

Who may apply: No one 11 years of age and younger may hunt for big game. Each hunter less than 18 years of age shall have an adult hunting license and be accompanied by a responsible adult (21 years of age or older) when hunting. Hunters may apply singly, or in parties of two. ODFW will endeavor to keep parties together for emergency hunts wherever possible. In hunts requiring single hunters, however, party applications may be bypassed for that opportunity but will retain their position on the list.

How to apply: Emergency hunt participants are selected from a list established on a county-by-county basis. **You may apply for one county only.** Applicants can request an emergency hunt application from ODFW headquarters in Salem or most regional offices. Applications must be submitted to the headquarters office at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE Salem, OR 97302-1142

Master Hunter applications: Applications from Master Hunters received during July 1 – July 31 will be randomized, then placed at the top of the emergency hunt list. **BOTH applicants must be certified as Master Hunters with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in order to apply as a party. Applicants must be certified as Master Hunters no later than June 30th.** All other applications from Master Hunters received AFTER July 31 will be placed on lists, by county applied for, IN THE ORDER RECEIVED.

How individuals will be notified: Individuals listed for a county in which a hunt is to be held, will be notified by telephone and given instructions on when and where to check in for the hunt. Individuals unable to meet the time schedule due to legitimate conflicts will be bypassed, but will retain their position on the list. Individuals participating in the hunt will be dropped from the list for the remainder of the year.

Permits and tags for hunts: Hunters must possess a valid hunting license; an emergency hunt tag issued by ODFW personnel, and must check in and out of the hunt area as directed. Successful hunters must:

1. Tag the harvested wildlife immediately;
2. Contact the office that authorized the hunt; and
3. Pay a fee equal to the normal tag fee for the species.

General season: Hunters who harvest an animal in an emergency hunt may also hunt during the general season for this species with a general season tag.

Disqualification: Applicants submitting more than one application will be disqualified. Application forms that are incomplete or illegible will be disqualified.

Definition of an Emergency Hunt: A hunt held on short notice to resolve an acute game mammal damage problem to livestock, agriculture, or timber. Most game damage situations are addressed during the annual big game hearings. The Department anticipates very few emergency hunts during any year. On average, fewer than 100 tags are issued annually statewide. Emergency hunts may be held on a private property ownership, or a multiple ownership, wherein the district biologist has established a hunt area. Emergency hunt bag limits are in addition to any wildlife harvested during general seasons, controlled hunts, or leftover tags.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE CONTROLLED HUNTS OFFICE AT (503) 947-6101 OR 1-800-708-1782