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INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & FISCAL IMPACT

CHAPTER 635
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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FILING CAPTION: 2025 Big Game Controlled Hunt Tag Numbers, Season Dates and Regulations

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The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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HEARING(S)

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DATE: 09/13/2024

TIME: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

OFFICER: ODFW Commission

IN-PERSON HEARING DETAILS

ADDRESS: Fort Dalles Readiness Center, 402 E Scenic Dr, The Dalles, OR 97058

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This hearing will be conducted as a hybrid meeting, providing an opportunity to give testimony either in person or virtually. Additional information regarding participation will be posted on our website at www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/commission/minutes/. The meeting can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/IEODFW. Any changes to the meeting format (to virtual only if emergency arises) will be posted to our website as soon as possible.

NEED FOR THE RULE(S)

This action is necessary to set 2025 hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for game mammals.

Amendments relating the issuance and enforcement of Wildlife Area Parking Permits are needed to update existing rule language for clarity. These amendments also allow for additional flexibility to ODFW customers who have obtained a valid parking permit to display their ODFW ID as a proof of permit. Amendments to wildlife disposition rules provide increased flexibility for the disposal of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation to increase the potential for these carcasses to be utilized.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE

1. Staff report prepared for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing on 9/13/2024.

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Roxie Borisch at 503-947-6314 or Roxann.b.borisch@odfw.oregon.gov to view by appointment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

STATEMENT IDENTIFYING HOW ADOPTION OF RULE(S) WILL AFFECT RACIAL EQUITY IN THIS STATE

The Department solicits input from representatives of underrepresented communities likely to be affected on whether the proposed rule will have a fiscal impact on the community, the extent of the fiscal impact, and whether the rules will have significant impact on underrepresented communities. For a complete list of persons, the department has invited to provide pre-notice comments please contact Roxie Borisch at 503-947-6314 or Roxann.b.borisch@odfw.oregon.gov.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT:

These regulations are not expected to result in significant economic or fiscal impacts to local governments or the public.

COST OF COMPLIANCE:

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s). (2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s); (b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s); (c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).

(1) Identify any state agencies, units of local government, and members of the public likely to be economically affected by the rule(s).

State agencies that could be affected by these rules are the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (wildlife management costs) and the Oregon State Police (enforcement costs). No major changes from the current levels of these agencies' operations or expenditures are expected as a result of adoption of these particular rules.

No units of local government are expected to be significantly affected by these rules. No significant changes from the current levels of any local agencies' operations or expenditures are expected as a result of the establishment of these hunting seasons and regulations.

The public is affected by the rules relating to the hunting seasons. Various sectors of the public economy (hunters, suppliers of hunters, and the general economy) will experience varying impacts. The economic impact of changes in hunting rules depends primarily on the changes in hunting opportunities associated with the rule changes and related effects on direct expenditures by hunters. These effects are best measured by estimating the magnitude of changes in the number of hunter days and estimating the resulting changes in expenditures made by hunters, and the associated effects on personal income.

In general, no significant changes in hunter participation levels are anticipated in 2025 compared to 2024, assuming adverse weather and environmental conditions are not experienced between now and the 2025 seasons.

The total (direct, indirect and induced) effects on personal income in the areas surrounding the associated hunting areas and statewide are the result of the direct expenditures on goods and services made by hunters during their hunting trips. Through the "multiplier process", there is a resulting increase in economic activity and personal income in the general economy of the area and the entire state. A review of statewide hunting expenditures is presented below to provide a background on the economic impact of hunting in Oregon.

An Earth Economics study (Mojica et al. 2021) estimated that an individual hunting participation day results in an average expenditure of \$96 per hunter per day (base year 2019). In inflation adjusted (May 2024) dollars, the average expenditure per hunter day in Oregon would amount to \$119.

The relationship between direct, indirect, and induced personal income from the direct trip expenditures per hunter day can be estimated based on response coefficients developed from an economic input-output model. The most recent economic contribution study, an Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Oregon, by Earth Economics also provided updated statewide figures on hunting-related expenditures (using 2019 data). The survey findings estimate Oregon's total hunter related expenditures to be \$228 million in 2019 dollars. In 2023 dollars this is \$278 million in expenditures. These expenditures are associated with the generated economic impact of 2,219 jobs and \$73 million in wages (\$89 million in 2023 dollars) and \$11 million in state and local taxes (\$13 million in 2023 dollars).

Total hunter expenditures are not currently estimated annually at a statewide level for Oregon. However, there are some figures available that provide additional context on hunter expenditures. According to data from the 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, total hunter expenditures in Oregon were about \$239 million in 2011. In 2023 dollars, this would mean \$325 million in expenditures. The most current 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation survey now focuses on national data only and no longer provides state level expenditure estimates. However, the national level hunting expenditure data is worth citing. Survey results show that nationally for all hunting types, trip expenditures per day is \$51 and annual trip expenditure per hunter is \$857 dollars (base year 2022). While differing survey methodologies make comparison across surveys difficult, a review of past survey results does suggest that on average Oregon hunters have higher expenditures than the national figures.

The estimates above will be reasonably good measures of the impact on total personal income per hunter day to the extent that the dollars spent for the hunting trips would not have been spent on other activities or commodities in Oregon had there been no hunting seasons. The economic impacts of hunters' expenditures on durable equipment associated with hunting are not included in the estimates above. For example, durable equipment would include expenditures that individuals plan to use for a number of years, such as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or RV. These equipment expenditures are not necessarily related to hunter use in a simple linear fashion, and hence, may not be significantly affected by marginal changes in seasons. However, there is probably a positive relationship between hunting opportunities and equipment expenditures, particularly in the long run.

The effect of changes in numbers of hunters and hunter activity on personal income in the regions and at the state level can be estimated using the personal income impact per day estimates. However, the aggregate impact depends on the magnitude of the changes in the number of hunters and hunter days. As indicated above, there are relatively minor changes expected to the number of hunters and net hunting days due to changes in game mammal regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 compared to 2024. However, depending on the weather next winter and other environmental factors affecting survival, there may be changes in the amount of controlled hunt tags available in 2025, especially for deer hunts. Obviously, the magnitude of these changes cannot be predicted, but should a hard winter occur, the effects on tag availability could possibly be greater than the effects of any changes in these proposed regulations.

The current restrictions in some of the hunting seasons for game mammals can be viewed as restricting opportunities and reducing positive economic impacts in the short run. However, conservation through adjustment of these and other game mammal hunting seasons is intended to perpetuate the resources at optimum levels over the long run. Failure to restrict harvests of game animals to allow escapement for reproduction would result in reduced hunting opportunities in the future. The proposed regulations strike a balance that will sustain game mammal population levels and maintain

future benefits.

Regarding the proposed amendments relating to the issuance and enforcement of Wildlife Area Parking Permits, impacts to state and local governments are not anticipated. The members of the public who have a valid Wildlife Area Parking Permit could be affected. Since permit holders will now be able to display their ODFW ID number as a proof of permit, this provides Wildlife Area Permit holders greater flexibility for compliance with the existing rules. Especially for customers who purchase their permit onsite through the Department's Electronic Licensing System or in other situations where a printer or parking kiosk is not available at the time of purchase. Those who do not visit ODFW Wildlife Areas would not be affected by these proposed amendments.

The proposed amendments to wildlife disposition rules are not anticipated to significantly impact state and local governments. The proposed amendments would provide the option to donate carcasses of edible wildlife to youth hunters upon requested by Oregon State Police (OSP). This provides OSP the discretion to allow a youth hunter to retain the carcass of a game animal in situations where an investigation determines that the youth acted in good faith but harvested an animal in violation of the wildlife laws under the misguided advice of a supervising adult. Additionally, proposed amendments would continue to allow carcasses of elk taken on damage to be donated to the landowner or landowner's designee in certain situations but would remove the requirement for some carcasses to be donated to charitable organizations when permits for multiple elk are issued.

