

What is a Controlled Hunt?

Controlled hunt is a term used to describe a hunt with a limited number of tags, unlike a general season, which allows unlimited numbers of hunters. Controlled hunts are often desirable because of location and timing, and success rates are usually higher than general season hunts. Controlled hunt tags are allocated by a random drawing.

Key Application Dates

- Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat: **April 1-30**.
- Successful applicants will be notified by **June 10**.
- Second drawing application period: **June 15-25**.
- Second drawing **June 30**.

To apply, see instructions on pages 38 - 39. Controlled hunt applications may be submitted at any hunting and fishing license vendor, Fish and Game office, by telephone at 1-800-554-8685, or online at idfg.idaho.gov. (Rules for deer, elk, pronghorn and black bear controlled hunts are different and covered in their own brochure and website section).

Notice: A person may apply for only one species. Any person applying for any moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat hunt is prohibited from applying for any other big game controlled hunt in the same year. Except: They may apply for a controlled depredation hunt for deer, elk, or pronghorn, a controlled black bear hunt, or leftover deer, elk or pronghorn controlled hunt tag, an unlimited controlled hunt, or extra deer, elk, pronghorn, or turkey hunt.

Eligibility

Any person possessing a valid Idaho hunting license is eligible to apply for controlled hunts subject to the following restrictions:

- Holders of a Nongame Hunting License or Hunting Passport may not apply for any controlled hunt.
- Any person may apply for one tag for antlered moose or one tag for antlerless moose.
- Any person whose name was drawn on a controlled hunt for moose may not apply for any controlled moose tag **except** leftover tags for a period of two years.
- Any person who has harvested an antlered moose in Idaho may not apply for any moose tag **except** an antlerless moose tag or an antlered moose tag in the second drawing. Any person who has harvested an antlerless moose in Idaho may not apply for any moose tag **except** an antlered moose tag or an antlerless moose tag in the second drawing.
- Any person may apply for an unclaimed or a leftover moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag.
- Any person whose name was drawn for any controlled hunt for either subspecies of bighorn sheep may not apply for any bighorn sheep tag for two years.

- Any person who has killed a California bighorn ram or Rocky Mountain bighorn ram, on any controlled hunt in Idaho may not apply for a tag for the same species, **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.
- 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, or vice versa. No person shall apply for both a Rocky Mountain and a California bighorn sheep hunt the same year.
- Any person may apply for a Special Auction or Special Lottery tag for bighorn sheep.
- Any person may apply for a Super Hunt tag for moose.
- Any person who has killed a mountain goat in Idaho since 1977 may not apply for a mountain goat tag.
- Any person whose name was drawn for a controlled hunt for mountain goat and who failed to harvest may not apply for any mountain goat tag for two years.

Tag Transfer to Youth: A new rule for 2019 excludes moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat controlled hunt tags from designation by any parent or grandparent to their minor child or grandchild. The change is an attempt to ensure that drawing odds for these once in a lifetime species are not further decreased by multiple parents and grandparents submitting controlled hunt applications to draw on behalf of a child or grandchild.

Tags

No person may hunt in any controlled hunt without a valid controlled hunt tag in their possession. In the event a tag is issued based on erroneous information the tag will be invalidated by Idaho Fish and Game and may not be used. Fish and Game will notify the tag holder 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.

Nonresident Limitations

Nonresident hunters are limited to no more than 10 percent of the total number of controlled hunt tags for each species. (Special bighorn sheep tags available by auction and lottery are not included in the 10 percent limitation.) In controlled hunts with 10 or fewer tags, not more than one nonresident tag may be issued.

Requirements

Only one application per person or group will be accepted for the same species. Additional applications for the same person or group for the same species will result in all applications being declared ineligible.

- Applications for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat controlled hunts may be made at any license vendor, IDFG regional or Headquarters office, on-line or by phone at 800-554-8685. The application period begins April 1.
- Any person may apply for a moose Super Hunt tag.

Fees

Resident controlled hunt fees for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag, and application fee: \$183.50 (Price Lock), \$216.50 (No Price Lock).

Nonresident controlled hunt fees for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag, and application fee: \$2,143.50.

These fees include a nonrefundable application fee of \$16.75 for residents and \$41.75 for nonresidents. These fees have increased from 2017. \$1 of this fee may be designated to the Citizens Against Poaching program.

Controlled Hunt Application Instructions

To Complete the Application Worksheet: Enter the complete four digit hunt number of your first and second (optional) choice. Controlled hunt numbers are found in the left hand column of the controlled hunt tables. The hunt numbers are subject to change each year so be sure to use this 2019 and 2020 Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat Seasons and Rules brochure or check the Fish & Game website when applying for any moose, sheep or goat controlled hunt in 2019 or 2020.

