

IDAPA 13 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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

DOCKET NO. 13-0108-1601

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(b) and 36-1101(a), Idaho Code.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE: A public hearing concerning this rulemaking will be held as follows:

Wednesday, October 12, 2016 - 7:00 pm

**Washington Group, Main Auditorium
720 East Park Blvd.
Boise, ID**

The hearing site 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:

The proposed rules administer grizzly bear hunting should the Idaho Fish and Game Commission authorize hunting after grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem are taken off the federal endangered species list. The proposed rules do not make any decision to delist grizzly bears and do not propose to open any hunting season for grizzly bear in Idaho.

FEE SUMMARY: The following is a specific description of the fee or charge imposed or increased: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: The following is a specific description, if applicable, of any negative fiscal impact on the state general fund greater than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) during the fiscal year as a result of this rulemaking: N/A

NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING: Pursuant to Section 67-5220(1), Idaho Code, a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules - Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the July 6 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Vol. 16-7, pages 59-60](#). Subsequently, negotiated rulemaking was determined infeasible on August 8, 2016 because public comment overwhelmingly concerned issues outside the scope of the rule proposals.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE: Pursuant to Section 67-5229(2)(a), Idaho Code, the following is a brief synopsis of why the materials cited are being incorporated by reference into this rule: N/A

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on technical questions concerning the proposed rule, Jon Rachael, (208) 334-2920.

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 26, 2016.

DATED this 29th day of August, 2016.

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THE FOLLOWING IS THE PROPOSED TEXT OF DOCKET NO. 13-0108-1601
(Only Those Sections With Amendments Are Shown.)

~~006.~~ -- ~~009.~~ ~~(RESERVED)~~

~~010.~~ ~~DEFINITIONS:~~

- ~~01.~~ ~~*Big Game Animals.*~~ ~~*Big game animals are defined as the following species:*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~a.~~ ~~*Mule deer—Odocoileus hemionus.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~b.~~ ~~*White-tailed deer—Odocoileus virginianus.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~c.~~ ~~*Elk—Cervus elaphus.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~d.~~ ~~*Moose—Alces alces.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~e.~~ ~~*Pronghorn antelope—Antilocapra americana.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~f.~~ ~~*Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep—Ovis canadensis canadensis.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~g.~~ ~~*California bighorn sheep—Ovis canadensis californiana.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~h.~~ ~~*Mountain goat—Oreamnos americanus.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~i.~~ ~~*Black bear—Ursus americanus.*~~ ~~(7-1-93)~~
- ~~j.~~ ~~*Mountain lion—Puma concolor.*~~ ~~(4-5-00)~~
- ~~k.~~ ~~*Gray wolf—Canis lupus.*~~ ~~(4-6-05)~~

~~011.~~ -- ~~199.~~ ~~(RESERVED)~~

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

260. TAGS FOR CONTROLLED HUNTS.

01. **Use of Controlled Hunt Tags.** No person may hunt in any controlled hunt without having a valid controlled hunt tag in possession. (4-7-11)

a. A controlled hunt area with an “X” suffix is an extra tag hunt. (10-26-94)

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 hunter 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. (4-7-11)

c. Any person who draws a controlled hunt tag for deer is prohibited from hunting in any other deer hunt--archery, muzzleloader, or general; EXCEPT: (4-7-11)

i. The hunter may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Commission rule

for the first deer drawing allowing the hunter to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (4-7-11)

ii. If the hunter draws an unlimited controlled hunt, the hunter may relinquish the controlled hunt prior to purchasing, allowing the hunter to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (4-7-11)

iii. The holder of a deer controlled hunt tag may purchase a nonresident general season tag as a second tag and may purchase a controlled hunt extra tag for deer. (4-7-11)

iv. Any person who draws a controlled hunt extra tag for deer may hunt in any other deer hunt-archery, muzzleloader, general or controlled hunt. (4-7-11)

d. Any person who draws a controlled hunt tag for elk is prohibited from hunting in any other elk hunt--archery, muzzleloader, or general; EXCEPT: (4-7-11)

i. The hunter may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Commission rule for the first elk drawing allowing the hunter to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (4-7-11)

ii. If the hunter draws an unlimited controlled hunt, the hunter may relinquish the controlled hunt prior to purchasing, allowing the hunter to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (4-7-11)

iii. The holder of an elk controlled hunt tag may purchase a nonresident general season tag as a second tag and may purchase a controlled hunt extra tag for elk. (4-7-11)