References

BLS. (2024, July 9). U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Retrieved from CPI Inflation Calculator : https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm

Mojica, J., Cousins, K., Madsen, T., 2021. Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation in Oregon. Earth Economics. Tacoma, WA.

U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2022 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 2022.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Census Bureau. 2011 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, 2011.

(2) Effect on Small Businesses: (a) Estimate the number and type of small businesses subject to the rule(s);
The types of business subject to the rule are primarily those that supply goods or services to hunters. These may include taxidermy services, hunting guides, private hunting preserve operators, food and beverage stores, gasoline stations, sporting goods stores, general merchandise stores, accommodation businesses, food services and drinking places. Big game hunting occurs in myriad locations throughout the state and thus the number of small businesses subject to the rule cannot be estimated. During the first year of any new controlled hunt the Department does not issue outfitters and guide tags for non-residents which may impact these specific small businesses during the initial year of the proposed hunting.

(b) Describe the expected reporting, recordkeeping and administrative activities and cost required to comply with the rule(s);
None expected.

(c) Estimate the cost of professional services, equipment supplies, labor and increased administration required to comply with the rule(s).
None expected.

DESCRIBE HOW SMALL BUSINESSES WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE RULE(S):

The Department has been conducting a Big Game Regulation Review Project in efforts to update the regulations to clarify regulatory language and provide fair and consistent opportunity while ensuring biological objectives are met. Public input to help inform these changes includes feedback from stakeholders collected at 17 public meetings held at various locations around the state, an online public forum conducted in 2020, and 2019 and 2020 surveys of over 4,000 randomly selected resident deer and elk hunters. Final reports of the Forum comments and Deer and Elk Hunter Survey are online at <https://myodfw.com/articles/big-game-hunting-season-review>

WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSULTED? NO IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The draft administrative rules were developed without a committee of interested or affected persons. These rules are amended annually to administer an existing program. Interested and affected persons are generally aware of this rulemaking schedule. The Department provides information and Draft proposals to, and receives comments from, interested and affected persons. In addition, affected persons have been guided to provide feedback to the Department through an online form. The Department District Biologists also conducted outreach efforts at local levels. At the Commission hearing, public correspondence and testimony is accepted into the record as part of the rulemaking process.

RULES PROPOSED:

635-002-0005, 635-002-0007, 635-002-0008, 635-002-0014, 635-008-0053, 635-008-0110, 635-045-0000, 635-060-0000, 635-065-0001, 635-065-0011, 635-065-0015, 635-065-0401, 635-065-0740, 635-065-0760, 635-066-0000, 635-066-0020, 635-067-0000, 635-068-0000, 635-069-0000, 635-070-0000, 635-071-0000, 635-072-0000, 635-073-0000, 635-075-0022, 635-078-0005, 635-078-0008

AMEND: 635-002-0005

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-002-0005
Disposal of Edible Wildlife ¶¶

Except as provided in OAR 635-043-0175 and 635-002-0008, carcasses of edible wildlife, except black bear, shall be disposed of in the following manner: ¶¶

(1) Donated to public and charitable institutions such as welfare organizations, churches, and others provided the

receiving agency pays all storage and handling charges and does not sell the meat. ¶

(2) Donated to persons determined to be eligible because of low income or medical reasons, provided the eligible person requests and accepts the carcass as delivered, consumes the meat at his/her place of residence, and does not offer it for sale. ¶

(3) Donated to wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the Department provided those rehabilitators use the meat to feed sick, injured or orphaned wildlife and do not sell the meat. ¶

(4) Donated to rendering plants, pet food manufacturers or disposed of as specified by personnel of the Department. ¶

(5) Donated to a person, only upon request by Oregon State Police to the Department, provided the person has been issued and possesses a valid Youth Hunting or Youth Combination license, the person accepts the carcass as delivered, does not offer it for sale, and: ¶

(a) has a tag valid for the carcass of wildlife being donated or; ¶

(b) was eligible to purchase a tag that would have been valid for the carcass of the wildlife being donated.

Statutory/Other Authority: ~~Or Laws 2017, Ch 670, § 2, ORS 183.545, 183.550, 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162~~

Statutes/Other Implemented: ~~ORS 183.545, 183.550, 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162~~

AMEND: 635-002-0007

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-002-0007

Disposal of Black Bear Carcasses ¶

Except as provided in OAR 635-002-0009 for bear taken due to a threat of human safety, carcasses of black bear shall be disposed of in the following manner:¶

- (1) Donated to wildlife rehabilitators licensed by the Department provided those rehabilitators use the meat to feed sick, injured or orphaned wildlife and do not sell the meat.¶
- (2) Donated to persons determined to be eligible because of low income or medical reasons, provided the eligible persons sign a written release acknowledging the proper methods of preparation for human consumption, accepts the carcass as is, consume the meat at their place of residence and do not offer the meat for sale.¶
- (3) Donated to persons or public or charitable institutions who request their name be placed on a waiting list maintained by the Department. These persons or public or charitable institutions will be notified on a first-come, first-serve basis and shall sign a written release acknowledging the proper methods of preparation for human consumption, accepts the carcass as is, consume the meat at their place of residence and not offer the meat for sale.¶
- (4) Donated to rendering plants, pet food manufacturers or disposed of as specified by personnel of the Department. Department directed disposal of black bear carcasses may include but is not limited to disposal at approved landfill sites; disposal on public or private lands; used in research activities; or for other scientific, enforcement or educational purposes.¶
- (5) Donated to a person, only upon request by Oregon State Police to the Department, provided the person has been issued and possesses a valid Youth Hunting or Youth Combination license, the person accepts the carcass as delivered, does not offer it for sale, and:¶
 - (a) has a tag valid for the carcass of wildlife being donated or:¶
 - (b) was eligible to purchase a tag that would have been valid for the carcass of the wildlife being donated.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-002-0008

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-002-0008

Disposition of Wildlife Taken on Damage ¶¶

In accordance with ORS 498.012, any wildlife taken on damage shall be disposed of in the following manner:¶¶

- (1) Except as provided in section (2) of this rule, any deer, elk, antelope, bighorn sheep or gamebird shall be salvaged and delivered to a location determined by the Department. Carcasses shall be disposed of as directed by OAR 635-002-0005.¶¶
- (2) Any elk taken on a kill permit outside of established shooting hours for game mammals from August 1 to March 31, and at any time from April 1 to July 31, shall be salvaged and disposed of in the following manner as directed by the Department:¶¶
 - (a) Donated to public and charitable institutions such as welfare organizations, churches, and others provided the receiving institution pays all storage and handling charges and does not sell the meat; or¶¶
 - (b) Donated to the landowner or landowner's designee(s) (including landowner agents) with the following provisions:¶¶
 - ~~(A) If only one Kill Permit is issued, the carcass must be salvaged and disposed of as directed by (2) (a) above;¶¶~~
 - ~~(B) If more than one Kill Permit is issued, the Department shall determine the distribution of the carcasses between public and charitable institutions, persons as outlined in OAR 635-002-0005 (2), and landowner or landowner's designee(s);¶¶~~
 - ~~(C) The landowner or landowner's immediate family may receive only one elk of the total number of permits provided to the landowner in the 12-month period from August 1 to July 31;¶¶~~
 - ~~(D) Any designee or designee's immediate family may receive only one elk in the 12-month period from August 1 to July 31;¶¶~~
 - ~~(E) Name, date and address of physical residence for each recipient shall be documented with Department;¶¶~~
 - ~~(F) The heads, including antlers, of all elk must be submitted to the Department unless otherwise specified by the local District Wildlife Biologist;¶¶~~
 - ~~(G) No portion of any elk received pursuant to this rule may be sold, bartered, or exchanged; and¶¶~~
 - ~~(H) When an elk taken on a kill permit or part thereof is transferred to the possession of another person, a written record shall accompany such transfer and include:¶¶
 - (i) A description of the elk part or portion transferred;¶¶
 - (ii) The name and physical residence address of the person who was the original recipient of the elk;¶¶
 - (iii) The kill permit number;¶¶
 - (iv) The date and time of transfer; and¶¶
 - (v) The written record shall remain with the elk or part so long as the same is preserved.¶¶~~
 - (3) Black bear taken on damage shall be disposed of in the following manner:¶¶
 - (a) The carcass and hide, including gall bladder and female reproductive tract, shall be delivered to a location determined by the Department;¶¶
 - (b) The department may permit the landowner to retain the carcass including hide, skull, paws, claws, and meat (but not the gall bladder) for personal use. The hide, head, paws, claws, and meat may not be sold or bartered.¶¶
 - (A) If the landowner chooses to retain the carcass he/she must sign a written release provided by the department acknowledging the proper methods of preparation for human consumption, accepting the carcass as is, and that the meat will not be offered for sale;¶¶
 - (B) If the carcass, including hide, skull, paws and claws or meat, is transferred to another person, written

