

RULE PROPOSAL FOR AGENDA ITEM 5.S.

13.01.08 – RULES GOVERNING THE TAKING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is authorized under Sections 36-104(b) and 36-1101(a), Idaho Code, to adopt rules concerning the taking of big game animals. (3-30-01)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

01. Title. These rules shall be cited in full as IDAPA 13.01.08.000, et seq., Idaho Fish and Game Commission Rules IDAPA 13.01.08, “Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho.” (3-30-01)

02. Scope. These rules establish the methods of take, seasons, and possession limits for all big game animals in the state of Idaho. (3-30-01)

BREAK IN CONTINUITY

410. UNLAWFUL METHODS OF TAKE.

No person shall take big game animals as outlined in this section. (7-1-93)

01. Firearms. (7-1-93)

a. With any firearm that, in combination with a scope, sling, and/or any other attachments, weighs more than sixteen (16) pounds. (7-1-93)

b. With any shotgun using any shot smaller than double-aught (#00) buck. (7-1-93)

c. With any rimfire rifle, rimfire handgun or any muzzleloading handgun, EXCEPT for mountain lion and trapped gray wolf. (4-4-13)

d. With a fully automatic firearm. (10-26-94)

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. (4-2-08)

02. Bows, Crossbows, Arrows, Bolts, Airguns, Chemicals or Explosives. ~~(3-20-97)~~

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 fifteenth-thousandths (0.015) inch thick. (7-1-93)

b. 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. (3-20-97)

c. With any chemicals or explosives attached to the arrow or bolt. (7-1-93)

d. With arrows or bolts having expanding broadheads. (7-1-93)

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.

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f. With any electronic or tritium-powered device attached to, or incorporated into, an arrow, bolt, crossbow, or bow (except nonmagnifying scopes containing battery powered or tritium lighted reticles may be used by disabled archery permit holders). (5-8-09)

g. With any bow capable of shooting more than one (1) arrow at a time. (7-1-93)

h. With any compound bow with more than eighty-five percent (85%) let-off. (4-2-08)

i. With an arrow and broadhead, or bolt and broadhead, with a combined total weight of less than three hundred (300) grains. (4-2-08)

j. 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. (4-2-08)

k. With an arrow wherein the broadhead does not proceed the shaft and nock. (3-30-01)

l. During an *Archery Only* season, with any firearm, crossbow (except holders of handicapped archery permits), or other implement other than a longbow, compound bow, or recurve bow, or: (3-30-07)

i. With any device attached that holds a bow at partial or full draw (except holders of handicapped archery permits). (3-30-07)

ii. With any bow or crossbow equipped with magnifying sights. (3-20-97)

m. During a *Traditional Archery Only* season, with any firearm, crossbow, or other implement other than a longbow or recurve bow, or: (3-15-02)

i. With an arrow not constructed of wood or fletched with non-natural material. (3-15-02)

ii. With any bow equipped with sights. (3-15-02)

n. With any crossbow pistol. (3-20-97)

o. 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, mountain lion, or gray wolf, or less than forty-five (0.45) caliber for elk, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat or black bear.

03. Muzzleloaders. (7-1-93)

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. (4-7-11)

b. With any electronic device attached to, or incorporated in, the muzzleloader. (3-30-01)

c. During a *Muzzleloader Only* season, with any firearm, muzzleloading pistol or other implement other than a muzzleloading rifle or musket which: (7-1-93)

i. 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. (4-7-11)

ii. Is capable of being loaded only from the muzzle. (7-1-93)

- iii. Is equipped only with open or peep sights. (7-1-93)
- iv. Is loaded only with loose black powder or, loose Pyrodex or other loose synthetic black powder. Pelletized powders are prohibited. (4-2-08)
- v. Is equipped with no more than two (2) barrels. (7-1-93)
- vi. Is loaded only with a projectile with a diameter within one hundredth (.01) of an inch of the bore diameter. Sabots are prohibited. (4-2-08)
- vii. Is equipped only with flint, musket cap, or percussion cap. 209 primers are prohibited. (4-2-08)
- viii. Is equipped with an exposed ignition system. (5-8-09)
- ix. Is loaded only with a patched round ball or conical non-jacketed projectile comprised wholly of lead or lead alloy. Sabots are not allowed. (4-11-06)

04. Short-Range Weapon. During Short-Range Weapon ONLY seasons ONLY the following weapons may be used: (7-1-99)

- a. ~~With a~~Any shotgun using any slug or double-aught (#00) or larger buckshot. (~~7-1-99~~)
- b. ~~With a~~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. (~~4-7-11~~)
- c. ~~With a~~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, or any crossbow having a peak draw weight of not less than one hundred fifty (150) pounds. (~~7-1-99~~)
- d. ~~With a~~Any handgun using straight wall centerfire cartridges not originally developed for rifles. (~~3-29-10~~)
- e. 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 or at least forty-five (0.45) caliber for elk and moose. ()

05. Other. (7-1-93)

- a. With electronic calls EXCEPT for the hunting of mountain lions, black bears, and wolves in seasons set by Idaho Fish and Game Commission proclamation. (4-7-11)
- b. With any bait including grain, salt in any form (liquid or solid), or any other substance (not to include liquid scent) to constitute an attraction or enticement, with the exception of applicable rules for the black bear baiting permit and gray wolf trapping. See Rules of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, IDAPA 13.01.17, "Rules Governing the Use of Bait and Trapping for Taking Big Game Animals". (4-4-13)
- c. With dogs, EXCEPT for mountain lion or black bear. See Rules of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, IDAPA 13.01.15, "Rules Governing the Use of Dogs." (7-1-93)
- d. With any net, snare, trap, chemical, deadfall or device other than legal firearm, airgun, archery or muzzleloader equipment; EXCEPT wolves may be trapped or snared in seasons set by Idaho Fish and Game Commission proclamation and subject to all trapping rules in IDAPA 13.01.17, "Rules Governing the Use of Bait and Trapping for Taking Big Game Animals." (4-4-13)
- 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 shall not apply to domestic cervidae which are lawfully privately owned elk, fallow deer, or reindeer.

(4-6-05)

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. (4-7-11)