

DIVISION 1  
ADMINISTRATION  
Procedural Rules

Controlled Hunt Preference Points in lieu of Cash Reward  
for the Turn-In-Poachers Program (TIP)

**635-001-0150**

**Purpose**

**The purpose of these rules is to establish the process and requirements for hunters to be awarded controlled hunt preference points (preference points) as an alternative to cash for providing information to the Oregon State Police (OSP) and Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) “Turn-In-Poachers” (TIP) program, pursuant to ORS 497.112. The program is intended to encourage hunters to report wildlife violations they witness involving antelope, bear, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, mountain sheep or wolf.**

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**Individual participation**

**(1) A person is eligible to receive preference points provided the person:**

**(a) Provides information that OSP determines led to an arrest or citation issued for the unlawful take, possession, or waste of antelope, bear, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, mountain sheep, or wolf;**

**(b) Asks to receive preference points in lieu of a cash reward for the information provided; and**

**(c) Possesses or can legally possess an Oregon hunting license (adult or juvenile) within the current calendar year.**

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2 **Preference Points Awarded**

3 **(1) Preference points awarded vary by species involved in the violation as follows:**

4 **Species Preference Points Awarded**

5 (a) **Mountain (Bighorn) Sheep 5 Points**

6 (b) **Mountain Goat 5 Points**

7 (c) **Moose 5 Points**

8 (d) **Wolf 5 Points**

9 (e) **Elk 4 Points**

10 (f) **Deer 4 Points**

11 (g) **Pronghorn 4 Points**

12 (h) **Bear 4 Points**

13 (i) **Cougar 4 Points**

14 **(2) For reported violations involving multiple animals or species, points awarded shall be**  
15 **based on the species with the highest point value, plus one point for each additional animal or**  
16 **species for which an arrest was made or citation issued. For example, a report leading to**  
17 **citations issued for one moose, one elk and one deer would receive seven points total (five for**  
18 **the moose, one for the elk, and one for the deer).**

19 **(3) If more than one individual reports the same violation:**

20 **(a) OSP will determine which reporting person(s) is eligible to be offered the alternative of**  
21 **receiving preference points for providing information that led to the arrest or citation.**

22 **(b) Each eligible person who elects to receive preference points will receive the total points**  
23 **awarded for the arrests or citations issued. Preference points awarded will not be split**  
24 **among eligible persons.**

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29 **Process for Awarding Preference Points**

30 **(1) If OSP determines information provided by the person(s) led to an arrest or citation, the**  
31 **officer sends the “Request for Reward” form to the OSP Salem Headquarters (HQ).**

1 **(2) OSP HQ staff will review the request report and if approved send the Request for Reward**  
2 **form to the Department's License Services Section.**

3 **(3) Department staff will review the preference points Request for Reward form and contact**  
4 **the individual(s) eligible to receive the reward preference points.**

5 **(4) The individual(s) eligible to receive the reward preference points must complete a form**  
6 **supplied by the Department's License Services Section clearly indicating to which species**  
7 **preference point file they request the awarded preference points be added.**

8 **(5) The reward points must be placed in the preference point file for one species.**

9 **(6) Once placed in the preference point file for a species, the awarded points are subject to the**  
10 **Oregon Administrative Rules that govern preference points.**

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