documentation must be provided as outlined in OAR 635-065-0765(5).¶

(c) If the landowner chooses not to retain the carcass, including the hide, skull, paws, claws, and meat, the carcass shall be disposed of as directed in OAR 635-002-0007.¶

(d) The hide, skull, paws, claws, and gall bladder shall be salvaged and disposed of in a manner determined by the department. Options for disposition include but are not limited to scientific, enforcement, or educational purposes.¶

(4) Any cougar taken when damaging livestock shall be disposed of in the following manner:¶

(a) The carcass and hide, including viscera, shall be delivered to a location determined by the Department;¶

(b) The Department may permit the landowner to retain the legally marked hide and carcass, including the skull of such cougar for personal use. Such skull, hide, and carcass, including feet and claws, may not be sold or bartered;¶

(c) Such hide shall be marked with a possession tag which shall remain with the hide.¶

(5) Any red fox or bobcat shall be disposed of in a manner determined by the Department. Priority for disposition shall be for scientific, enforcement, or educational purposes.¶

(6) Any beaver shall be disposed of in the following manner:¶

(a) As directed by the Department. Priority for disposition shall be for scientific, enforcement, or educational purposes. The Department may permit a landowner to retain the carcass, including pelt, for personal use. ¶

(b) Beaver taken on private forestland pursuant to 635-043-0070(4)(b) shall be released to the landowner or the agent of the landowner upon request of the landowner.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 498.002, 498.012, 498.022, 498.032, ~~498.061, 498.062, 498.063, 610.002~~

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 498.002, 498.012, 498.022, 498.032, ~~498.061, 498.062, 498.063, 610.002~~

AMEND: 635-002-0014

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-002-0014

Disposal of Antlers ¶

Antlers that come into the department's possession shall be disposed of in the following manner:¶

- (1) Sold through competitive bid, consistent with state and, where appropriate federal, rule and statute; or¶
- (2) Donated to nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, or Oregon cities, counties or state agencies for any purpose the department determines is consistent with the agency's mission including wildlife-related fundraising.¶
 - (a) A nonprofit organization is:¶
 - (A) An Oregon public elementary, middle or high school;¶
 - (B) An Oregon state university or community college; or¶
 - (C) An organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.¶
 - (b) "Wildlife-related fundraising" means selling antlers to raise funds for department-approved wildlife management, research, conservation or educational activities.¶
 - (c) The department may impose written conditions restricting the use of any antler it donates.¶
 - (d) Donated antlers become that organization's property, unless otherwise noted in written conditions.¶
 - (e) Donated antlers may not be used to further or fund political activities of any kind (including, but not limited to, support of or opposition to candidates or ballot measures) or litigation.¶
- (3) Donated as a part of the animal carcass when an edible carcass is donated pursuant to OAR 635-002-0005(5).¶
- (4) Nothing in this rule limits the department's authority, on a government-to-government basis, to provide antlers to federally-recognized tribes in Oregon.

Statutory/Other Authority: ~~ORS 183~~496.012, 496.146, 496.012~~138, 496.1462~~

Statutes/Other Implemented: ~~ORS 183~~496.012, 496.146, 496.138, 496.162

AMEND: 635-008-0053

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-008-0053

Procedures for Issuance and Enforcement of Parking Permits for Department Wildlife Areas ¶¶

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife hereby adopts the following procedures relating to issuance and enforcement of parking permits for certain vehicles on Department Wildlife Areas where parking permits are required:¶¶

(1) Parking may be limited to designated parking areas. A parking permit is required at all times for parking at all designated wildlife areas where a Wildlife Area Parking Permit is required. Refer to specific wildlife area regulations listed in these rules.¶¶

(2) Fee parking areas are designated by ODFW approved signs.¶¶

(3) One of the following permits is required: an annual permit or a daily permit.¶¶

(4) The fee for parking permits is \$8.00 (plus \$2.00 agent fee) for permits issued on a daily basis or \$28.00 (plus \$2.00 agent fee) for permits issued on an annual basis beginning each January 1. Any annual hunting license (including Combination and Sports Pac) will include a free annual parking permit.¶¶

(5) Permits are issued by ~~selected local agents~~, Department offices that sell licenses and the Department's ~~Online License Sales website~~ Electronic Licensing System to a party upon payment and may be transferred from vehicle to vehicle.¶¶

(6) The permits must be visible from outside the vehicle and be displayed in the front or rear window of the vehicle. A party may write their ODFW ID number, as shown on their parking permit, and display it as valid proof of permit. The permit and/or ODFW ID number must be clearly displayed and legible. A party may only display their ODFW ID number as proof of permit if the person assigned that ODFW ID number has acquired a valid parking permit and was transported to or from the wildlife area in that vehicle on the day the ODFW ID is displayed. Each vehicle must display a unique parking permit.¶¶

(7) No parking permits will be required for those vehicles which are owned or operated by government agencies. Notwithstanding paragraph (5), the Department reserves the right to issue free administrative parking permits for private vehicles used by volunteers while participating in official Department-related activities or to participants involved in a Department sponsored hunter recruitment event. Parking permits will not be required for individuals arriving in private vehicles to address fire, health or safety emergencies.¶¶

(8)(a) A person who parks a motor-propelled vehicle in violation of restrictions established and posted under OAR 635-008-0051 through 635-008-0053 commits an offense punishable as provided in ORS 496.992;¶¶

(b) The procedure for a peace officer (or other person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws) to follow upon finding a non-government vehicle parked in a designated fee parking area without a permit shall consist of the issuance of a citation which shall be either delivered to the defendant or placed in a conspicuous place upon the vehicle in the violation.¶¶

(c) A person who is the registered owner of an unattended motor-propelled vehicle parked in violation of the restrictions established and posted under OAR 635-008-0051 through 635-008-0053 shall be presumed to have violated OAR 635-008-0053(8)(a). It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution of the registered owner of a vehicle under subsection (8)(a) of this section that the use was not authorized by the owner, either expressly or by implication.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146

AMEND: 635-008-0110

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-008-0110

Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area (Clatsop County) ¶¶

The Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area is open to wildlife-oriented public use compatible with the goals and objectives contained in the 2007 (updated 2017) Jewell Meadows Management Plan unless otherwise excluded or restricted by the following rules:¶¶

- (1) Open to the discharge of firearms only while hunting big game and game birds during authorized seasons.¶¶
- (2) Posted Refuges and Safety Zones are closed to public access.¶¶
- (3) Camping is prohibited except in designated areas, and shall not exceed a total of 14 days during any 30-day period.¶¶
- (4) The Beneke Tract is open for hunting only during authorized game mammal and game bird seasons. Posted portions of the Beneke Tract are closed to entry during any open Saddle Mountain Unit elk season, except for black-tailed deer hunting only during the ~~g~~General wAny Legal Weapon Western Oregon rifle sSeason with a valid unused tag.¶¶
- (5) The Humbug tract is open for hunting only during authorized game mammal and game bird seasons. Shooting firearms and bows from or across open fields is prohibited during any open Wilson Unit elk season.¶¶
- (6) Trapping is prohibited.¶¶
- (7) ODFW Wildlife Area Parking Permit required.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146

