Mandatory Check For All Harvested Bears!

The skull of any bear taken must be presented to an ODFW office or designated collection site; the person who took the animal is responsible to have it presented, within 10 days of the kill to be checked and marked. The skull is required to be checked in for the purpose of inspection, data gathering, tagging and removal of a pre-molar tooth for aging. Skull must be unfrozen when presented for check-in. Check-in at ODFW offices must occur during normal business hours (Mon.-Fri., 8-5) by appointment. Remember to call ahead to make arrangements. When the bear skull is presented at check-in, information that must be provided includes: 1) date of harvest and location of harvest including Wildlife Management Unit, and 2) complete hunter information including tag number as found on the bear tag. Hunter information is on the bear tag; the bear tag, a copy of the tag, or a completed “Wildlife Transfer Record Form” (page 100) are alternatives for providing information. Hunters must still complete mandatory reporting via the internet (www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/reporting) or call toll free at 1-866-947-ODFW(6339). See page 6 for more information.

By counting rings on sectioned and stained teeth, biologists can estimate the age of each bear, and determine if the bear has been ‘marked’ as part of ODFW’s tetracycline study. This information can then be used to estimate black bear populations. By counting rings on sectioned and stained teeth, biologists can estimate the age of each bear, and determine if the bear has been ‘marked’ as part of ODFW’s tetracycline study. This information can then be used to estimate black bear populations.

Locating and Collecting the Reproductive Tract from a Female Bear

1. Label a plastic bag with: **Tag Number, Date of Kill, Unit Number and Name, County, and Your Name and Address.** Ziplock type kitchen or freezer bags work very well for this purpose.
2. Locate the “Y” shaped reproductive tract beneath and slightly ahead of the pelvis or hip bones. It usually is necessary to move some of the intestines and other organs aside to locate the entire tract, including both ovaries and the uterus.
3. Cut the uterus immediately forward of the bladder. Use caution when handling the bladder and cutting the reproductive tract from the body cavity to insure the meat is not contaminated with urine from the bladder.
4. Place the entire reproductive tract in the labeled plastic bag and seal. Tie the labeled tooth envelope to the outside of the bag containing the reproductive tract.
5. Preserve specimens by freezing as soon as possible and submit to any ODFW district office or check station.

Please be sure to collect and submit the entire uterus, including both horns and both ovaries.

Attention Hunters in Santiam Unit

Hunters in the northern portion of the Santiam Unit (No. 16) should be advised that the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit (BRWMU) is closed to public entry. The Bull Run boundary — primarily its southern boundary — was expanded by Congress in 2001.

The Bull Run watershed is the primary water supply for over 800,000 persons in the Portland metropolitan area and has been protected by special Congressional legislation since 1904.

**Trespassers are subject to fines up to $5,000.** The closure boundary is clearly signed and gated on all roads leading into the closure area, but please be advised that the current editions of the Mt. Hood National Forest recreation map and Zigzag Ranger District map do not show the correct boundary. Hunters in this area who are uncertain of the BRWMU boundary are advised to view correct versions of maps on display at the Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters in Sandy or at the Zigzag Ranger Station in Zigzag.
BLACK BEAR - CONTROLLED

