



Idaho Department of Fish & Game



Statewide BLACK BEAR *Proposals for the 2019 - 2020 Big Game Seasons*

Panhandle Region

No proposed changes

Clearwater Region

- Expand use of the second tag in Units 14, 15 and 16 and extend the season in Unit 14
 - Proposal was supported by the majority of public during the public input periods

Southwest Region

- Unit 32 Spring Hunts
 - Original proposal included an option for converting controlled spring hunt to general hunt.
 - Public expressed interest in youth opportunity, and in offering additional methods of take.
 - Current proposal converts controlled spring hunt to general hunt, and adds a new youth-only (dogs allowed) spring controlled hunt after general hunt to extend season, provide new additional opportunity, and have hunters available into June to assist landowners with conflict bears.
- Unit 22 Fall Hunts
 - Original proposals included options for general hunts and for splitting Units 22 and 31, and increasing controlled hunt tag numbers.
 - Public supported elements of all three options: favored increasing opportunity and harvest, supported splitting Units and increasing tags.
 - Current proposal incorporates parts of all three options: it splits Units 31 and 22 into two separate fall controlled hunts, and increases tags in each. It also adds a new private-land fall controlled hunt in Unit 22, for a net increase of 2 weeks of hound hunting opportunity and 150 tags throughout Units 31 and 22.

Magic Valley Region

No proposed changes

Southeast Region

- Offer new general spring and fall black bear hunts in Units 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, and 78 to provide hunters opportunity and obtain additional information on bear abundance and distribution
 - The Region maintained original proposal to offer new hunts and added a summer dog training season in response to public inquiry.

Upper Snake Region

No proposed changes

Salmon Region

- Public supported all proposals to align hunts

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Units	Take Season	Dogs Prohibited	Dog Training	Notes
1	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Jan 1 - Dec 31	None	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
2, 3, 5	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	<i>Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
4, 4A	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 15 - June 30	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - April 30	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
6	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 15 - June 30	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
7, 9	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 15 - July 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31	None	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
8	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
8A, 10A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	June 1 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited</i>
10, 12	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
11	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	None	
11A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
13	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	None	
14	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31 June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	June 1 July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
15	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
16	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used North of Selway River, Remainder of Unit: 1 bear tag Electronic calls may be used</i>

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16A, 17, 19, 20	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered in Unit 17</i>
18	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - May 31	Aug 30 - Sep 14 Oct 10 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - Apr 30	June 1 - July 31	
19A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 July 1 - July 31	
20A	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	None	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
21A, 36B	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Nov 30 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Nov 8	July 1 - July 31	
21, 28	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Nov 30 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 10 - Oct 31 Nov 8	July 1 - July 31	
	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Oct 10 - Nov 8	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second lion tag may be used and electronic calls may be used in those portions of Units 21 and 28 within designated wilderness only.</i>
22, 31, 32, 32A	None		May 23 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited</i>
23, 25	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 7 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 8 July 1 - July 31	
24	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 7	Oct 5 - Oct 31	June 8 - July 31	
	June 8 - June 15 30			<i>Portion of Unit 24 only. See note 1, Page 70</i>
26	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
27	Aug 30 - Nov 30 Apr 1 - June 30	Sep 15 - Oct 31 Nov 8	July 1 - July 31	<i>Second bear tag may be used, Electronic calls may be used</i>
29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 102 - 104</i>
32	April 1 - May 22	April 1 - May 22	May 23 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited</i>
33	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15 30	Oct 5 - Oct 31	June 16 July 1 - July 31	<i>That portion of Unit 33 within the Middle Fork of the Payette River drainage downstream from but excluding Powder House Gulch drainage is closed during dog training season.</i>
34, 35, 36	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 5 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	

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39	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15 30	Oct 5 - Oct 31	June 16 July 1 - July 31	
43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 52	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 45, 49 & 52, See Pages 102 - 104</i>
50, 51, 58, 59, 59A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 102 - 104</i>
60	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	None	<i>Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
60A, 63, 63A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	July 1 - July 31	
61	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31 West of Howard Creek in Clark County only	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited in Fremont County and east of Howard Creek in Clark County, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
62, 62A	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 30	Jan 1 - Dec 31	None	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
64, 65, 66, 66A, 67, 69, 76	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Oct 1 - Oct 31	June 16 - July 31	<i>Motorized Hunting Rule Applies in Units 66, 66A, 69 & 76, See Pages 102 - 104 Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered in Units 64, 65, 66 & 67</i>
75, 77, 78	None Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	June 16 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Participants - If interested in helping with information collection in these areas please contact the Southeast Regional Office before pursuing bears.</i>
71, 72, 74	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	Aug 30 - Oct 31 Apr 15 - June 15	June 16 - July 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Please report observations to the Regional office at (208) 232-4703</i>