AMEND: 635-045-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-045-0000

Purpose ¶¶

- (1) The purpose of these rules is to list definitions pursuant to hunting seasons for big game and game birds.¶¶
 - (2) The documents entitled "2024-2025" Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," and "2024~~5~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations", are incorporated by reference into these rules. These documents are available at hunting license vendors and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶
- [Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-060-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-060-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to describe the requirements and procedures for controlled hunts pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.162.¶¶

(2) The documents entitled "2024-2025" Oregon Game Bird Hunting Regulations," and "2024~~5~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," are incorporated by reference into these rules. These documents are available at hunting license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0001

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0001

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish license and tag requirements, limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting game mammals pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) OAR Chapter 635, Division 065 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting game mammals set out in the document entitled "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for game mammals. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices, and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶¶

[Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0011

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0011

Mandatory Reporting Deadlines and 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 ~~20223~~-~~20234~~ seasons are as follows: ¶¶

(a) January 31, ~~20234~~: For hunts ending between April 1 and December 31, ~~20223~~. ¶¶

(b) April 15, ~~20234~~: For hunts ending between January 1 and March 31, ~~20234~~. ¶¶

(2) Any person with any deer or elk tag for hunts and seasons listed in the ~~20234~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations pamphlet, issued through the Electronic Licensing System, that fails to report by deadlines established in OAR 635-065-0011(1) will not be able to obtain a license to hunt game mammals or game birds in Oregon without paying a penalty. ¶¶

(a) The penalty will be assessed beginning December 1, ~~20234~~ with purchase of a ~~20245~~ license. ¶¶

(b) The penalty fee amount is \$25. ¶¶

(3) Reporting deadlines for ~~20234~~-~~20245~~ seasons are as follows: ¶¶

(a) January 31, ~~20245~~: For hunts ending between April 1 and December 31, ~~20234~~. ¶¶

(b) April 15, ~~20245~~: For hunts ending between January 1 and March 31, ~~20245~~. ¶¶

(4) Any person with any deer or elk tag for hunts and seasons listed in the ~~20245~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations pamphlet, issued through the Electronic Licensing System, that fails to report by deadlines established in OAR 635-065-0011(1) will not be able to obtain a license to hunt game mammals or game birds in Oregon without paying a penalty. ¶¶

(a) The penalty will be assessed beginning December 1, ~~20245~~ with purchase of a ~~20256~~ license. ¶¶

(b) The penalty fee amount is \$25.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0015

RULE SUMMARY: SSet hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0015

General Tag Requirements and Limits ¶¶

- (1) Big Game Tags: Any person hunting game mammals for which a tag is required must have on their person a valid tag for the dates, area and species being hunted.¶¶
- (2) Any person 12 years of age or older may purchase game mammal tags if they possess an adult or juvenile hunting license. ¶¶
- (3) A person may obtain and possess during an annual hunting season only:¶¶
 - (a) One valid black bear general season fall tag;¶¶
 - (b) One valid black bear additional general season fall tag;¶¶
 - (c) One valid black bear spring controlled hunt tag in addition to general season bear tags issued under subsections (a) and (b) above; or¶¶
 - (d) One valid black bear "leftover" spring controlled hunt tag; ¶¶
 - (e) One valid cougar general season tag;¶¶
 - (f) One valid cougar additional general season tag;¶¶
 - (g) One valid controlled pronghorn antelope tag except as provided in OAR 635-073-0100.¶¶
- (4) Except as provided in OAR Chapter 635, Division 090, and in OAR 635-075-0010, and in OAR 635-073-0100, a person may obtain and possess only one of the following tags during an annual hunting season:¶¶
 - (a) One valid buck deer general season archery tag; or¶¶
 - (b) One valid buck deer general season western Oregon any legal weapon tag; or ¶¶
 - (c) One valid buck deer controlled hunt 100 series tag; or¶¶
 - (d) One valid buck deer "left over" controlled hunt 100 series tag; and¶¶
 - (e) In addition to one of (4)(a), or (4)(b), or (4)(c), or (4)(d) one valid antlerless deer controlled hunt 600 series tag; or¶¶
 - (f) One valid antlerless deer "left over" controlled hunt 600 series tag; and¶¶
 - (g) One valid "Take a Friend Hunting" Contest deer tag, season dates, bag limit, and hunt area are as in OAR 635-090-0150 for deer and elk auction tags;¶¶
- (5) Except as provided in OAR Chapter 635, Division 090, and OAR 635-073-0100, a person may obtain and possess only one of the following tags during an annual hunting season:¶¶
 - (a) One valid general season elk west Cascades tag; or¶¶
 - (b) One valid general season elk western Oregon Coast first season tag; or¶¶
 - (c) One valid general season elk western Oregon Coast second season tag; or¶¶
 - (d) One valid general season elk Eastern Oregon Rocky Mountain second season tag; or¶¶
 - (e) One valid elk general archery season tag; or¶¶
 - (f) One valid elk controlled hunt 200 series tag; or¶¶
 - (g) One valid General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag; or¶¶
 - (h) One valid elk "leftover" controlled hunt 200 series tag.¶¶
- (6) In addition to the tags described in OAR 635-065-0015 (3), (4), and (5), a person during an annual hunting season may obtain or possess only one valid "Mandatory Hunter Reporting Incentive Tag" per annual hunting season. If the Department awards a hunter such a tag through the controlled hunt draw authorized by OAR 635-060-0030(5), the following requirements will apply:¶¶
 - (a) On or before July 15, 2024⁵ the hunter must inform the Department which species the tag is to be issued for (pronghorn antelope, deer, or elk) and purchase the tag. Tags not purchased by July 15 will be offered to an alternate hunter with a tag sale deadline of July 31, 2024⁵.¶¶

- (b) Hunting hours, hunt dates, and hunt area for Mandatory Hunter Reporting Incentive Tags will be the same as those listed in OAR 635-090-150 (3) for deer or (4) for elk , or 635-067-0028 (2) for pronghorn. ¶
- (c) Bag limit: one pronghorn antelope or one deer or one elk.¶
- (d) Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees are not eligible for a Mandatory Hunter Reporting Incentive Tag.¶
- (7) Except through the opportunity provided in OAR 635-067-0032 thru 635-067-0034, a person may obtain and possess only one bighorn sheep ram tag in a lifetime.¶
- (8) Except through the opportunity provided in OAR 635-067-0036 and 635-067-0041, a person may obtain and possess only one Rocky Mountain goat tag in a lifetime.¶
- (9) It is unlawful for any person to issue or to possess any game mammal tag which has been backdated.¶
- (10) Any game mammal tag having an issue date subsequent to the last day authorized for issue of such tag as listed in "Oregon Big Game Regulations" for the current season is a void tag. Exception: ¶
- (a) Members of the uniformed services returning to the state after the deadline shall be permitted to purchase general season tags for themselves at the Salem headquarters and regional offices of the Department.¶
- (b) Notwithstanding the deadlines for tag purchases provided by rule and in the hunting regulation synopses, any person who qualifies to purchase a tag but fails to make the purchase by the deadline, may purchase the tag late if the person:¶
- (A) Submits an attestation to the Department's Licensing Services Office certifying that the person has not yet hunted during the season for which the tag is sought; ¶
- (B) The request must be received by the Department before the end of the season for the particular tag; and¶
- (C) Pays the Department the fee as provided in OAR 635-010-0019 for a tag issued after the tag sale deadline in addition to the usual tag fee.¶
- (D) A tag purchased for a season that has not begun may be canceled and exchanged for a tag for an ongoing season using the process outlined in 635-065-0015(10)(b)(A and B) provided the original tag is surrendered with the attestation and the fee for a tag issued after the tag sale deadline is paid to the Department.
- Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
- Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0401