TAG SALE DEADLINE: The day before the hunt begins.
CONTROLLED HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Please read pages 13-15.
All spring black bear hunts are controlled hunts where the number of hunters is limited and tags are awarded through a public drawing, except the new limited SW Oregon first-come, first-served spring black bear hunt.
BAG LIMIT:  One black bear, except that it is unlawful to take cubs less than one year old or sows with cubs less than one year old.
HUNT AREA:  Entire wildlife management unit unless indicated by an asterisk(*). Please refer to HUNT DESCRIPTIONS BELOW. Please note additional closure areas listed on pages 96-100 that may affect your hunt area.
REGULATIONS:  Using bait to attract black bear and using dogs to locate and treed black bear is prohibited. Applying a scent or attractant to one's body or clothing while worn is not baiting. The skull of any bear taken must be presented to an ODFW office or designated collection site; the person who took the animal is responsible to have it presented, within 10 days of the kill, to be checked and marked. The skull is required to be checked in for the purpose of inspection, data gathering, tagging and removal of a pre-molar tooth for aging. Skull must be unfrozen when presented for check-in. Check-in of ODFW offices must occur during normal business hours (Mon.-Fri., 8-5) by appointment. Remember to call ahead to make arrangements. When the bear skull is presented at the check-in, information that must be provided includes: 1) date of harvest and location of harvest including Wildlife Management Unit, and 2) complete hunter information including tag number as found on the bear tag. Hunter information is on the bear tag; the bear tag, a copy of the tag, or a completed “Wildlife Transfer Record Form” (page 100) are alternatives for providing information. Hunters must still complete mandatory reporting via the internet (www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/reporting) or call toll free at 1-866-947-ODFW(6339). See page 6 for more information.
NOTE: The 2013 1st Choice Applicants’ column is not influenced by preference points; it only indicates the number of first choice applicants for each hunt. Successful individuals may also purchase a 2014 general season black bear tag and a 2014 SW Additional bear tag. Controlled black bear tags not drawn in the February drawing will be sold first-come, first-served beginning Mar. 15 at 10 a.m. Tags purchased in this manner are in addition to other bear tags purchased. Hunters purchasing a SW Oregon spring bear tag prior to the drawing will not be eligible to apply for other controlled spring bear tags or utilize the Point Saver option for spring bear hunts. Hunters planning to apply for other controlled spring bear hunts or a Point Saver should wait until after the drawing to purchase a SW Oregon spring bear tag. Please note there is a limited number of SW Oregon spring bear tags available.
NOTE: The number of tags issued to nonresidents will be limited to no more than 3% of the total tags authorized for each hunt.

STOP Private lands will limit access for hunts printed in red. Do not apply unless you have access to a place to hunt.

CONTROLLED SPRING BLACK BEAR HUNTS

HUNT #    HUNT NAME       OPEN SEASON     2014 TAGS     2013 TAGS     2013 1ST CHOICE APPLICANTS
710A    Saddles Mt - Hoomer* Apr. 1 - May 31  165  165  73
712A    Wilson-Trask* Apr. 1 - May 31  212  212  393
716A    N Cascades* Apr. 1 - May 31  385  385  276
717A    Alsea-Stott Mt* Apr. 1 - May 31  212  212  397
731A    South Central* Apr. 15 - May 31  220  220  109
734    White River Unit Apr. 1 - May 31  80  94  214
742    Hood Unit Apr. 1 - May 31  80  94  73
746A    S Blue Mts* Apr. 15 - May 31  550  550  512
749A    W Blue Mts* Apr. 15 - May 31  210  212  1,262
752A    Starkey* Apr. 15 - May 31  220  220  159
756    Wenah Unit Apr. 15 - May 31  248  248  417
757A    Sled Springs-Chesnimnus* Apr. 15 - May 31  275  273  674
759A    Snake Rvr Unit Apr. 15 - May 31  248  248  375
760A    Minam-Imnaho* Apr. 15 - May 31  248  248  375
762A    Pine Cr-Keating-Catherine Cr* Apr. 15 - May 31  47  44  93
764    Lookout Mt Unit Apr. 15 - May 31  47  44  93

LIMITED FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED SPRING BLACK BEAR HUNT

HUNT NAME       OPEN SEASON    2014 TAGS
SW Oregon* Apr. 1 - May 31  4,400 (Tags will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. See hunt description below)

CONTROLLED SPRING BLACK BEAR HUNTS FOR YOUTHS

To apply, hunters must be 12-17 years old at the time they hunt, have completed Hunter Education class by the time they hunt (see page 85 for Hunter Education Requirements) and have a hunting license. Youths must be accompanied by an adult at least 21 years of age. Adults may not accompany more than two youths.