Enter the complete 11-digit hunting license number for each person on the application.

Group Application is defined as a group of hunters applying for the same controlled hunt on the same form. All hunters applying together must comply with all rules and complete the application form properly. All must abide by the same first and second choice hunts. If one applicant is ineligible to draw, the entire application will be declared void and will not be entered in the drawing.

Two hunters may apply on the same application for turkey, black bear, moose, sheep, or goat. Up to four hunters may apply on the same application for deer, elk, or pronghorn.

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.

Telephone Applications: Applications for controlled hunts for moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat can be placed over the phone by calling 1-800-55HUNT 5 (554-8685). Fees must be paid by either Visa or MasterCard. Telephone applications are processed by an independent contractor. The charge for processing telephone applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50. These charges will be explained by operators before

the transaction is completed. This fee is in addition to the \$16.75 resident and \$41.75 nonresident (per person, per species) nonrefundable application fee and the tag fee.

Applications may be processed over the telephone 5 a.m. through midnight Mountain Time, seven days a week, April 1 through midnight **Mountain Time** April 30.

Internet Applications: Applications may be made on the Fish and Game website at idfg.idaho.gov/buy-online. Internet charge is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50. This fee is in addition to the \$16.75 resident and \$41.75 nonresident (per person, per species) nonrefundable application fee and the tag fee.

Applications will be taken electronically at all Fish and Game license vendor locations, beginning April 1, through midnight **Mountain Time** April 30, or the vendor's normal closing time.

Notification

Drawing results will be posted on the Fish and Game Website in early June. Look up results at idfg.huntfishidaho.net. Customer will need to login to their account or create an account.

Drawing results: It is the responsibility of the hunter to find out whether he or she was successful in drawing a controlled hunt.

All applicants who applied will receive a tag or a refund of the tag fees. Applications submitted on-line or via the 800 number will receive a credit on the card used to submit the controlled hunt application. All other applicants will receive a refund check by **July 1**. If you do not receive one of these by July 1, please call Fish and Game at 208-334-3700, or write to P.O. Box 25, Boise, ID 83707.

Leftover Controlled Hunts

Any tags leftover after the first drawing will be offered in a second drawing. Nonresident quotas and waiting period restrictions do not apply in the second drawing.

The application period for the second moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat drawing will be June 15-25, with the drawing around June 30. Remember, application and tag fees must be paid at the time of application. You may apply in the second drawing even if you have previously harvested a moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat in Idaho.

Leftover controlled hunt tags from the second drawing for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat go on sale July 10. You may purchase leftover tags even if you have previously harvested a moose, bighorn sheep or mountain goat in Idaho. Nonresident quotas and waiting period restrictions do not apply to leftover tags.

Controlled Hunt Application Fees

Resident Controlled Hunt Fees*

\$183.50 (Price Lock) | \$216.50 (No Price Lock)

**Fee includes nonrefundable \$16.75 controlled hunt application fee. Application fees are not included in Price Lock.*

Nonresident Controlled Hunt Fees**

\$2,143.50

***Fee includes nonrefundable \$41.75 controlled hunt application fee*

Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat application fee has increased from 2017. Application fees are not included in Price Lock. \$1 of this fee may be designated to the Citizens Against Poaching program.

CONTROLLED HUNT APPLICATION WORKSHEET*

Applications can be submitted at any Fish and Game offices and license vendors. Applications also can be made using your credit card by calling 1-800-554-8685. The charge for processing phone-in applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$5.50. Internet applications can be made on the Fish and Game website at idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/controlled. The charge for internet applications is 3 percent of the transaction plus \$3.50

Fill in the blanks with your name, date of birth, hunting license and controlled hunt numbers.
Group applications: Two hunters may apply on the same application for moose, sheep or goat.

***Controlled Hunt Applicants:** Use this worksheet to collect all your information before applying for your controlled hunt.
Under new rules, Fish and Game will not be accepting mail-in applications for the controlled hunts.

1st Choice Hunt Number
(Do not use hunt area)

2nd Choice Hunt Number
(Do not use hunt area)

How Many Hunters are Applying?

(Single application for moose, goat or sheep)

NAME #1

HUNTING/COMBO LICENSE NUMBER - -

(Group application for moose, goat or sheep)

NAME #2

HUNTING/COMBO LICENSE NUMBER - -

DESIGNATE \$1 FEE TO C.A.P (Citizens Against Poaching)? Y N