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0401

Deadline for Purchase of General Season Tags ¶¶

Except as provided in OAR 635-065-0015 (10):¶¶

- (1) No buck deer general season western Oregon any legal weapon tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, October ~~43~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (2) No buck deer general season archery tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, August ~~30~~~~29~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (3) No black bear general season fall tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, October ~~43~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (4) Black bear additional general season fall tags may be purchased anytime during the bear hunting season, after a black bear general season fall tag has been purchased. An unused bear tag must be in the hunter's possession at the time they are hunting.¶¶
- (5) No general season cougar tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, October ~~43~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (6) Additional general season cougar tags may be purchased anytime during the cougar hunting season, after a general season cougar tag has been purchased. An unused cougar tag must be in the hunter's possession at the time they are hunting.¶¶
- (7) No general season elk eastern Oregon Rocky Mountain second season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~87~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (8) No general season elk western Oregon Coast first season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~154~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (9) No general season elk western Oregon Coast second season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~221~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (10) No general season elk west Cascade tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, November ~~87~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (11) No elk general archery season tag shall be issued after 11:59 pm, Pacific Time, August ~~30~~~~29~~, 2024~~5~~.¶¶
- (12) No General Season Antlerless Elk Damage Tag shall be issued after legal shooting hours end on March 31, 202~~5~~~~6~~.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-065-0740

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0740

Hunting Prohibited ¶¶

It is unlawful: ¶¶

(1) To hunt with a centerfire rifle during the deer and elk seasons and dates in the Wildlife Management Units listed in Table 1 below without a used or unused deer, elk, pronghorn, antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat tag valid for the dates and area being hunted. ¶¶

Table 1. Wildlife Management Units and dates requiring a valid deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, bighorn sheep, or Rocky Mountain goat tag to hunt with a centerfire rifle. (See attached table)¶¶

(2) To hunt on any refuge closed by the state or federal government.¶¶

(3) To hunt within the corporate limits of any city or town, public park or cemetery, or on any campus or grounds of a public school, college, or university or from a public road, road right-of-way, or railroad right-of-way.¶¶

(4) Notwithstanding section (3) of this rule, controlled antlerless elk hunts are permitted within the south city limits of Seaside if the herd should become a serious problem.¶¶

(5) To hunt in any Safety Zones created and posted by the Department.¶¶

(6) To hunt protected wildlife except:¶¶

(a) By a permit or during an authorized season established by the commission.¶¶

(b) That crow, blackbirds, cowbirds, and magpies may be taken under Federal regulations for reason of depredation or health hazards as described in the Code of Federal Regulations.¶¶

(7) To pursue or assist another to pursue a cougar during an authorized cougar season unless in possession of an unused cougar tag or accompanied by the holder of an unused cougar tag which is valid for that area and time period.¶¶

(8) To engage in computer-assisted hunting (Internet hunting) or provide or operate facilities for computer-assisted hunting in Oregon. As used in this act, "computer-assisted hunting" (Internet hunting) means the use of a computer or any other device, equipment, or software to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a firearm, bow, or any other weapon to hunt any game bird, wildlife, game mammal, or other mammal, and "facilities for computer-assisted remote hunting" means real property and improvements on the property associated with hunting, including hunting blinds, offices and rooms equipped to facilitate computer-assisted remote hunting. Nothing in subsection (8) of this section prohibits the use of computer-assisted hunting by employees or agents of county, state or federal agencies while acting in their official capacities.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

RULE ATTACHMENTS MAY NOT SHOW CHANGES. PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY REGARDING CHANGES.

635-065-0740
Hunting Prohibited

Season (2024 2025 Dates)	Wildlife Management Units
Eastern OR Controlled Buck Deer (Oct. [5-16] 4-15)	31-77
West Cascade Bull Elk (Nov. [9-15] 8-14)	16, 19, 21, 22, 29, 30
Rocky Mtn. Bull Elk 1 st Season [Oct 30-Nov 3] (Oct. 29 – Nov. 2)	31-39, 41, 42, 45-64, 66, 69, 72, 74-77
Rocky Mtn. Bull Elk 2 nd Season (Nov. [9-17] 8-16)	32, 35-38, 40-64, 66, 69, 72, 74-76, portions of 33 and 77 E of Hwy 97
Coast Bull Elk 1 st Season (Nov. [16-19] 15-18)	10-15, 17, 18, 20, 23-27
Coast Bull Elk 2 nd Season (Nov. [23] 22 – Nov. [1] 28)	10-15, 17, 18, 20, 23-27

AMEND: 635-065-0760

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CHANGES TO RULE:

635-065-0760

Other Restrictions ¶¶

It is unlawful:¶¶

- (1) To take or hold in captivity the young of any game mammal.¶¶
- (2) To hold in captivity any wildlife of this state for which a permit is required without first securing a permit.¶¶
- (3) To release without a permit any wildlife brought from another state or country, or raised in captivity in this state.¶¶
- (4) To resist game law enforcement officers.¶¶
- (5) To refuse inspection of any license, tag or permit, and any wildlife taken, by an employee of the Department; any person authorized to enforce the wildlife laws; or a landowner or agent of the landowner on his or her land while on that property.¶¶
- (6) To refuse inspection, by an employee of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, or any person authorized to enforce wildlife laws, of any gear used for the purpose of taking wildlife.¶¶
- (7) To take or attempt to take any game mammals, game birds, migratory waterfowl or any protected wildlife species of any size or sex or amount, by any method or weapon, during any time or in any area not prescribed in these rules. ¶¶
- (8) To disturb, damage, remove, alter or possess any official Department signs. ¶¶
- (9) To sell, lend, or borrow any big game tag.¶¶
- (10) It is unlawful to operate or to be transported in a motor-propelled vehicle in violation of Cooperative Travel Management Areas. "Motor-propelled vehicle" includes aircraft not landing on designated airstrips. Through cooperative agreement, motor vehicle use is limited to specific roads during the dates for the areas listed below. There are two methods of posting road access information; negative marking in which closed roads are marked by signs, gates, berms, or other similar indicators, or positive marking in which open roads are marked by round green reflectors, orange carsonite posts, or similar indicators. Unit descriptions may be found in OAR 635-080-0000 through 635-080-0077. The following closures shall be effective during the specified periods each year:¶¶
 - (a) North Coast Access Area: Three days prior to opening of general archery season through the close of all bull elk any legal weapon seasons. Applies to all gated, posted, and/or barrier closed roads within the Saddle Mountain, Scappoose, Trask and Wilson wildlife management units. Cooperators require: day use only on private lands, no ATV use on private and designated state lands, no vehicle may block any road or gate.¶¶
 - (b) Upper Tualatin-Trask: Three days prior to the opening of buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of all bull elk any legal weapon seasons. That part of the Trask Unit as follows: 60 square miles in Townships 1 and 2 North and 1 South, and Ranges 5 and 6 West;¶¶
 - (c) Mid-Coast: Permanent Closure. That part of the Alsea Unit as follows: Open roads in the Siuslaw NF lands south of US Hwy 20 and north of State Hwy 126 are designated on the Siuslaw NF Motor Vehicle Use Map. However; additional roads may be posted as closed as part of the Cooperative TMA or for administrative purposes.¶¶
 - (d) Smith Ridge: Permanent Closure. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 8 square miles in Townships 13 and 14 South, Ranges 6 and 7 East;¶¶
 - (e) Chucksney Mountain: September 1 through November 30 annually. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 6 square miles in Township 19 South, Range 5 1/2 East; ¶¶
 - (f) Skookum Flat: Permanent Closure. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 8 square miles in Townships 19 and 20 South, Range 6 East; ¶¶
 - (g) Scott Creek: Permanent Closure. That part of the McKenzie Unit as follows: 51 square miles in Townships 14,