HUNT #    HUNT NAME       OPEN SEASON     2014 TAGS     2013 TAGS     2013 1ST CHOICE APPLICANTS
756T    Wenah Unit Apr. 15 - May 31  55  55  48
757T    Sled Springs-Chesnimnus* Apr. 15 - May 31  88  88  75
760T    Minam-Imnaho* Apr. 15 - May 31  54  55  37

* HUNT DESCRIPTIONS

HUNT 710A: Saddles Mt - Hoomer - All of Unit 10 and 11.
HUNT 712A: Wilson-Trask - All of units 12 and 14. There are specific weapon restrictions in the Cascade Head - Lincoln City area of the Trask Unit. See page 98.
HUNT 716A: N Cascades - All of Unit 16 excluding the Marion and Linn Co portion outside the UPR lands: the McKenzie Unit excluding the Linn Co portion outside of the Willamette NF.
HUNT 717A: Alsea-Stott Mt - All of units 17 and 18. There are specific weapon restrictions in the Cascade Head - Lincoln City area of the Stott Mt Unit. See page 98.
HUNT 717A: South Central - All of units 31, 32, 33, 74, 75, 76 and 77.
HUNT 746A: S Blue Mts - 64% public lands. All of units 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 65, 66 and 72.
HUNT 749A: W Blue Mts - All of units 49, 54 and 55.
HUNT 752A: Starkey - 67% public lands. All of Unit 52 except the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range fenced enclosure and a 1/4 mi buffer outside the 8-ft fence.
HUNTS 757A and 757T: Sled Springs-Chesnimnus - All of units 57 and 58.
HUNTS 760A and 760T: Minam-Imnaho - All of units 60 and 61.
HUNT 762A: Pine Cr - Keating-Catherine Cr - All of units 53, 56 and 63.

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BLACK BEAR - GENERAL

OPEN SEASON - Western Oregon: Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 - All units west of the eastern boundaries of Santiam, McKenzie, Indigo, Dixon and Rogue units except those lands within one mi of Rogue Rvr between Grave Cr and Lobster Cr, which are closed.

OPEN SEASON - Eastern Oregon: Aug. 1 - Nov. 30 - All units east of the eastern boundaries of Santiam, McKenzie, Indigo, Dixon and Rogue units.

Southwest Oregon Additional Bear: Aug. 1 - Dec. 31 - (all of units 20-30) (Requires a resident SW Additional; a nonresident SW Additional; or a nonresident CascadeAdditional Bear. See next page for units with nonresident tags). An “additional” tag may be purchased throughout the season; however, hunters must purchase the general season tag (see tag sale deadlines on page 9) to be eligible for the additional tag.

BAG LIMIT: One black bear per tag, except that it is unlawful to take cubs less than one year old or sows with cubs less than one year old.

Note: Nonresident tags are valid for only one of the areas listed on the next page under Nonresident Black Bear Tag Limitations.

OTHER REGULATIONS: Using bait to attract black bear and using dogs to locate and tree black bear is prohibited. Applying a scent or attractant to one’s body or clothing while worn is not baiting. The skull of any bear taken must be presented to an ODFW office or designated collection site; the person who took the animal is responsible to have it presented, within 10 days of the kill to be checked and marked. The skull is required to be checked in for the purpose of inspection, data gathering, tagging and removal of a pre-molar tooth for aging. Skull must be unboxed when presented for check-in. Check-in at ODFW offices must occur during normal business hours (Mon.-Fri., 8-5) by appointment. Remember to call ahead to make arrangements. When the bear skull is presented at check-in, information that must be provided includes: 1) date of harvest and location of harvest including Wildlife Management Unit, and 2) complete hunter information including tag number as found on the bear tag. Hunter information is on the bear tag; the tag, a copy of the tag, or a completed “Wildlife Transfer Record Form” (page 100) are alternatives for providing information. Hunters must still complete mandatory reporting via the internet (www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/reporting) or call toll free at 1-866-947-ODFW (6339). See page 6 for more information.

There are specific weapon restrictions in parts of the hunt area. See page 98-100.