iv. Any person who draws a controlled hunt extra tag for elk may hunt in any other elk hunt-archery, muzzleloader, general or controlled hunt. (4-7-11)

e. Any person who draws a controlled hunt tag for pronghorn is prohibited from hunting in any other pronghorn hunt; EXCEPT: (4-7-11)

i. The hunter may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Commission rule for the first pronghorn drawing allowing the hunter to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (4-7-11)

ii. If the hunter draws an unlimited controlled hunt, the hunter may relinquish the controlled hunt prior to purchasing, allowing the hunter to participate in a general season hunt or the second application period or the leftover controlled hunt tag sale. (4-7-11)

iii. The holder of a pronghorn controlled hunt tag may purchase a controlled hunt extra tag for pronghorn. (4-7-11)

iv. Any person who draws a pronghorn controlled hunt extra tag may apply for a controlled hunt tag for pronghorn. (4-7-11)

f. Any person who draws a spring controlled hunt tag for black bear, may choose to purchase the controlled hunt bear tag or exchange a general season bear tag for the controlled hunt bear tag. If the hunter chooses to exchange a general season bear tag for the controlled hunt bear tag the hunter must return the unused tag to a Department office to exchange the tag for the appropriate controlled hunt tag. (4-7-11)

g. Any person who draws a fall controlled hunt tag may choose to purchase the controlled hunt bear tag or exchange a general season bear tag for the controlled hunt bear tag. If the hunter chooses to exchange a general season bear tag for the controlled hunt bear tag the hunter must return the unused tag to a Department office to exchange the tag for the appropriate controlled hunt tag; EXCEPT; the hunter may choose not to purchase the controlled hunt tag by the date set by Commission rule for the fall bear drawing. (4-7-11)

h. Any resident adult person who possesses any controlled hunt tag may designate the controlled hunt tag to his or her resident minor child or grandchild who is qualified to participate in the hunt. (3-20-14)

i. Rules for use of controlled hunt tags in Sections 260 and 261 apply to any resident adult person who possesses and designates a control hunt tag to his or her resident minor child or grandchild. Rules for eligibility in Section 260 apply to any resident adult person who possesses and designates a control hunt tag and to the designated resident minor child or grandchild, except that 260.03.d., 03.f., 03.g. and 03.h. apply to the designated child or grandchild. Mandatory school as provided in Section 270 shall apply to the designated resident minor child or grandchild. (3-25-16)

ii. Designation of the controlled hunt tag shall be made on a form prescribed by the Department and may be submitted either in person to any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Office or by mail to the License Supervisor at P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707. (4-4-13)

iii. Any resident child or grandchild cannot be designated more than one control hunt tag per species per calendar year. (4-4-13)

iv. Designation of a controlled hunt tag shall be completed before the first opening hunt date for the tag. (4-4-13)

i. Any nonresident adult person who possesses any controlled hunt tag may designate the controlled hunt tag to his or her nonresident minor child or grandchild who is qualified to participate in the hunt. (3-20-14)

i. Rules for use of controlled hunt tags in Sections 260 and 261 apply to any nonresident adult person who possesses and designates his or her control hunt tag to his or her nonresident minor child or grandchild. Rules for eligibility in Section 260 apply to any nonresident adult person who possesses and designates a control hunt tag and to the designated nonresident minor child or grandchild except that 260.03.d., 03.f., 03.g., and 03.h. apply to the designated child or grandchild. Mandatory school as provided in Section 270 shall apply to the designated nonresident minor child or grandchild. (3-25-16)

ii. Designation of the controlled hunt tag shall be made on a form prescribed by the Department and may be submitted either in person to any Idaho Department of Fish and Game Office or by mail to the License Supervisor at P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707. (4-4-13)

iii. Any nonresident child or grandchild cannot be designated more than one control hunt tag per species per calendar year. (4-4-13)

iv. Designation of a controlled hunt tag shall be completed before the first opening hunt date for the tag. (4-4-13)

02. Nonresident Tag Limitations. (4-7-11)

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 shall be applied to each uniquely numbered controlled hunt and to the controlled hunts for each species. (4-7-11)

b. Outfitter allocated hunts are exempt from the limitation of Subsection 260.02.a. (3-20-04)

c. For each species, the total number of outfitter allocated controlled hunt tags shall 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 260.02.a., the resulting net number shall 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. (4-7-11)

d. Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tags for deer, elk, pronghorn, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and

moose shall be taken from the nonresident tag quota and availability is subject to Nonresident Tag Limitations. (4-4-13)

