

**WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 34**

**DEPREDATION PREVENTION AUXILIARY MANAGEMENT HUNTING SEASONS**

**Section 1. Authority.** This regulation is promulgated by authority of W.S. §23-1-302(a)(i), (viii), (xvi) and (xxii) and § 23-1-703(b)(c).

**Section 2. Definitions.** Definitions shall be as set forth in Title 23, Wyoming Statutes, Commission regulations, and the Commission also adopts the following definitions:

(a) “~~Depredation prevention Auxiliary Management h~~Hunting ~~s~~Seasons” means hunting seasons for big game animals, trophy game animals or wild turkeys causing damage to land, growing cultivated crops, stored crops, seed crops, improvements or causing extraordinary damage to grass; hunting seasons for trophy game animals causing actual damage to livestock, ~~and or~~ bees ~~or~~ including honey and hives; or, hunting seasons for big or trophy game animals for the purpose of meeting disease management objectives.

~~(b) “Harvest year” means twelve (12) consecutive months beginning November 1 of each year through October 31 of the following year.~~

**Section 3. Establishment of Areas.** The Chief Game Warden ~~through or~~ his designee shall ~~verify and~~ determine the extent of alleged damage or disease management needs and shall, with ~~the written~~ consent of the District Wyoming Game and Fish Commissioner and the ~~cooperating private~~ landowner(s) involved, designate the area to be opened to hunting an auxiliary management hunting season, the opening and closing dates of the auxiliary management hunting season, the maximum number and type of licenses to be issued, the number, sex and species of big or trophy game animals to be taken and any applicable firearm or weapon type restrictions.

**Section 4. Supervision of Hunters.** Hunting shall be done under the supervision or direction of Department personnel or the cooperating private landowner(s) or the landowner(s)’s agent(s).

(a) Department personnel ~~shall may~~ accompany hunters ~~when it is deemed necessary~~ to accomplish the ~~desired~~ goals of the depredation prevention auxiliary management hunting season or when other factors require the presence of Department personnel with the hunter.

(b) Any hunter who participates in an auxiliary management hunting season and who refuses to take an available animal as directed by Department personnel shall not be allowed to continue to participate in that specific auxiliary management hunt.

**Section 5. Application, Selection of Hunters and Priority List(s) Licensing for an Auxiliary Management Hunting Season.**

~~(a) Applications shall be made on a form provided by the Department and submitted to the Department Regional Office(s) listed in this section where participation is desired. Applicants shall apply annually between July 15 and 5:00 p.m. October 31 to be included on priority lists. Applicants shall make separate application for each species.~~

~~\_\_\_\_\_ Casper Regional Office \_\_\_\_\_ 3030 Energy Lane, Suite 100, Casper, WY 82604  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cody Regional Office \_\_\_\_\_ 2820 State Hwy 120, Cody, WY 82414~~

~~Green River Regional Office 351 Astle, Green River, WY 82935  
Jackson Regional Office P O Box 67, Jackson, WY 83001  
Lander Regional Office 260 Buena Vista, Lander, WY 82520  
Laramie Regional Office 528 South Adams, Laramie, WY 82070  
Pinedale Regional Office P O Box 850, Pinedale, WY 82941  
Sheridan Regional Office P O Box 6249, Sheridan, WY 82801~~

~~(i) Selection for ranking and name placement on depredation prevention priority lists shall be determined by random selection. The priority lists shall remain in effect for a twelve (12) month period beginning November 1 each year. However, if sufficient applications have not been received during the application period from which to recruit the desired number of hunters, applications shall be accepted by the Department on a first come, first served basis until sufficient numbers of applications exist from which to recruit the desired number of hunters.~~

