

# Idaho Moose, Bighorn Sheep & Mountain Goat

2021 & 2022 Seasons & Rules



**Controlled Hunt Application Period**  
**April 1-30**

[idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov)

# Mail-in applications are no longer accepted for controlled hunt drawings.



Hunters may apply at any hunting and fishing license vendor or Fish and Game office

or with a credit card  
by calling (800) 554-8685



or

online at  
[license.goutdoorsidaho.com](https://license.goutdoorsidaho.com)



A current Idaho hunting license is required to apply. There is a nonrefundable application fee when applying for controlled hunts. When applying for a moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat hunt the nonrefundable fee is \$16.75 for residents and \$45.75 for nonresidents. For more information please visit us online at [idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov).

## IDAHO'S TRESPASS LAW

# ASK FIRST

*Know before you go!*



Note - if private property adjoins or is contained within public lands, the fence line adjacent to public land should be posted with "no trespassing signs" or bright orange/fluorescent paint at the corners of the fence adjoining public land and at all navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the private land from public land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.

It is illegal for anyone to post public land that is not held under an exclusive control lease.

Private posting at navigable streams shall not prohibit access to navigable streams below the high-water mark as allowed by Idaho law.

A property owner may revoke permission at any time. Any person must leave private property when asked to do so by the owner or agent.

A first conviction of trespass on private property carries a mandatory one-year revocation of hunting/fishing/trapping licenses in addition to misdemeanor fine and seizure of animals taken on private property. Federal law prohibits unauthorized trespass on Indian-owned reservation lands for hunting, fishing, or trapping purposes.

**Refer to Idaho Code 36-1603 and I.C. 18-7008.**

**Please visit: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/askfirst>**

### Permission Form

Permission given to (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Dates permission is valid:

from: \_\_\_\_\_  
to: \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Landowner Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Agent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*A property owner may revoke permission at any time.*

**All persons must have written permission or other lawful form of permission to enter or remain on private land to shoot any weapon or hunt, fish, trap or retrieve game.**

A person should know land is private and they are not allowed without permission because:

- The property is associated with a residence or business;
- OR cultivated;
- OR fenced or enclosed in a way that delineates the private property;
- OR unfenced and uncultivated, but is posted with conspicuous "no trespassing" signs or bright orange/fluorescent paint at all property corners and boundaries where the property intersects navigable streams, roads, gates and rights-of-way entering the land and posted in a way that people can see the postings.





## DIRECTOR SCHRIEVER'S OPEN LETTER TO THE HUNTERS, ANGLERS AND TRAPPERS OF IDAHO

As director of Idaho Fish and Game, my priority is to maintain Idaho's high-quality hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities. Idaho offers some of the most diverse big game hunting in the U.S., which includes moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goats.

We proudly provide hunters the opportunity to pursue these prized animals, and we responsibly manage them to preserve and perpetuate them while providing quality hunting opportunities over the long term. Over the last decade, average success rates for Idaho moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat hunters have averaged 76 percent, 68 percent and 84 percent, respectively.

In recent years, bighorn sheep and mountain goat populations and tag numbers have remained relatively stable with changes in tag numbers reflecting routine fluctuations in populations. However, I am disappointed to report that we continue to see declining trends in many of our moose populations, resulting in reductions in hunting opportunity, which I will explain in more detail below.

But first, some good news about our bighorn sheep populations. One of our most prized bighorn herds in Hells Canyon was "Movi" free in 2020. What is Movi? It's a bacteria that played a key role in pneumonia outbreaks that plagued Hells Canyon bighorns for decades and killed many sheep, especially lambs.

Idaho Fish and Game biologists worked with neighboring states to reduce or eradicate this disease in bighorn herds. A carefully planned strategy to remove Movi-infected animals from the herds appears to be paying off, and our Hells Canyon herds are healthier. Coincidentally, Idaho's 2021 bighorn auction tag reached its highest-ever price of \$310,000, and that money is used to improve the health of bighorns with an eye toward increasing hunting opportunities.

As for mountain goats, our herds remain healthy and stable and goat hunts typically have the highest success rate of the three species. Biologists planned to do more herd surveys in 2020, but unfortunately, considerations for employee safety and helicopter availability related to Covid-19 forced us to postpone them until 2021. We expect to refresh our data when it's feasible and ensure mountain goats are managed with the most-current information.

As I mentioned above, many of our moose populations continue to decline, which prompted the Fish and Game Commission to cut nearly all the antlerless moose hunts for 2021-22.

Moose are declining across much of the western United States. Idaho Fish and Game biologists are working hard to determine the different causes of moose mortality, and the influence different causes have in contributing to the declines.

Biologists and University of Idaho researchers began a multi-year research project in 2020. We have identified many sources of mortality — including predation, disease and parasites — that affect young and adult moose at different rates. Initial findings indicate adult survival has been better than expected. We are hopeful that research will answer what's causing the decline, and more importantly, how wildlife managers can reverse it in Idaho.

Idaho continues to produce world-class big game hunting, and we wish you the best of luck in the controlled hunt drawings. We also remind you that in addition to these hunts, there are also four moose tags available through our Super Hunt program, which you can learn about on page 28, or at [idfg.idaho.gov/superhunt](https://idfg.idaho.gov/superhunt).

Thank you for supporting Idaho Fish and Game and wildlife conservation in Idaho, and I wish you great hunting, fishing and trapping in 2021 and beyond.

*Ed Schriever*, Director  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game



# Idaho Department of Fish and Game

## Idaho Wildlife Policy

*“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.”*

— Idaho Code Section 36-103

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99 Highway 93 N., Salmon ID 83467

Idaho Fish and Game offices are open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday except state holidays. Offices in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions are in the Pacific Time Zone; all others are in the Mountain Time Zone.

## To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
- From your computer or mobile device, go to [idfg.idaho.gov/buy](http://idfg.idaho.gov/buy). A service fee is added for online and telephone transactions.
- Commercial licenses and tags, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

## Other Information

Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700

U. S. Forest Service:

Southern Idaho ..... [fs.usda.gov/r4](http://fs.usda.gov/r4)

Northern Idaho..... [fs.usda.gov/r1](http://fs.usda.gov/r1)

Bureau of Land Management: ..... [blm.gov/idaho](http://blm.gov/idaho)

Idaho Relay Service (TDD) .....1-800-377-3529

## To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.

Information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.



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Information in this brochure summarizes rules and is an official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of wildlife. The official rules are available at [adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current](http://adminrules.idaho.gov/rules/current) or from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.

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## WHAT'S NEW

The 2021 and 2022 moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons include changes in tag numbers and controlled hunt areas in response to population changes, past harvest success rates, and management plan direction.

**Moose** – Overall moose tags were reduced by 89 (18 antlered and 71 antlerless), to a total of 545 statewide. Antlerless harvest was eliminated in the Southeast and Upper Snake Regions. Boundaries were modified in controlled hunt areas 44, 54-1, 61-1, 61-2, and 73. A new controlled hunt was added in hunt area 73A.

**Bighorn Sheep** – Rocky Mountain tags decreased by 2 and California tags decreased by 1 for a total of 96 bighorn sheep tags statewide. Boundaries were changed for controlled hunt areas 21 and 28-2.

**Mountain Goat** – Overall mountain goat tags were reduced by 3 for a statewide total of 41. Boundaries were changed in controlled hunt areas 7 and 36-1.

**Drawing Odds:** For drawing odds by species, visit [idfg.idaho.gov/CHodds](http://idfg.idaho.gov/CHodds)

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