03. Eligibility. Any person possessing a valid Idaho hunting license is eligible to apply for controlled hunts subject to the following restrictions: (7-1-93)

a. Holders of a Nongame Hunting License (Type 208) may not apply for any controlled hunt. (4-6-05)

b. Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for either sub-species of bighorn sheep may not 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. Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for mountain goat may not 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. Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for moose may not 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. Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled antlered-only deer hunt may NOT apply for any other controlled antlered-only deer hunt for one (1) year. Except that a person may apply for an antlered-only deer tag in the second application period or a leftover antlered-only deer tag the following year. Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled antlered-only elk hunt may NOT apply for any other controlled antlered-only elk hunt for one (1) year. Except that a person may apply for an antlered-only elk tag in the second application period or a leftover antlered-only elk tag the following year. The one (1) year waiting period does NOT apply to controlled hunts with an unlimited number of tags, Landowner Appreciation Program tags, or Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tags. EXCEPT all successful and unsuccessful pronghorn, deer and elk hunters that comply with all Mandatory Report requirements will be eligible to be randomly drawn for one (1) of ten (10) "Super" controlled pronghorn/deer/elk tags to hunt in any open general and/or controlled pronghorn, deer or elk hunt in the following hunting season. (4-4-13)

c. Any person applying for a bighorn sheep, mountain goat, or moose controlled hunt may NOT 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 second application period for deer, elk, and pronghorn and the first-come, first-served deer, elk and pronghorn controlled hunt permit sales. (4-7-11)

d. Any person who has killed a California bighorn ram or a Rocky Mountain bighorn ram on any controlled hunt may not apply for a tag for the same subspecies, 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. 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. Bighorn sheep auction tag recipients under IDAPA 13.01.04.700 and lottery tag recipients under IDAPA 13.01.04.800 are exempt from the once-in-a-lifetime restrictions on killing bighorn sheep of either subspecies. (4-4-13)

e. No person applying for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep controlled hunt as a first choice shall apply for a California bighorn sheep controlled hunt as a second choice. No person applying for a California bighorn sheep controlled hunt as a first choice shall apply for a Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep controlled hunt as a second choice. No person shall apply for both a Rocky Mountain and a California bighorn the same year. (7-1-93)

f. Any person who kills a bighorn ewe may not apply for another bighorn ewe controlled hunt tag for five (5) years. The harvest of a bighorn ewe does not make the hunter 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 may not apply for any bighorn ram the same year. (4-7-11)

g. Any person who has killed a mountain goat since 1977 may not apply for a mountain goat tag. (4-7-11)

h. Any person who has killed an antlered moose in Idaho may not apply for a moose tag for antlered moose, and any person who has killed an antlerless moose in Idaho may not apply for a tag for antlerless moose

EXCEPT that any person may apply for tags remaining unfilled after the controlled hunt draw. (4-7-11)

i. Any person who has killed a grizzly bear in Idaho may not apply for a grizzly bear tag. ()

ji. Any person applying for a landowner permission hunt must have a signed permission slip from a landowner who owns more than one hundred fifty-nine (159) acres in the hunt area. The permission slip must have the landowner's name and address on it along with the landowner's signature. (7-1-98)

jk. Any person may apply for both a controlled hunt tag and a controlled hunt extra tag. (4-7-11)

kl. Nonresident hound hunters applying for controlled black bear hunts must first obtain a Hound Hunter Permit pursuant to IDAPA 13.01.15.200.04, "Rules Governing the Use of Dogs." (7-1-99)

lm. Any person applying for an outfitter allocated controlled hunt must have a written agreement with the outfitter before submitting the controlled hunt application. (4-11-06)

nn. The Commission establishes youth only controlled hunts by proclamation. Only hunters ten (10) to seventeen (17) years of age with a valid license may apply for youth only controlled hunts, EXCEPT hunters sixty-five (65) years of age or older or hunters with a senior combination hunting license or a disabled combination hunting license or a nonresident disabled American Veteran hunting license may apply for first-come, first-served leftover youth only controlled hunt permits. (3-25-16)