Note on page 70:

- Portion of Unit 24 only:** That portion of Unit 24 north of the following boundary: beginning on the western Unit 24 boundary at No Business Saddle on Forest Service Road 186, then east and south on Forest Service Road 186 to West Mountain Road, then south on West Mountain Road to Tamarack Falls Road, then east on Tamarack Falls Road to Norwood Road, then north on Norwood Road to West Roseberry Road, then east on West Roseberry Road to State Highway 55, then south on State Hwy 55 to Warm Lake Road, then east on Warm Lake Road to the Unit 24/25 boundary.

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Fall 2019 & 2020 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
8501	1-1 ^b	15	Sep 15 - Oct 9	<i>Bait prohibited. See note 1, Page 71, Caution: grizzly bears may be encountered</i>
New Hunt	22	100	Aug 1 – Sep 30	<i>Bait Prohibited, Private land only, Outside the National Forest System Boundary</i>
8502	22-1 ^a 22	100	Aug 15 – Aug 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Private land only, excluding corporate timber lands, See note 1, Page 71</i>
			Sep 1 – Oct 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 – Oct 31, See note 1, Page 71</i>
New Hunt	31	50	Aug 15 - Aug 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Private land only, excluding corporate timber lands, See note 1, Page 71</i>
			Sep 1 – Oct 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 – Oct 31, See note 1, Page 71</i>
8503	32-1 ^a	100	Aug 15 - Aug 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Private land only, excluding corporate timber lands, See note 1, Page 71 Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 102 - 104</i>
			Sep 1 - Oct 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 - Oct 31, See note 1, Page 71, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 102 - 104</i>

Youth only Fall 2019 & 2020 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
8504	22-1 ^a	25	Aug 15 – Aug 31	<i>Bait prohibited Private land only, excluding corporate timber lands, See note 1, Page 71</i>
			Sep 1 - Oct 31	<i>Bait prohibited, Dogs prohibited Oct 1 - Oct 31, See note 1, Page 71</i>

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Spring 2020 & 2021 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
8001	22-1 ^a	75	Apr 1 - May 22	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited</i>
8002	32-1 ^a 32A	75 40	Apr 1 - May 22	<i>Bait and dogs prohibited, Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 102 - 104</i>

Youth only Spring 2020 & 2021 Black Bear Controlled Hunts (Females with young are protected!)				
Hunt No.	Controlled Hunt Areas	Tags	Season Dates	Notes
New Hunt	32	25	May 23 – Jun 15	<i>Bait prohibited Motorized Hunting Rule Applies, See Pages 102-104</i>

Note on Page 71:

1. Controlled hunt tag holders must have a hound-hunter permit to use dogs in this hunt. Any dogs used must be under the control of the tag holder. Bears may not be pursued during this controlled hunt without having a controlled hunt tag in possession.

BLACK BEAR CONTROLLED HUNT AREA DESCRIPTIONS

Hunt Area 1-1 — That portion of Unit 1 within the following boundary: Beginning at the Idaho/Washington state line where it intersects the Pend Oreille River, then northward along the Idaho/Washington state line to the Lamb Creek drainage, then southeasterly along the northern edge of the Lamb Creek divide to Priest Lake, then along the southern shore of Priest Lake to the Soldier Creek drainage, then easterly along the northern edge of the Soldier Creek drainage to the Selkirk Divide, then southerly along the Selkirk Divide to Baldy Mountain, then easterly along Little Sand Creek to the Pend Oreille River, then westerly along the northern shore of the Pend Oreille River to the point of beginning and that portion of Unit 1 within the following boundary:

Beginning at the confluence of the Moyie River and the Kootenai River, then west and north on the Kootenai River to the Copeland Bridge, then east on County Road 45 to the junction with State Highway 1, then south on State Highway 1 to the intersection with State Highway 95, then north and east on State Highway 95 to where State Highway 95 crosses the Moyie River, then south on the Moyie River to the point of beginning.

Hunt Area 22 — All of Unit 22.

Hunt Area 22-1 — All of Units 22 and 31.

Hunt Area 31 — All of Unit 31.

Hunt Area 32 — All of Unit 32.

Hunt Area 32A — All of Unit 32A.

Hunt Area 32-1 — All of Units 32 and 32A.