~~(ii) When the Department determines a depredation prevention hunting season may be held, applicants on the priority list(s) shall be notified by telephone in the order of their priority ranking. Department personnel shall speak directly to the applicant during the notification call. A minimum of one attempt by telephone shall be made to contact and notify any individual applicant. If an individual on the depredation prevention hunting season priority list cannot be contacted, the next individual on the list shall be notified and those who could not be contacted shall retain their position on the list. An applicant who declines participation in a depredation prevention hunting season may have his/her name removed from the list. When applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, hunters shall be allowed to participate in a depredation prevention hunting season on a first come, first served basis. Individuals who participate in a specific depredation prevention hunting season and who are unsuccessful may remain on the list; but, they shall not participate in another separate depredation prevention hunting season for the same species in the same wildlife administrative region in the same harvest year until all others on the priority list have had an opportunity to hunt. Any hunter who participates in a depredation prevention hunting season and who refuses to take an available animal as directed by Department personnel shall not be allowed to continue to participate in the hunt and the hunter's name shall be removed from the priority list.~~

~~(iii) In emergency situations, though sufficient numbers of applicants may exist on priority lists, a first come, first served basis of hunter selection shall be used. Emergency situations shall be determined by the Regional Wildlife Supervisor. The Regional Wildlife Supervisor shall determine if an emergency situation exists by taking into consideration such facts as, but not limited to the following: the amount of time needed by the potential hunter to travel to the location of the hunt, whether the hunter has special equipment, such as a snow machine, that may be needed in order to reach the location of the hunt, current weather conditions that may influence the distribution of wildlife to be harvested.~~

**~~Section 6. Licensing.~~**

~~(a) Depredation prevention Auxiliary management hunting season licenses for big or trophy game animals and wild turkeys shall be available to applicants after the Chief Game Warden designates a need for such a season. The issuance of licenses under this Section shall be at the direction of Department Administration, who have been notified and agree to participate in a depredation prevention hunting season. Depredation prevention Auxiliary management hunting season licenses shall may be issued on a calendar year basis through the Electronic Licensing Service, designated Department personnel and facilities or designated license selling agents and shall be valid for a specific depredation prevention auxiliary management hunting season.~~

(b) An ~~depredation prevention auxiliary management~~ hunting season license, and valid conservation stamp and elk special management permit if applicable, shall be obtained prior to participating in any auxiliary management hunt under this regulation.

(c) Any person who has been issued a mountain goat type one (1) or type two (2) license in a previous year may apply for and receive a mountain goat auxiliary management hunting season license in any subsequent year.

(d) Holders of an auxiliary management hunting season license shall be exempt from the provisions in Commission regulations limiting the number of licenses an individual may possess in any one (1) calendar year. Auxiliary management hunting season license recipients shall not lose preference points for receiving an auxiliary management hunting season license for a species they may otherwise purchase a preference point for.

(e) A person participating in an auxiliary management hunting season may purchase more than one (1) license for a specified hunt depending on license quota availability

**Section 76. Bag Limits.** The bag limit for any individual participating in an ~~depredation prevention auxiliary management~~ hunting season shall not exceed more than one (1) big or trophy game animal, ~~of each species or one (1) wild turkey per auxiliary management hunting license issued, during any one harvest year.~~ Any big or trophy game animal or wild turkey taken under this regulation shall be in addition to the bag limit established by other Commission regulations. ~~Any moose, sheep, mountain goat or grizzly bear license issued under this regulation shall be subject to statutory limitations as defined by W.S. §23-1-703(b)(c).~~ Participation in any ~~depredation prevention auxiliary management~~ hunting season under this regulation shall not deny an individual the privilege of hunting in other seasons established by the Commission, except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation.

**Section 87. Mandatory Hunter Harvest Check.** When an ~~depredation prevention auxiliary management~~ hunting season is implemented ~~in an effort to control disease~~, every person harvesting a big or trophy game animal or wild turkey may be required to have the harvested animal inspected by Department personnel. When a person purchases a license to participate in an ~~depredation prevention auxiliary management~~ hunting season under this section, the Department shall advise the person of the time and location where the harvested animal is to be brought for inspection, registration or disease sampling. During the inspection, Department personnel may collect any biological samples deemed necessary by the Department.

**Section 98. General Regulations.** All other Commission regulations and Wyoming statutes shall apply to the taking of big or trophy game animals or wild turkeys during an ~~depredation prevention auxiliary management~~ hunting season unless specifically exempted by this regulation. ~~The Department may restrict firearms or weapon types for public safety concerns.~~

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