2019-2021

Idaho Seasons & Rules Governing Take of

Peregrine Falcons

From the Wild for Falconry Purposes

The following rules provide for allowable take of wild-caught peregrine falcons during open seasons from 2019 through 2021. Using the 5 percent of annual productivity allocation authorized under federal guidelines, the most recent three-year intensive survey effort (2018), which indicated that 27 pairs successfully produced 37 young, was used to establish the allowable level of take.

Peregrine Capture

Permits for the capture of wild-caught peregrine falcons in Idaho are allocated by random drawing. No more than two Peregrine Capture Permits may be issued annually. One permit will be a statewide permit (a nestling or recently-fledged juvenile peregrine) and one permit will be limited to nestling take only in Lemhi and Custer counties (Idaho Fish and Game's Salmon Region) or a recently-fledged juvenile peregrine statewide.

Application

Idaho resident falconers possessing a Master Class license may apply for either (but not both) Peregrine Capture Permit using the attached application form with a $6.25 nonrefundable application fee. Application period is March 15 – April 15. Successful applicants will be notified by April 25. Peregrine Capture Permits are $31.75. Permit holders successfully capturing a peregrine falcon are required to wait two years before applying for another capture permit.

Bag Limit

Falconers possessing a valid permit are allowed to capture one nestling or juvenile (hatch year) wild-caught peregrine falcon per year.

Season

Capture season dates are May 1 to August 31.

Rules Governing Capture

1. Licensed Idaho resident Master Class falconers with a valid capture permit are the only falconers allowed to attempt capture of, or possess, an Idaho wild-caught peregrine.
2. A falconer who successfully captures a peregrine shall be ineligible to participate in a Peregrine Capture Permit drawing for the following two years.
3. A falconer who successfully draws a Peregrine Capture Permit but fails to capture a bird may apply for a capture permit in subsequent years.
4. Eyas peregrine falcons may only be taken between one and four weeks of age in the nest (to avoid premature fledging of nestlings). A photographic aging key for peregrines can be found in The Peregrine Fund's publication"*Guide to Management of Peregrine Falcons at the Eyrie.*"
5. Only one eyas may be taken from a single eyrie in which at least two eyasses are present (i.e., at least one eyas must remain in the nest following take).
6. Recently-fledged juvenile (hatch year) birds may be trapped; adult peregrines inadvertently trapped while attempting take of a recently-fledged bird shall be immediately released unharmed at the site of capture.
7. Any bird inadvertently killed during a capture attempt shall be included as part of the annual peregrine capture quota.

8. Take of nestlings from eyries located on man-made structures is prohibited.
9. Dependent upon availability, Idaho Fish and Game may transfer abandoned or prematurely-fledged nestlings to Peregrine Capture Permit holders who voluntarily agree to the transfer. Any such transfer shall be included as part of the annual peregrine capture quota.
10. For take of birds on tribal lands, state parks, national parks or federal wildlife refuges, additional restrictions may apply – please contact the appropriate tribal government or federal agency for more details.
11. Transfer of a wild-caught peregrine is prohibited for two years from the date of capture unless authorized by the Idaho Fish and Game Director in writing; after that, peregrines taken from the wild may only be transferred between currently licensed Master Class falconers.
12. The sale, purchase, or barter of wild-caught peregrines is prohibited.
13. No wild-caught peregrine shall be permanently released back into the wild without prior Fish and Game approval.
14. All regulations pertaining to raptors as adopted by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (50 CFR, Parts 21 & 22) shall also apply.

Reporting Requirements

1. Each falconer who takes a juvenile peregrine from the wild must present the bird for inspection by Idaho Fish and Game personnel within five days of capture. Idaho Fish and Game personnel will attach a permanent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) band.

1. Each falconer who takes a peregrine from the wild must report the sex of the bird and the GPS coordinates (e.g., UTM, decimal degrees) of the capture location to Idaho Fish and Game and to the USFWS within five days of capture. A digital photo of the nest site is requested but not required.

3. Within five days of capture, the falconer must complete and submit a USFWS 3-186A form to **https://www.fws.gov/epermits/** or nearest Idaho Fish and Game regional office.

Application Form

FULL NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE EMAIL ADDRESS

FALCONRY LICENSE NUMBER CLASS OF LICENSE EXPIRATION

Application Fee $6.25 (fees may change without notice)

check one:

- ❑ **Nestling or Juvenile Statewide Permit**
- ❑ **Nestling Only (Lemhi & Custer Cos.) or Juvenile (Statewide) Permit**

Method of Payment:

❑ Personal Check ❑ Money Order ❑ Cashiers Check

Please make check or money order payable to IDFG and send to:

Idaho Department of Fish & Game
Wildlife Bureau – Peregrine Capture Permits
600 S. Walnut, P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707