rules Governing Taking of Wildlife." (3-31-22)

01. Mountain Lions and Gray Wolves. No person may hunt or pursue mountain lion or gray wolf within one-half (1/2) mile of any active Department big game feeding site, except on private property. (3-31-22)()

02. Black Bear, Grizzly Bear, and Gray Wolves. No person may hunt or pursue black bear, grizzly bear, or gray wolf within two hundred (200) yards of the perimeter of any designated dump ground or sanitary landfill. (3-31-22)

501. -- ~~75~~99. (RESERVED)

~~86~~00. EMERGENCY DEPREDAATION HUNTS.

01. Eligibility. (3-31-22)

a. Only ~~Idaho~~ residents with a valid ~~Idaho~~ hunting or combination license are eligible to apply ~~to participate in for big game~~ emergency depredation hunts. Section 36-106(e)(5), Idaho Code provides an exception for tag issuance to nonresident landowners residing in a contiguous state. (3-31-22)()

b. ~~Persons submitting a~~Applications for emergency depredation hunts ~~are eligible to apply for~~ does not affect eligibility for general hunts or other controlled hunts ~~or may hunt in the general season.~~ (3-31-22)()

02. Applications. (3-31-22)

a. A person may submit no more than one (1) emergency depredation hunt application per year for each species ~~deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, or gray wolf.~~ Applications submitted for the same species in more than one region will result in disqualification from all regions. (3-31-22)()

b. ~~An individual or a group may apply. A group is defined as t~~Two (2) ~~hunters applying~~ people may

apply as a group for the same depredation hunt on the same application. If a group application is selected, both hunters will be offered depredation hunt tags if two or more tags are available. If an An individual who submits applications for more than one (1) species, ~~he~~ does not have to apply in the same group or area for each application.

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c. Any form not properly completed ~~will be~~ is ineligible for selection.

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~~d. Any holder of an antlerless or doe/fawn, or black bear controlled hunt tag will be considered an applicant for any depredation hunt for that species which is:~~

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~~i. Held prior to the antlerless or doe/fawn, or black bear controlled hunt; and~~

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~~ii. Is in the same area as the depredation.~~

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~~e. Any holder of an antlerless or doe/fawn, or black bear controlled hunt tag may also apply for a depredation hunt in any region.~~

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~~f.d.~~ A list of depredation hunt applications received will be maintained for the time period July 1 to June 30. Applications are valid only for the time period for which they are submitted.

(3-31-22)

03. Selection of Participants. The Department will place all applications (individual or group) for each depredation hunt received by June 30 in random order. All applications received after June 30 will be placed at the end of the list in the order received, except that priority will be given to military personnel returning from active duty ~~will be given priority~~. The Department will select participants for a hunt in the order in which applicants appear on the list.

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04. Controlled Hunt Tagholder Exception. ~~except f For those emergency depredation~~ hunts that precede, or at the discretion of the Regional Supervisor, follow a controlled hunt for or run concurrently with a doe/fawn, or antlerless, animals or black bear. If a depredation hunt is scheduled before or, at the discretion of the Regional Supervisor, after a doe/fawn or antlerless hunt or black bear hunt in the same unit, the holders of the doe/fawn or antlerless tags or black bear tag will be given the option to hunt in the depredation hunt. If no doe/fawn or antlerless or black bear hunts are scheduled in that unit, or if some depredation hunt tags are not taken by controlled hunt hunters, participants will be selected from applicants for that depredation hunt. If a group application is selected, both hunters will be offered depredation hunt tags controlled hunt in the same area, the holders of those controlled hunt tags will be given the option to use that controlled hunt tag in the depredation hunt for that species before tags are made available to individuals on the application list. The regional supervisor has discretion to: (1) allow holders of unfilled doe/fawn, antlerless, or black bear controlled hunt tags for hunts that have ended in the same area to use those tags in the depredation hunt; (2) waive weapon restrictions that apply to a controlled hunt tag if used in the area of the depredation hunt.

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05. Effect on Bag/Possession Limits. A depredation hunt tag authorizes the take of one (1) big game animal, which may be in addition to the annual bag and possession limits for that species by use of another controlled or general hunt tag.