- Persons may harvest one black bear during specified seasons with a general season black bear tag, one black bear with a SW Additional bear tag, one black bear with a controlled spring bear tag and one black bear with a left over controlled spring bear tag (see page 14), if available.

- It is unlawful to hunt with a centerfire or muzzleloading rifle without a valid unused deer or elk tag for that time period and area on your person (see exceptions) during: standard Eastern Oregon controlled buck deer centerfire firearm season (Oct. 4 - Oct. 15), Cascade bull elk centerfire firearm season, Coast bull elk 1st and 2nd centerfire seasons both General and Controlled or Rocky Mt bull elk or either sex centerfire firearm seasons or standard Rocky Mt antlerless elk centerfire firearm seasons (Nov. 22 - Nov. 30). This does not include the controlled W High Cascade (1 19A) or Hood-White Rvr (141A) buck hunts. EXCEPTIONS: (1) Hunters who have a tag for one of the hunts listed above may continue to hunt bear and/or cougar within the time period and area for which their deer or elk tag is valid (used or unused) provided they have a valid, unused bear and/or cougar tag; used deer or elk tags must be on the tagged animal and not on the hunters person. (2) Hunters are not required to have an elk tag to hunt bear or cougar in the Applegate WMU during elk seasons.
The number of limited, controlled hunt, and general season tags issued to nonresident black bear hunters is limited to no more than 3% of all tags. For general black bear season (including the additional tag bears), the 3% nonresident limit is based on the previous year’s general season black bear hunter distribution patterns by areas throughout the state. In 2014, nonresident black bear tag sales will be limited in four areas: Northwest, Southwest, Cascades and Eastern. The number of tags available by area, along with area descriptions, for the 2014 season are listed below.

Nonresident hunters who wish to hunt in general black bear seasons may purchase their black bear tags at any license agent, via the internet, or by mail, if postmarked not later than Oct. 3 (or fax for credit card purchases). The additional tag may be purchased throughout the season; however, hunters must purchase the general season tag prior to the deadline to be eligible to purchase an additional tag. Tags will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until gone. Applicants should list preferred hunting areas in order of priority (see area descriptions below). If you do not receive your first choice, you may receive your second or later choice depending on how many tags remain available at the time of application. Please list all areas where you are willing to hunt.

**Area Descriptions/Tag Numbers:**
- **Northwest:** All of units 10-12, 14, 15, 17, 18. (Number of tags: 263)
- **Southwest:** All of units 20 and 23-29. (Number of tags: 328)
- **Cascades:** All of units 16, 19, 21, 22, 30, 31, 34, 39, 41, 42 and those portions of units 33 and 77 west of U.S. Hwy 97. (Number of tags: 466)
- **Eastern:** All of units 32, 35, 38, 40, 43 and those portions of units 33 and 77 east of U.S. Hwy 97; and all other units east of these units. (Number of tags: 463)

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR NONRESIDENTS**
1. Applicants must provide the following information: full name, current address, date of birth, Social Security number, Angler/Hunter I.D. (if known) and telephone number. (See page 17 for mail order form).
2. Applicants must include fees of $182.50 per tag and $140.50 for a nonresident hunting license (if not already purchased), with the application.
3. Applicants shall specify areas for which they are applying in order of choice. Nonresident hunters may obtain one general season nonresident bear tag for a specified area and one additional nonresident bear tag valid for specified areas of southwest Oregon.

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**OREGON EXPERIENCES PERIODIC DRY CONDITIONS THAT CAN LEAD TO WILDFIRES**

Using a little information and a few precautions, you can enjoy Oregon’s wildlife lands without causing undue damage. For useful tips, log onto ODFW’s website at: [www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/index.asp#closures](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/index.asp#closures)

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**HUNTERS: RETURN RADIO TRANSMITTERS**

Radio transmitters used on deer, elk and other big game animals are property of ODFW. These transmitters store valuable information and are re-usable. It is illegal to harvest an animal with these transmitters. Please call your local ODFW office if you harvest an animal with a transmitter or find a transmitter.

We thank you for your cooperation.