- 15, and 16 South, Ranges 6 and 7 East; ¶
- (h) Coos Bay BLM: Permanent Closure. That part of the Tioga Unit as follows: Individual posted roads on lands administered by BLM, Coos Bay District. ¶
- (i) Upper Rogue: Three days prior to the general West Cascade any legal weapon elk season through the close of the general West Cascade elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Rogue Unit as follows: High Cascades Ranger District, Rogue River National Forest; ¶
- (j) Jackson: October 15 through April 30 annually. That part of the Rogue, Dixon, and Evans Creek units as follows: 116 square miles in Townships 32, 33, 34, and 35 South, Ranges 1 and 2 West and 1 and 2 East; off-road motor vehicle travel is prohibited at all times; ¶
- (k) Pokegama: November 20 through March 31 annually. That part of the Keno Unit as follows: 97 square miles in Townships 40 and 41 South, Ranges 4, 5, and 6 East; ¶
- (l) Lower Klamath Hills: Permanent Closure. That part of the Klamath Unit as follows: 3 square miles in Township 40 South, Range 9 East; ¶
- (m) Goodlow Mountain Area Closure: December 1 through March 31 annually. That part of the Klamath Unit as follows: 17 square miles in Townships 38 and 39 South, Ranges 12 and 13 East; ¶
- (n) Sun Creek: November 1 through June 30 annually. That part of the Sprague Unit as follows: 14 square miles in Township 32 South, Ranges 6 and 7 1/2 East; ¶
- (o) Fox Butte: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of the controlled buck deer any legal weapon season. That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 230 square miles in Townships 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 South, Ranges 14, 15, and 16 East; ¶
- (p) Timbers: Permanent Closure. That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 25 square miles in Townships 23 and 24 South, Ranges 9 and 10 East; ¶
- (q) Rager: August 20 through November 20. That part of the Ochoco Unit as follows: 352 square miles south of U.S. Highway 26 and west of the South Fork John Day River. ¶
- (r) White River Wildlife Area: December 1 through March 31 annually. That part of the White River Unit as follows: 59 square miles along the eastern edge of the Mt. Hood National Forest in the southern half of the White River Unit; ¶
- (s) Lower Deschutes: Permanent Closure. That part of the Biggs Unit as follows: 12 square miles along lower 17 miles of Deschutes River except the county access road to Kloan; ¶
- (t) Murderers Creek-Flagtail: Three days prior to the opening of the controlled archery deer and elk seasons through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Murderers Creek Unit as follows: 185 square miles in Townships 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 South, Ranges 26, 27, 28, and 29 East; ¶
- (u) Camp Creek: Three days prior to opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Northside Unit as follows: 54 square miles in Townships 10, 11, and 12 South, Ranges 31, 32, and 33 East; ¶
- (v) Bridge Creek Wildlife Area: December 1 through April 14 annually except by permit. That part of the Ukiah Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Townships 5 and 6 south, Ranges 31 and 32 East in the Southwest corner of Ukiah Unit; ¶
- (w) Meacham: Permanent Closure. Approximately 41 square miles in Units 49, 52 and 54 in townships 1 and 2 south, township 1 north, ranges 34, 35, and 36 east; ¶
- (x) Dark Canyon: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer season through the close of the last elk season. That part of the Sumpter Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Townships 11 and 12 South, Ranges 40 and 41 East; ¶
- (y) Patrick Creek: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer season through the close of the last elk season and May 1 through June 30. That part of the Sumpter Unit as follows: 8 square miles in Townships 10 and 11 South, Ranges 35 1/2 and 36 East; ¶
- (z) Dry Beaver/Ladd Canyon: Permanent Closure. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 125 square miles in Townships 4, 5 and 6 South, Ranges 35, 36, 37 and 38 East; ¶
- (aa) Clear Creek: Three days prior to the opening of deer and elk archery season through the close of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 21 square miles in Township 5 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East; ¶
- (bb) Trail Creek: Three days prior to the opening of Rocky Mtn bull elk first season through the close of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 29 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 35 1/2 and 36 East; ¶
- (cc) Indian Creek-Gorham Butte: Three days prior to the opening of deer and elk archery season through the close

of Rocky Mtn bull elk second season. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 24 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 36 and 37 East;¶

(dd) Elkhorn Wildlife Area: Permanent Closure. Those parts of the Starkey and Sumpter units as follows: 7 square miles in Township 6 South, Range 38 East;¶

(ee) Starkey Experimental Forest Enclosure: Permanent Closure. That part of the Starkey Unit as follows: 40 square miles in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 34 East;¶

(ff) Little Catherine Creek: Permanent Closure. That part of the Catherine Creek Unit as follows: 22 square miles in Townships 3, 4 and 5 South, Ranges 40 and 41 East;¶

(gg) Wenaha Wildlife Area: Permanent Closure. That part of the Wenaha Unit as follows: 17 square miles in Townships 5 and 6 North, Ranges 42 and 43 East along eastern edge of Umatilla Forest in northeast corner of Wenaha Unit;¶

(hh) Noregaard: Permanent Closure. However, roads will be open to permit removal of camping equipment during a time period extending through two Sundays following the end of the last antlerless elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Sled Springs Unit as follows: 175 square miles in west one-third of Sled Springs Wildlife Unit;¶

(ii) Shamrock: Permanent Closure. However, roads will be open to permit removal of camping equipment during a time period extending through two Sundays following the end of the last antlerless elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Sled Springs Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Township 4 North, Range 44 East;¶

(jj) Chesnimnus: Three days prior to 1st Chesnimnus any legal weapon bull elk season through the end of the 2nd Chesnimnus any legal weapon bull elk season. That portion of the Chesnimnus Wildlife Unit within the boundaries of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest;¶

(kk) Cemetery Ridge Road: Permanent Closure. That part of the Chesnimnus Unit as follows: Cemetery Ridge Road north of the south boundary of Section 4, Township 3 North, and Range 48 East;¶

(ll) Lord Flat Trail (#1774): Three days prior to controlled archery deer and elk season through the close of all elk any legal weapon seasons. 15 miles of road in Townships 1 South and 1 and 2 North, Ranges 49 and 50 East; ¶

(mm) Grouse-Lick Creeks: Three days prior to the opening of Rocky Mtn bull elk 1st season through close of Rocky Mtn bull elk 2nd season. That part of the Imnaha Unit as follows: 100 square miles in Townships 2, 3, 4, and 5 South, Ranges 46, 47 and 48 East; ¶

(nn) Clear Lake Ridge: Three days prior to opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through December 1 annually. That part of the Imnaha Unit as follows: Five square miles in Township 2 South, Range 47 East, Sections 3 and 4 and Township 1 South, Range 47 East, Sections 28, 15, 33, 34 and 22;¶

(oo) Mehlhorn: Permanent Closure: That part of the Pine Creek and Keating Units as follows: 26 square miles in Township 6 South, Ranges 45 and 46 East;¶

(pp) Lake Fork-Dutchman: Three days prior to the opening of archery season to end of all ALW seasons and from May 1 to July 1. That part of the Pine Creek Unit as follows: 42 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 46 and 47 East;¶

(qq) Okanogan-Fish: Three days prior to the opening of buck deer any legal weapon season to end of all elk any legal weapon seasons and from May 1 to July 1. That part of the Pine Creek Unit as follows: 20 square miles in Township 6 and 7 South, Ranges 46 and 47 East;¶

(rr) Summit Point: Permanent Closure: That part of the Keating Unit as follows: 14 square miles in Townships 6 and 7 South, Ranges 44 and 45 East;¶

