

Big Game Auction and Raffle Tag Season Dates, Open Areas and Weapons

Mr. Bender, a frequent auction and raffle participant, has requested changes to the Big Game Auction and Raffle deer and elk season dates. Mr. Bender made his request at the February 10, 2017 Commission meeting, his letters to the Commission and Director as well as supporting documents are included. The season dates are in rule (OAR 635-090-150 and 160) and any changes will require Commission action. The Department has requested the Board consider Mr. Bender's request and provide recommendations on season dates for the Commission to consider in September.

In addition to the season dates there are several other items to consider in the auction and raffle rules. The Governor's Statewide combination tags (Auction and Raffle) are currently restricted to weapons allowed for elk, even when hunting with the deer tag. Combination auction tag rule 635-090-150 (2)(e) *Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.* Combination raffle tag rules 635-090-160 (3)(e) *Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.* There are weapons that are legal to take deer with in OAR 635-090-065 that are not legal for elk. Bow's with less than 50lbs draw, or muzzleloader less than .50 caliber are 2 quick examples.

Proposed change, Weapon: For elk, any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065, for deer, any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

For the Western Oregon Elk Hunt (#AH008) the open area is not well defined and not in the same format as the other regional hunts. The current rule 635-090-160 (d) *Open Area: Any area within Western Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).* A search of OAR 635 Division 80 yields no results for western Oregon units or eastern Oregon units. Other regional hunts list all of the WMU's the tag is valid in, for example, Northeast Region deer tag rules read (d) *Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Columbia Basin, Walla Walla, Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River, Imnaha, Minam, Catherine Creek, Mt. Emily, Ukiah, Heppner, Fossil, Northside, Desolation, Starkey, Sumpter, Lookout Mountain, Keating, and Pine Creek.*

Proposed change 635-090-160 (9)(d) to read Open Area: Any area open to elk hunting within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 80 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Saddle Mountain, Scappoose, Wilson, Trask, Willamette, Santiam, Stott Mountain, Alsea, McKenzie, Siuslaw, Indigo, Dixon, Melrose, Tioga, Sixes, Powers, Chetco, Applegate, Evans Creek, and Rogue.

The Auction and Raffle tag sections of OAR chapter 635, division 90, section 150 and 160 are included below for easy reference. A complete listing of the Department's OAR's is available on the Department website at <http://dfw.state.or.us/OARs/oars.asp#Wildlife>.

635-090-0150

Deer and Elk Auction Tags

(1) The following tags will be auctioned to the highest bidder annually in such manner and at such time as determined by the department pursuant to OAR 635-090-0140. Hunters successful in bidding for one of the following tags are subject to the provisions of 635-090-0140 and OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(2) Governor's Statewide Combination Hunt.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk and one deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One (1) elk and one (1) deer.

(3) Statewide Deer Hunt.

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of Tags: Four.

(4) Statewide Elk Hunt.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: Four.

Stat. Auth: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.232 & 496.242

Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.232 & 496.242

Hist.: FWC 35-1994, f. & cert. ef. 6-16-94; FWC 87-1994, f. & cert. ef. 11-22-94; FWC 36-1996, f. & cert. ef. 6-7-96; DFW 48-1998, f. & cert. ef. 6-22-98; DFW 40-2000, f. & cert. ef. 7-25-00; DFW 60-2002, f. & cert. ef. 6-11-02; DFW 68-2004, f. & cert. ef. 7-13-04; DFW 48-2006, f. & cert. ef. 6-21-06

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Deer and Elk Raffle Tags

(1) The following tags will be issued annually to individuals selected through a public drawing.

(2) Statewide Deer Hunt #AH001.

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(3) Statewide Combination Elk and Deer #AH002.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk and one deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One (1) elk and one (1) deer.

(4) Northeast Oregon Deer Hunt #AH003.

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Columbia Basin, Walla Walla, Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River, Imnaha, Minam, Catherine Creek, Mt. Emily, Ukiah, Heppner, Fossil, Northside, Desolation, Starkey, Sumpter, Lookout Mountain, Keating, and Pine Creek.

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(5) Southeast Oregon Deer Hunt #AH004.

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Murderers Creek, Beulah, Owyhee, Malheur River, Silvies, Juniper, Steens Mountain, Whitehorse, Beatys Butte, and Warner.

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(6) Central Oregon Deer Hunt #AH005.

(a) Bag Limit: One deer.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled buck deer rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Hood, White River, Biggs, Maupin, Grizzly, Metolius, Ochoco, Maury, Paulina, Upper Deschutes, Fort Rock, Wagontire, Silver Lake, Sprague, Keno, Klamath Falls, and Interstate.

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for deer hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(7) Northeast Oregon Elk Hunt #AH006.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled or general season elk rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Columbia Basin, Walla Walla, Wenaha, Sled Springs, Chesnimnus, Snake River, Imnaha, Minam, Catherine Creek, Mt. Emily, Ukiah, Heppner, Fossil, Northside, Desolation, Starkey, Sumpter, Lookout Mountain, Keating, and Pine Creek.

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(8) Central/Southeast Elk Hunt #AH007.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area open to controlled or general season elk rifle hunts within the following wildlife units as described in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065): Murderers Creek, Beulah, Owyhee, Malheur River, Silvies, Juniper, Steens Mountain, Whitehorse, Beatys Butte, Warner, Hood, White River, Biggs, Maupin, Grizzly, Metolius, Ochoco, Maury, Paulina, Upper Deschutes, Fort Rock, Wagontire, Silver Lake, Sprague, Keno, Klamath Falls, and Interstate.

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(9) Western Oregon Elk Hunt #AH008.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Western Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 065.

(f) Number of tags: One.

(10) Statewide Elk Hunt #AH009.

(a) Bag Limit: One elk.

(b) Hunting Hours: As provided in OAR 635-065-0730.

(c) Open Season: September 1 through November 30.

(d) Open Area: Any area within Oregon Wildlife Unit Boundaries as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 080 (except federal refuges and specific area closures as defined in OAR chapter 635, division 065).

(e) Weapon: Any weapon legal for elk hunting as provided in OAR chapter 635, division 65.

(f) Number of tags: One.

Stat. Auth: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146, 496.232 & 496.242

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