04. Applications. Individual applications or group applications for controlled hunts may be submitted electronically through the automated licensing system at any vendor location, through the Internet, over the telephone, or by mail to the Headquarters Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or any Idaho Fish and Game Regional Office and shall be submitted with a postmarked 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 which lacks the required information or fee 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. (4-7-11)

a. Spring black bear, spring grizzly bear -- Application period - January 15 - February 15. ~~(4-6-05)~~()

b. Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat -- Application period for first drawing - April 1 - 30. (4-6-05)

c. Deer, elk, pronghorn, fall black bear, fall grizzly bear, and gray wolves -- Application period for first drawing -- May 1-June 5. ~~(4-7-11)~~()

d. Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat - Application period for second drawing, if applicable - June 15-25. (4-6-05)

e. Deer, elk, pronghorn, fall black bear, fall grizzly bear, and gray wolves -- Application period for second drawing -- August 5-15. ~~(4-7-11)~~()

05. Applicant Requirements. Applicants must comply with the following requirements: (7-1-93)

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. (4-7-11)

b. Only one (1) controlled hunt extra tag will be issued for each person on any application submitted. (4-7-11)

c. Several applications may be submitted in a single envelope 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. (4-7-11)

d. Fees must be submitted with each application. A single payment (either cashier's check, money order, certified check, or a personal check) may be submitted to cover fees for all applications in the same envelope. 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 hunt, for deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and gray wolf, applied for and is NOT refundable. The tag fees are not to be submitted with either the telephone or mail-in-application for deer, elk, pronghorn, black bear, or gray wolf. Persons applying for moose, bighorn sheep, 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. (4-7-11)

e. Any controlled hunt tags, EXCEPT unlimited controlled hunts that remain unsold after the controlled hunt drawings may be sold by any Point-of-Sale 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 permits 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 shall not apply. Applicants with a tag already in possession must return their tag to a Department office to be exchanged for the appropriate controlled hunt tag. (4-7-11)

i. Spring Turkey and Spring Bear - April 1. (4-7-11)

ii. Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat - July 10. (4-7-11)

iii. Deer, Elk, Pronghorn and Fall Bear - August 25. (4-7-11)

f. A "group application" for deer, elk, and pronghorn is defined as two, three, or four (2, 3, or 4) hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application. All hunters must comply with all rules and complete applications properly. All applicants must abide by the same first and second hunt choices. (4-7-11)

g. A "group application" for moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and gray wolf, is defined as two (2) hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same application. Both hunters must comply with all rules and complete applications properly. Both applicants must abide by the same first and second hunt choices. (3-29-10)

h. If a group application exceeds the number of tags available in a hunt that group application will not be selected for that hunt. (4-7-11)

i. Landowner permission hunt tags will be sold first-come, first-served basis at the Headquarters or regional offices of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game after July 15. (4-7-11)

j. Deer and elk unlimited controlled hunts as identified by the Fish and Game Commission's Big Game Season Proclamation as "first-choice only" may be applied for only as a first choice controlled hunt during the controlled hunt application process. The Proclamation is published in a brochure available at department offices and license vendors. (4-11-15)

06. Refunds of Controlled Hunt Fees. (7-1-93)

a. Controlled hunt tag fees will be refunded to the unsuccessful or ineligible applicants for moose, sheep, and mountain goat. Unsuccessful applicants may donate all or a portion of their tag fee for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat 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. (3-20-97)

b. Fees for hunting licenses will NOT be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants. (10-26-94)

c. Fees for deer or elk tags purchased prior to the drawing will NOT be refunded to unsuccessful or ineligible applicants. (10-26-94)

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. (7-1-93)

e. Application fees are nonrefundable. (4-7-11)

f. Fees for resident and nonresident adult control hunt tags that are subsequently designated to a minor child or grandchild are not refundable. (4-4-13)

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. (7-1-93)

08. 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 by August 1. All controlled hunt tags not purchased and picked up will be entered into a second controlled hunt drawing. Any controlled hunt tags left over or unclaimed after the second controlled hunt drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. (4-7-11)

09. 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. (3-29-10)

(BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTIONS)

300. IDENTIFICATION OF ANIMALS THAT LEGALLY MAY BE TAKEN.

01. Big Game Animals of Either Sex. Big game animals of either sex may be taken as noted below: (7-1-93)

a. Mountain Goat. Either sex may be taken EXCEPT nannies accompanied by kids. (7-1-93)

b. Black Bear. Either sex may be taken EXCEPT female black bears accompanied by young. (7-1-93)

c. Mountain Lion. Either sex may be taken EXCEPT spotted young or females accompanied by young. (7-1-93)

d. Gray Wolf. Either sex may be taken. (3-29-10)

e. Grizzly Bear. Either sex may be taken EXCEPT adult grizzly bear accompanied by young, or young grizzly bear(s) accompanied by adult grizzly bear(s). ()