(ss) Eagle Creek: December 1 to April 15: That part of the Keating Unit as follows: 17 square miles in Townships 7 and 8 South, Range 44 and 45 East; ¶

(tt) Conroy Cliff: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk first season through the Rocky Mountain bull elk second season. That part of the Malheur River Unit as follows: 46 square miles in Townships 16, 17, and 18 South, Ranges 32 1/2, 34, and 35 East;¶

(uu) Devine Ridge-Rattlesnake: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Malheur River Unit as follows: 59 square miles in Townships 20 and 21 South, Ranges 31, 32, 32 1/2 East;¶

(vv) Dairy Creek: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season. That part of the Silvies Unit as follows: 98 square miles in Townships 19, 20, 21, and 22 South, Ranges 24, 25, and 26 East; ¶

(ww) Burnt Cabin: Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season and from three days prior to the first controlled Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal weapon season through the close of the second Rocky Mountain bull elk any legal

weapon season. That part of the Silvies Unit as follows: 22 square miles in Townships 18 and 19 South, Ranges 26 and 27 East;¶

(xx) Walker Rim; Three days prior to the opening of controlled buck deer any legal weapon season through the close of the controlled buck deer any legal weapon season. That part of the Fort Rock Unit as follows: 113 square miles in Townships 24, 25, and 26 South, Ranges 8, 9, and 10 East;¶

(yy) North Paulina: Permanent Closure. That part of the Fort Rock Unit as follows: 12 square miles in Townships 25 and 26 South; Range 8 East;¶

(zz) Sugarpine Mountain: Permanent Closure. That part of the Fort Rock Unit as follows: 40 square miles in Township 28, Ranges 9 and 10 East;¶

(aaa) Spring Butte: Permanent Closure. That part of the Paulina Unit as follows: 30 square miles in Township 23 South, Range 11 East; ¶

(bbb) Wildhorse Ridge/Teepee Butte: Three days prior to the opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through the close of all elk any legal weapon seasons. Posted and gated roads north of 46 roads in Chesnimnus Unit are closed;¶

(ccc) Hells Canyon National Recreation Area: Permanent Closure. Those parts of the Chesnimnus, Imnaha, Snake River, and Pine Creek Units in Eastern Wallowa County that are closed by the National Recreation Area; ¶

(ddd) PO Saddle Road: Three days prior to opening of controlled archery deer and elk season through June 15th, annually. Three miles of road in Townships 3 and 4 South, Range 48 East;¶

(eee) Whiskey Creek: Permanent Closure. However, roads will be open to permit removal of camping equipment during a time period extending through two Sundays following the last antlerless elk season. That part of the Sled Springs unit as follows. 45 square miles in Townships 2 and 3 North, Ranges 43, 44, and 45 East;¶

(fff) South Boundary: Permanent Closure. That part of the Ochoco Unit as follows: 47 square miles in Townships 15 and 16 South, Ranges 20, 21, and 22 East;¶

(ggg) Green Diamond Travel Management Area: Permanent Closure. Applies to all gated, posted, or barrier-closed roads within the Rogue, Keno, Klamath Falls, Sprague, Interstate, Silver Lake, and Fort Rock Units within the land holdings of Green Diamond Resource Company;¶

(hhh) Prineville Reservoir Wildlife Area: From November 15 or December 1 (as posted at each gate) through April 15 annually. That part of the Ochoco and Maury Units as follows: 5 square miles in Township 16 South, Range 17 East;¶

(iii) Mid Coast Access Area: Year round. All gated, posted and/or barrier closed roads within Alsea, Stott Mtn. and Trask Units. Access limited to walk in only at fire level 3. No public access at fire level 4 and during active operations. Cooperators require day use only on private lands, no ATV use, no e-bikes, no vehicles may block any road or gate, no fires, no camping. Private lands closed to the public 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise.¶

(jjj) East Lane TMA: Opening day of General Any Legal Weapon Buck Deer season until the close of General Any Legal Weapon Elk season. Approximately 62 square miles in the McKenzie and Indigo Units comprised of properties owned by Giustina Land and Timber and Giustina Resources. Motorized vehicle access allowed on roads posted with orange carsonite posts, except closed to all access during certain Industrial Fire Protection Levels and active operations. Day use only, open one hour before sunset to one hour after sunset. No Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use, no camping, no vehicle may block any road or gate and no fires allowed.¶

(kkk) Umatilla NF: Permanent Closure: That part of the Fossil, Heppner, Ukiah, Desolation, Mt. Emily, Walla Walla, and Wenaha Units within the Umatilla National Forest. Motorized travel allowed only on open roads as designated by the Umatilla National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map. ¶

(lll) Bald/Angel: April 30 through December 1. That portion of the Catherine Creek and Keating Units as follows: 59 square miles in Townships 5, 6 and 7 South, Ranges 41, 42 and 43 East;¶

(11) In Access Areas funded by the Access and Habitat Program that are Welcome to Hunt, hunters are required to follow the area regulations printed on the map produced by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for each Access Area. Specific regulations for each Access Area can be found through the Oregon Hunting Map at: <http://www.oregonhuntingmap.com/>.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-066-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-066-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods, and other restrictions for hunting black bear pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶

(2) OAR chapter 635, division 066 incorporates, by reference, the requirement and tag numbers for controlled hunts for black bear hunting set out in the document entitled "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for the hunting of black bear. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at authorized license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife ¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-066-0020

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-066-0020

Controlled Seasons ¶¶

- (1) Controlled hunt tags shall be issued by a controlled hunt drawing following the procedures established in OAR chapter 635, division 060. Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024~~5~~ are listed in the 2024~~5~~ "Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 066 by reference.¶¶
- (2) Persons receiving a controlled black bear tag may also purchase a general season black bear tag and one Oregon Additional Bear Tag.¶¶
- (3) No person shall use dogs to hunt or pursue black bear.¶¶
- (4) No person shall use bait to attract or hunt black bear.¶¶
- (5) 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. Skull must be unfrozen when presented for check-in. Check-in at ODFW offices must occur during normal business hours (8-5, Mon-Fri.). Hunters are required to check in the skull only for the purpose of inspection, tagging and removal of a tooth for aging.¶¶
- (6) 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 the issued date and time of a paper tag or the confirmation of an electronic tag; a completed "Wildlife Transfer Record Form" as found in the current year's Oregon Big Game Regulations is an alternative for providing the required information.¶¶
- (7) All land within one mile of the Rogue River between Grave Creek and Lobster Creek is closed to bear hunting. Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-067-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-067-0000

Purpose and General Information

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods, and other restrictions for hunting pronghorn antelope, cougar, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶

(2) OAR chapter 635, division 067 incorporates, by reference, the requirements and tag numbers for controlled hunts for hunting pronghorn antelope, cougar, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat set out in the document entitled "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting pronghorn antelope, cougar, bighorn sheep, and Rocky Mountain goat. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at authorized license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶

(3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶

(4) Controlled hunt tags shall be issued by a controlled hunt drawing following the procedures established in OAR chapter 635, division 060. Permitted weapons and ammunition are established in OAR chapter 635, division 065. Controlled hunt tag numbers for 20245 are listed in the "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 067 by reference.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 497.112

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162, 497.112

AMEND: 635-068-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-068-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

- (1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting western Oregon deer pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶
- (2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024⁵ are listed in the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 068 by reference.¶¶
- (3) OAR chapter 635, division 068 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting western Oregon deer set out in the document entitled "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting western Oregon deer. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at authorized license agents and regional, district, and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶
- (4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶¶
- (5) Hunt dates for the specified western Oregon deer controlled hunt areas listed on page 42 of the 2024 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations are confirmed as set out below and as printed in the 2024 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations. This rule provision is intended to clarify these hunt dates in light of inconsistent dates in the materials adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-069-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-069-0000

