

**DIVISION 065
GAME MAMMAL
GENERAL SEASONS AND REGULATIONS**

635-065-0010

Mandatory Reporting Penalty

All big game tag holders, except for bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat, and all turkey tag holders are required to report hunting effort and harvest.

(1) Reporting deadlines for 2012-13 seasons are as follows:

- (a) January 31, 2013: For hunts ending between April 1 and December 31, 2012.
- (b) April 15, 2013: For hunts ending between January 1 and March 31, 2013.

(2) Any person with any deer or elk tag for hunts and seasons listed in the 2012 Oregon Big Game Regulations pamphlet, issued through the Point of Sale (POS) system, that fails to report by deadlines established in OAR 635-065-0010 (1) will not be able to obtain a license to hunt game mammals or game birds in Oregon without [~~first reporting and~~] paying a penalty .

- (a) The penalty will be assessed beginning December 1, 2013 with purchase of a 2014 license.
- (b) The penalty fee amount will be \$25.

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Tagging, Possession, Transportation and Evidence of Sex

(1) When the owner of any game mammal tag kills a game mammal for which a tag is issued, the owner shall immediately remove in its entirety only the month and day of kill and attach the tag in plain sight securely to the game mammal. The tag shall be kept attached to such carcass or remain with any parts thereof so long as the same are preserved.

(2) It is unlawful to have in possession any game mammal tag from which all or part of any date has been removed or mutilated except when the tag is legally validated and attached to a game mammal.

(3) It is unlawful to possess the meat or carcass of any pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat without the animal's scalp while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat. The scalp shall include the attached eyes and ears, if the animal is female; or ears, horns, and eyes if the animal is male.

(4) It is unlawful to possess the meat or carcass of any deer or elk without evidence of sex while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat.

Evidence of sex for deer and elk is:

(a) Evidence of sex for deer and elk which will be taken out of Oregon is:

(i) For Bucks and Bulls: Either the head with antlers naturally attached to at least one quarter of the carcass or testicles, scrotum, or penis naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat. For hunts with antler restrictions, if the head is not attached to the carcass, in addition to leaving the testicles, scrotum, or penis naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat, the head or skull plate with both antlers naturally attached shall accompany the carcass or major portions of meat while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat.

(ii) For Does and Cows: Either the head naturally attached to at least one quarter of the carcass or vulva or udder (mammary) naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat.

(iii) For Either Sex Hunts: Either the head naturally attached to at least one quarter of the carcass or reproductive organs (testicles, scrotum, penis, vulva, udder, mammary) naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat. For bucks or bulls killed in either sex hunts with antler restrictions, if the head is not attached to the carcass, in addition to leaving the testicles, scrotum, or penis naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat, the head or skull plate with both antlers naturally attached shall accompany the carcass or major portions of meat while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat.

(iv) For hunts where only white-tailed deer and for hunts where only mule deer are legal: in addition to evidence of sex, either the head or tail shall remain naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat as evidence of the species taken while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat.

(b) Evidence of sex for deer and elk which will not be taken out of Oregon is either:

(i) The animal's scalp while in the field, forest, or in transit on any of the highways or premises open to the public in Oregon, except processed or cut and wrapped meat. The scalp shall include the attached eyes and ears, if the animal is female; or ears, antlers, and eyes if the animal is male, or;

(ii) the head naturally attached to at least one quarter of the carcass or reproductive organs naturally attached to one quarter of the carcass or to another major portion of meat as described in (4) (a) (i)-(iv) above.

(5) When any game mammal or part thereof is transferred to the possession of another person, a written record describing the game mammal or part being transferred indicating the name and address of the person whose tag was originally attached to the carcass and the number of that tag shall accompany

such transfer and shall remain with such game mammal or part so long as the same is preserved or until replaced by a tag or seal of the Department.

(6) All game mammals in possession in the field or forest or in transit more than 48 hours after the close of the open season for such mammal must be tagged with a tag or metal seal by the Department or by the Oregon State Police.

(7) All game mammals or portions thereof shipped by commercial carrier shall be tagged with a tag or metal seal provided by the Department or by the Oregon State Police.

(8) It is unlawful to receive or have in possession any game mammal or part thereof which:

(a) Is not properly tagged;

(b) Was taken in violation of any wildlife laws or regulations; or

(c) Was taken by any person who is or may be exempt from the jurisdiction of such laws or regulations.

(9) No person shall possess any game mammal or part thereof which has been illegally killed, found or killed for humane reasons, except shed antlers, unless he has notified and received permission from the Department or personnel of the Oregon State Police prior to transporting.

(10) No person shall possess the horns of bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat that were not taken legally during an authorized season. Any horns of bighorn sheep or Rocky Mountain goat obtained by the Department may be made available to scientific and educational institutions and for ceremonial purposes.

(11) Except for the following parts, importation of a cervid carcass or parts of a cervid carcass is prohibited if the cervid was killed in a state or province with a documented case of Chronic Wasting Disease:

(a) meat that is cut and wrapped commercially or privately;

(b) meat that has been boned out;

(c) quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;

(d) hides and/or capes with no head attached;

(e) skull plates with antlers attached that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue;

(f) antlers with no tissue attached;

(g) upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories);

(h) finished taxidermy heads.

(12) For the purposes of the parts and carcass import ban in subsection (11), the states or provinces with a documented case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) are Alberta, Colorado, Illinois, Maryland, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia,

and Saskatchewan. The Department shall add by temporary rule any additional states or provinces when any new cases of CWD arise.

(13) The parts and carcass import ban in subsection (11) does not apply to parts or carcasses shipped to the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory (Ashland, Oregon) for the purpose of law enforcement investigations and also does not apply to parts or carcasses of reindeer/caribou.

(14) Cervid carcasses or parts of cervid carcasses found in Oregon in violation of the parts and carcass ban in subsection (11) shall be disposed of in a manner as follows:

(a) Brain tissue, spinal columns, and whole heads or heads minus the cleaned skull plate and attached antlers, shall be disposed of either by incineration at temperatures exceeding 800° F or at lined landfills registered by Oregon Department of Environmental Quality capable of accepting animal carcasses without environmental contamination; rendering is not an allowed means of disposal.

(b) The person(s) who imported parts in violation of the parts and carcass ban in subsection (11) shall pay for appropriate disposal of cervid carcasses or parts of cervid carcasses.

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Controlled Western Oregon Elk Rifle Hunts

Tags shall be issued by a controlled hunt drawing following the procedures established in OAR Chapter 635, Division 060. A person successful in drawing a tag for a controlled elk season shall not hunt in any other elk season, except as provided in OAR Chapter 635, Division 090, or they may hunt in any controlled elk season for which they possess a "left over" tag obtained through the first-come, first-serve process.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the 2012 Oregon Big Game Regulations:

- (1) The hunt listed on page 65 for the Coffee Butte (225C) Master Hunter Antlerless Elk Hunt is deleted. The Department may increase tag numbers in another hunt that overlays the area to compensate for the loss of this small hunt (5.5 square miles, 11 tags.)**

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