

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
idfg.idaho.gov/licenses/controlled



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 \$41.75 for nonresidents. For more information please visit us online at idfg.idaho.gov.

IDAHO'S TRESPASS LAW *changed July 1, 2018.*

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

It's my honor to be the new director of Idaho Fish and Game, and my priority is to maintain Idaho's high quality hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities.

Idaho offers some of the most diverse big game hunting opportunities in the U.S., and part of the reason for that is our huntable moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat populations. We are proud to provide hunters the opportunity to hunt these prized species, and we manage moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goats to preserve, perpetuate and continue these populations and hunting opportunities over the long term.

In recent years, our bighorn sheep and mountain goat populations have held relatively steady and provided reliable hunting, but we're seeing declining trends in our moose populations that is affecting the availability of tags.

I assure you we don't take lightly the current 16 percent statewide reduction in antlered moose tags, and a 46 percent reduction in antlerless moose tags. The larger decline in antlerless tags reflects our strategy of preserving the female population so it's available to produce the next generation.

Idaho's moose numbers grew through the early 2000s, and hunting seasons reflected that growth with moose tag numbers increasing every biennial season cycle between 1990 and 2004. Tag numbers peaked at 1,235 in 2004 before starting a gradual decline. Current moose tag numbers are similar to what were allocated in the mid-1990s.

We're certain wolf predation is playing a role in the decline of moose, and we are addressing that with more liberal wolf hunting and trapping seasons. But we're also seeing moose declines in areas that have few, or no, wolves, and shrinking moose populations are not unique to Idaho. Nearly all states with moose have also seen declines, which prompted biologists in the West to pool their resources and search for reasons why.

Idaho's portion of the larger research program focused on how changes in habitat altered the nutrition available to moose, and biologists also collected 460 blood, liver and fecal samples from harvested moose to evaluate micronutrients and parasites. Biologists are planning to collect more samples from moose harvested in the 2019.

Idaho wildlife managers expect to get better estimates of moose populations through remote cameras, and also determine cow-calf ratios. They will radio collar adult female moose in 2019 in several parts of the state to assess survival, and if one dies, determine what killed it. Hopefully, these efforts will help biologists better understand and improve moose populations.

However, don't let any of that discourage you from applying for a moose tag. The success rate for moose hunters in 2018 was over 70 percent, which explains why moose tags, as well as bighorn sheep and mountain goat tags, remain highly sought after, and they provide rewarding hunts and great experiences. Hunters are also reminded there are four moose tags available in the Super Hunt drawing.

Idaho continues to produce world-class big game hunting, and Idaho Fish and Game proudly offers moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat hunters the opportunity to pursue these animals in some of the finest country anywhere.

Thank you for supporting Idaho Fish and Game and wildlife conservation in Idaho, and I wish you great hunting, fishing and trapping in 2019 and beyond.

Ed Schriever, Director
Idaho Department of Fish and Game



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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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1345 Barton Rd., Pocatello ID 83204
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- Salmon Region..... 208-756-2271
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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**. 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.

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

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



Other Information Numbers

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

U. S. Forest Service:

Southern Idaho www.fs.usda.gov/r4

Northern Idaho..... www.fs.usda.gov/r1

Bureau of Land Management: www.blm.gov/id

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

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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 and/or fish. The official rules are available at **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.

Idaho Department of Fish & Game
2019 & 2020 Moose, Bighorn Sheep and Mountain Goat

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WHAT'S NEW

Big Game Controlled Hunt Applications are no longer accepted by mail. See pages 37-39.

The 2019 and 2020 moose and bighorn sheep seasons include changes in tag numbers and controlled hunt areas in response to population changes and past harvest success rates.

Moose – Overall moose tags were reduced by 171 (109 antlered and 62 antlerless), to a total of 634 statewide. Antlerless harvest was eliminated in the Panhandle and Clearwater Regions. Boundaries were modified in controlled hunt areas 44 and 55. New controlled hunts were added in hunt areas 56 and 75-1.

Bighorn Sheep – Rocky Mountain tags increased by 6 (including 2 tags in new late hunts) and California tags decreased by 4 for a total of 99 bighorn sheep tags statewide. Boundaries were changed for controlled hunt areas 11, 20A, 26, and 55. New controlled hunts were added in hunt areas 36AL, 37AL, and 51.

Mountain Goat – Overall mountain goat tags were reduced by 4 for a statewide total of 44. Boundaries were changed in controlled hunt areas 9, 27-2, 27-4, and 37A. A new controlled hunt was added in hunt area 51.

Drawing Odds: For drawing odds by species, visit idfg.idaho.gov/CHodds

Tag Transfer to Child or Grandchild Rule Clarified:

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. See page 37 for more information.

Seasons and rules may change after a booklet is printed. Starting early 2019, you can find significant changes or corrections to this printed proclamation online at idfg.idaho.gov/rules