Purpose and General Information

- (1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting eastern Oregon deer pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶
 - (2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024⁵ are listed in the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR Chapter 635, Division 069 by reference.¶
 - (3) OAR Chapter 635, Division 069 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting eastern Oregon deer set out in the document entitled "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR Chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting eastern Oregon deer. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶
 - (4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.
- Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-070-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-070-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting Cascade and Coast elk pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024⁵ are listed in the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR Chapter 635, Division 070 by reference.¶¶

(3) OAR chapter 635, division 070 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting western Oregon elk set out in the document entitled "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR Chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting western Oregon elk. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶¶

(5) Hunt dates for the specified Cascade and Coast elk controlled hunt areas listed on page 49 of the 2024 Oregon Big Game Regulations are confirmed as set out below and as printed in the 2024 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations. This rule provision is intended to clarify these hunt dates in light of inconsistent dates in the materials adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-071-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-071-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, methods and other restrictions for hunting Rocky Mountain elk pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024~~5~~ are listed in the "2024~~5~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated in OAR Chapter 635, Division 071 by reference.¶¶

(3) OAR chapter 635, division 071 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting Rocky Mountain elk set out in the document entitled "2024~~5~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2024~~5~~ Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR Chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting Rocky Mountain elk. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-072-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-072-0000

Purpose and General Information ¶¶

- (1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas, and other restrictions for hunting western gray squirrels pursuant to ORS Chapter 496.¶
 - (2) OAR chapter 635, division 072 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for hunting western gray squirrel set out in the document entitled "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "20245 Oregon Big Game Regulations" in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for hunting western gray squirrel. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.¶
 - (3) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com.¶
- [Publications: Publications referenced are available from the agency.]
Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162
Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-073-0000

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-073-0000

Purpose and General Information

(1) The purpose of these rules is to establish season dates, bag limits, areas and other restrictions for bow and muzzleloader hunting, Premium Hunts, and controlled deer and elk youth hunts; pursuant to ORS Chapter 496. ¶

(2) Controlled hunt tag numbers for 2024⁵ for Premium Hunts, deer and elk bow and muzzleloader hunting and deer and elk youth hunts are listed in the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations" and are adopted and incorporated into OAR chapter 635, division 073 by reference. ¶

(3) OAR chapter 073 incorporates, by reference, the requirements for bow and muzzleloader hunting, Premium Hunts, and controlled deer and elk youth hunts set out in the document entitled "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations," into Oregon Administrative Rules. Therefore, persons must consult the "2024⁵ Oregon Big Game Regulations," in addition to OAR chapter 635, to determine all applicable requirements for bow and muzzleloader hunting, Premium Hunts, and controlled deer and elk youth hunts. The annual Oregon Big Game Regulations are available at hunting license agents and regional, district and headquarters offices and website of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. ¶

(4) Additional regulation information is available on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website at www.odfw.com. ¶

(5) Hunt dates for the specified eastern Oregon buck deer controlled hunt areas listed on page 38 of the 2024 Oregon Big Game Regulations are confirmed as set out below and as printed in the 2024 Oregon Big Game Hunting Regulations. This rule provision is intended to clarify these hunt dates in light of inconsistent dates in the materials adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-075-0022

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-075-0022

Landowner Hunting Preference Tags for Mule Deer ¶¶

(1) This rule further implements HB 2027A whereby the 2013 Legislative Assembly directed the Department through the commission to specify a formula that bases the number of landowner preference tags available for mule deer on the management, research, and habitat needs set forth in the wildlife management plan for mule deer.¶¶

(2) For purposes of this rule, the population management objectives (MOs) for each wildlife management unit that were adopted by the commission in August 2016 are considered representative of the management, research, and habitat needs for mule deer.¶¶

(3) The formula to determine the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in a unit is as follows:¶¶

(a) In those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer population is less than 60% of the established population management objective, the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be limited to five tags or 10 percent of the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt in that unit by the commission, whichever is greater.¶¶

(b) In those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer population is equal to or more than 60% of the established population management objective, but less than 80% of the established population management objective, the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be limited to five tags or 15 percent of the total controlled buck tags authorized for the public for each hunt in that unit by the commission, whichever is greater.¶¶

(c) In the Biggs, Columbia Basin, and Mount Emily wildlife management units, and in the NE Owyhee 167A hunt area, and in those wildlife management units where the estimated mule deer population is equal to or more than 80% of the established population management objective, the number of landowner hunting preference tags available for buck deer in that unit may be issued based upon a landowner's acreage as set forth in 635-075-0005(8).¶¶

(d) If conditions such as but not limited to disease or harsh winter weather occur, resulting in adoption of a Temporary OAR to reduce 100 Series mule deer tags by equal to or more than 25% from the number authorized by the Commission in areas listed or described in 635-075-0022(3)(c), Limited Landowner Preference mule deer tags in those areas may be limited as described in 635-075-0022(3)(b).¶¶

(4) If landowner preference tags remain from the controlled hunts described in 635-075-0022(3)(a) or (b) after the game mammal controlled hunt drawing, the Department will issue remaining tags to qualified landowners as described in 635-075-0024.¶¶

(5) Due to the transition period to implement hunt area and population management objective changes pursuant to the Mule Deer Management Plan (2024), Landowner Hunting Preference Tag numbers for mule deer in 2024⁵ will be set by the Department prior to the June 2024⁵ controlled hunt draw with the formula prescribed in subsection 3 of this rule utilizing the population management objectives and estimated mule deer populations that were used to set Landowner Hunting Preference Tag numbers in 2024.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.138, 496.012, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-078-0005

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-078-0005

Emergency Hunt List (Director's Approval) ¶¶

(1) After determining that acute game mammal or wild turkey damage to agriculture or other resources is occurring, or that a positive wildlife disease detection requires additional sampling or population reductions, and that an emergency exists requiring an immediate response using no more than 50 hunters to alleviate the damage situation or address disease monitoring or management, the commission ~~may~~ authorizes the director to issue permits and tags for:¶¶

~~(a) Taking~~ pronghorn antelope, deer, elk, or wild turkey in designated areas from August 1 to March 31; and taking cougar (mountain lion) and black bear in designated areas all year. For any such hunt, the director shall specify:¶¶

~~(b)~~ The manner of taking game mammals or wild turkey.¶¶

~~(c)~~ Numbers and sex to be taken.¶¶

(2) The director shall notify the commission of the results of any hunts set forth in section (1) of this rule.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.162

AMEND: 635-078-0008

RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2025 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. These amendments include continued results from Big Game Hunt Review Process aimed at developing consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

Additional amendments relating to Wildlife Area Parking Permits clarify existing rule language and allow a party to display their ODFW ID as a valid proof of permit if information is clearly displayed and legible. Amendments to wildlife disposal rules provide additional options for the department to dispose of edible wildlife and game animal carcasses by donation.

CHANGES TO RULE:

635-078-0008

District Emergency Hunts ¶

(1) Upon determination that acute game mammal or wild turkey damage to agriculture or other resources is occurring, or a positive wildlife disease detection requires additional sampling or population reductions, and that an emergency exists requiring an immediate response to alleviate the damage situation or address disease monitoring or management, the commission authorizes district wildlife biologists to issue permits and tags for:¶
~~(a) Taking pronghorn antelope, deer, elk, and/or wild turkey in designated areas from August 1 to March 31;¶~~
~~(b) and taking cougar (mountain lion) and black bear in designated areas all year. For any such hunt, the director shall specify:¶~~

(a) The manner of taking game mammals or wild turkey;¶

(b) Numbers and sex to be taken.¶

(2) Districts are authorized to use no more than 250 hunters in aggregate, per county to alleviate emergency damage between August 1-March 31 annually. Additional hunters must be authorized by the Director or the Commission.¶

(3) The director shall notify the commission of the results of any hunts set forth in section (1) if this rule.

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