02. Seasons Restricted to Antlered or Male Animals Only. (7-1-93)

a. Deer. Only deer with at least one (1) antler longer than three (3) inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlered deer only. (7-1-93)

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 which is open for two-point deer only. A point is an antler projection that is at least one (1) inch long and longer than the width of the projection. (7-1-99)

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 which is open for three-point or larger deer only. A point is an antler projection that is at least one (1) inch long and longer than the width of the projection. (3-15-02)

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 that is open for four-point or larger deer only. (4-6-05)

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. (7-1-99)

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. (7-1-99)

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. (3-15-02)

h. 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. (7-1-93)

03. Seasons Restricted to Antlerless or Female Animals Only. (7-1-93)

a. Deer. Only deer without antlers or with antlers shorter than three (3) inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlerless deer only. (7-1-93)

b. Elk. Only elk without antlers or with antlers shorter than six (6) inches may be taken in any season which is open for antlerless elk only. (7-1-93)

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. (4-7-11)

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. (7-1-93)

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. (7-1-93)

301. -- 319. (RESERVED)

320. TAG VALIDATION AND ATTACHMENT AND PROXY STATEMENT.

01. Tag. Immediately after any deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, or gray wolf is killed, the appropriate big game animal tag must be validated and securely attached to the animal. (~~4-7-11~~)()

a. Validation. Cut out and completely remove only the two (2) triangles indicating the date and month of kill. (7-1-93)

b. Attachment of Tag. (7-1-93)

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 must remain attached until the meat is processed. The validated tag must accompany the processed meat to the place of final storage or final consumption. (4-7-11)

ii. Mountain lion, black bear, grizzly bear, and gray wolf: To the hide. (~~4-7-11~~)()

02. Proxy Statement. Any person transporting or possessing any portion of a carcass of a big game

animal or processed big game animal meat taken by another must have in possession a written statement signed by the taker showing the number and kinds of animals, the date taken, the taker's name and address, the taker's hunting license number, and the taker's tag number. (4-7-11)

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. (4-6-05)

a. In antlered or male only seasons, 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) must be left naturally attached to the carcass or to a hind quarter until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption, or a commercial meat processing facility; AND the horns or antlers must accompany the carcass while in transit. (5-8-09)

b. 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 or a commercial meat processing facility naturally attached to the carcass or to a hind quarter until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption; AND both complete unaltered antlers naturally attached to each other must accompany the carcass while in transit. (5-8-09)

c. 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 until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption or a commercial meat processing facility. (4-7-11)

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 until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption. If the head is 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 until the carcass reaches the final place of storage or consumption, or a commercial meat processing facility, AND the lower jaw must accompany the carcass while in transit. (4-7-11)

e. For black bear, grizzly bear, mountain lion, and gray wolf external evidence of sex (either scrotum, penis or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check has been complied with. ~~(3-29-10)~~ ()

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. (7-1-93)

03. Evidence of Size. Any hunter taking a bighorn ram must leave that portion of the skull plate containing the upper one-half (1/2) of the eye socket naturally attached to both of the horns until after the horns have been pinned by the Department. (7-1-93)

04. Other. The Department may designate seasons and areas in which the head or lower jaw must accompany the carcass in transit. (7-1-93)

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420. MANDATORY CHECK AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

Any hunter killing black bear, moose, bighorn sheep, ~~or~~ mountain goat, or gray wolf, or mountain lion in a unit with

no female lion quota must, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF THE DATE OF KILL, or any hunter killing mountain lion in a unit with a female quota or a grizzly bear must, WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF THE DATE OF KILL, ~~or any hunter killing a gray wolf must, WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF THE DATE OF KILL,~~ comply with the mandatory check and report requirements by: (4-7-11)()

01. Harvest Report. Completing the relevant harvest report (big game mortality report or other report form as required) for the species taken. (4-6-05)