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601. -- 609. (RESERVED)

610. HERD HEALTH KILL AUTHORIZATION.

01. Authorization. The director may issue herd health kill authorizations to private landowners for the control, eradication, minimization, or management of wildlife disease. Private landowners or their designees may take the number of animals authorized by the director, only on the private property of the landowner to whom the authorization was issued, and subject to compliance with any requirements specified in the authorization.

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02. Possession for Personal Use. The director's authorization may allow landowners or their designee(s) to keep edible portions of animals taken for their personal use, in addition to other big game animals they may lawfully possess, provided they comply with any specified sampling requirements.

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03. Tag Eligibility. The use or possession of a herd health kill authorization does not affect the possessor's eligibility for other game tags. ()

611. -- 699. (RESERVED)

700. USE OF BAIT FOR HUNTING BIG GAME.

Bait may be used to hunt only black bear and only under the following conditions, except gray wolf may be taken incidentally to bear baiting. ()

01. Time. ()

a. No bait or bait container may be placed for the purpose of attracting or taking black bear prior to the opening of black bear take season, except bait may be placed one (1) week prior to the opening of bear season in Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26 and 27. ()

b. All bait, bait containers and materials must be removed and all excavations refilled no later than seven (7) days after the close of each season (spring, fall, or black bear dog training); except bait, bait containers, and materials may remain in Units 10 and 12 between the dog training season and the fall season. ()

02. Location. ()

a. No bait site may be located within two hundred (200) feet of any water (lake, pond, reservoir, year-round free flowing spring, or year-round free flowing stream). ()

b. No bait site may be located within two hundred (200) yards from any maintained trail or any established roadway; except in the Panhandle and Clearwater Regions, no bait site may be located within two hundred (200) feet from any maintained trail or any established roadway. ()

c. No bait site may be located within one-half (1/2) mile of any designated campground or picnic area, administrative site, or dwelling. ()

03. Types. ()

a. No person may use any part of a domestic or wild origin game bird, big game animal, upland game animal, game fish, or protected nongame wildlife for bait or scent. ()

b. The skin must be removed from any mammal parts or carcasses used as bait. ()

c. No person may use salt in any form (liquid or solid) for bait. ()

04. Containers. ()

a. No bait may be contained within paper, glass, wood or other non-biodegradable materials, except that a single, rigid container with a maximum size of fifty-five (55) gallons may be used if securely attached at the bait site. ()

b. No bait may be contained in any excavated hole greater than four (4) feet in diameter. ()

05. Establishment of Bait Sites. ()

a. Any structures constructed at bait sites using nails, spikes, ropes, screws, or other materials must be removed by the permit holder within seven (7) days after the close of each season (spring, fall, or black bear dog training). ()

b. All bait sites must be visibly marked at the nearest tree or on the bait container using a tag supplied by the Department. ()

701. BAITING PERMIT.

01. Baiting Permit. ()

a. Baiting permits are issued by mail or in person from Department offices beginning March 1 of each year. ()

b. Baiting permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued. ()

02. Use of Baiting Permit. ()

a. Any person placing bait must possess a baiting permit issued by the Department. ()

b. A person may possess only one (1) baiting permit each year and may maintain not more than three (3) bait sites. A licensed outfitter may maintain additional bait sites if the number of sites is approved in writing by the landowner or land management agency. ()

c. No person may hunt over an unlawful bait site. ()

d. Guides and clients of outfitters (who have a bait permit and are licensed under title 36, chapter 21, Idaho Code) are exempt from possessing a baiting permit, provided they have a copy of the outfitter's permit in their possession while placing bait or hunting over the outfitter's permitted bait site. ()

702. USE OF BAIT BY A GRIZZLY BEAR.

Any person placing bait to hunt black bear, hunting at a bait site, or witnessing the use of a bait site by a grizzly bear must immediately report use of the bait by a grizzly bear to the Department. No person may hunt black bear over such a bait site for the remainder of the current black bear hunting season. The bait site(s) will be closed for the remainder of the current black bear hunting season and the bait must be removed as soon as possible. ()

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