02. Presentation of Animal Parts. Presenting the following animal parts so that Department personnel may collect biological data and mark the animal parts: (7-1-93)

a. Black Bear: Skull and hide 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. No person, who does not possess a fur buyer or taxidermist license and/or appropriate import documentation, shall have in possession, except during the open season and for ten (10) days after the close of the season, any raw black bear pelt which does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export documentation). (3-29-10)()

b. Grizzly Bear: Skull and hide to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office for removal and retention of a premolar tooth, and to have the hide marked. No person, who does not possess a fur buyer or taxidermist license and/or appropriate import documentation, shall have in possession, except during the open season and for five (5) days after the close of the season, any raw grizzly bear pelt that does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export documentation). ()

~~**c.**~~ **Mountain Lion:** Skull and hide to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office to have the hide marked. No person, who does not possess a fur buyer or taxidermist license and/or appropriate import documentation, shall have in possession, except during the open season and for five (5) days after the close of the season, any raw mountain lion pelt which does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export documentation). (3-29-10)

~~**d.**~~ **Gray Wolf:** Skull and hide to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office for removal and retention of a premolar tooth, and to have the hide marked. No person who does not possess a fur buyer or taxidermist license and/or appropriate import documentation shall have in possession, except during the open season and for ten (10) days after the close of the season, any raw gray wolf pelt that does not have an official state export tag attached (either Idaho's or another state's official export documentation). (4-7-11)

~~**e.**~~ **Moose:** Antlers from antlered animals to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office. (7-1-93)

~~**f.**~~ **Bighorn Sheep:** Ram horns to be presented to a regional office for marking, ewe horns to be presented to a regional office. (7-1-93)

~~**g.**~~ **Mountain Goat:** Horns to be presented to a conservation officer or regional office. (7-1-93)

03. Authorized Representative. A hunter 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. (7-1-93)

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422. MANDATORY WOLF TELEPHONE REPORT.

01. Gray Wolf. In addition to other check and reporting requirements, any hunter killing a gray wolf must report the harvest within seventy-two (72) hours by calling the Wolf Reporting Number, a toll-free telephone number published in the ~~gray wolf season~~ big game seasons and rules brochure available at Department offices and license vendors. (4-7-11)()

02. Grizzly Bear. 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. ()

423. -- 499. (RESERVED)

500. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS.

01. Restricted Areas for Big Game. Hunting, killing, or molesting of any big game animal is prohibited in the following areas: (7-1-93)

a. Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve in Blaine and Butte Counties; the boundary of the Craters of the Moon National Monument was recently greatly enlarged by Presidential Proclamation. All of the lands added to the Monument and Preserve remain open to hunting, while lands within the former National Monument remain closed to hunting. It is the hunter's responsibility to check the current status of open/closed area boundaries prior to hunting. (4-6-05)

b. All state parks, EXCEPT Farragut State Park that has a November/December deer archery season, Billingsley Creek at Malad Gorge State Park, Castle Rock State Park and state land within the City of Rocks National Reserve are all open to hunting; (4-6-05)

c. Harriman State Park Wildlife Refuge. (4-6-05)

d. Nez Perce National Historical Park in Clearwater, Idaho, and Nez Perce Counties; (7-1-93)

e. That portion of Ada County within Veterans Memorial Park and the area between State Highway 21 to Warm Springs Avenue and the Boise City limits; (4-6-05)

f. Yellowstone National Park in Fremont County; (7-1-93)

g. On any of those portions of State game preserves, State wildlife management areas, bird preserves, bird refuges, and bird sanctuaries for which hunting closures have been declared by legislative or Commission action; (7-1-93)

h. All or portions of national wildlife refuges, EXCEPT as specified in federal regulations for individual refuges; and, (7-1-93)

i. All Snake River islands between the Glenns Ferry bridge and the Sailor Creek bridge in Elmore County. (7-1-93)

j. Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument in Twin Falls County, EXCEPT that portion within an area of fifty (50) feet in elevation above the high water level of the Snake River. The upslope area is marked by yellow fiberglass markers, and hunting is permitted downslope to the river. (3-20-97)

02. Mountain Lions and Gray Wolves. Mountain lion or gray wolf may not be hunted or pursued within one-half (1/2) mile of any active Department of Fish and Game big game feeding site. (3-29-10)

03. Black Bear, Grizzly Bear, and Gray Wolves. Black bear, grizzly bear, or gray wolf may not be hunted or pursued within two hundred (200) yards of the perimeter of any designated dump ground or sanitary landfill. (3-29-10)()