



2011-2012

Treaty Hunting Seasons and Regulations

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation -- Cayuse, Umatilla, and Walla Walla Tribes

CTUIR Tribal Hunting Rights Reserved in 1855 Treaty

When Tribal leaders negotiated the Treaty with the U.S. Government in 1855, they ceded to the United States some 6.4 million acres of land in what is now Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon. They also reserved rights and privileges to these lands that were necessary to continue their way of life.

Among these was the privilege to hunt in common with the citizens of

the United States on unclaimed lands throughout the ceded territories and in usual and accustomed areas.

Today this allows CTUIR tribal members enrolled under Sections A and B of the CTUIR Constitution and By-laws to exercise treaty hunting rights on all publicly owned lands that are being managed in a manner consistent with the exercise of hunting rights.

This applies to state and federal lands where hunting is a permitted use with only such restrictions as are placed on Tribal Members by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. Open areas include all National Forest Lands, State Forest lands, Bureau of Land Management Lands, and National Wildlife Refuges where hunting is permitted. The rights and privileges secured under the Treaty

of 1855 do not permit trespass on private lands.

Additionally, hunting in areas of federal or state ownership where hunting is not an acceptable use (such as safety zones or areas closed for conservation reasons) may not be permissible.

For specific area closures please consult the appropriate land management agency.

CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission

The Wildlife Code was enacted and the Fish and Wildlife Commission was established under the authority of the Board of Trustees pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

The Commission is responsible for formulating and implementing the policies and programs of the Umatilla Indian Reservation for the management of wildlife, which shall include the issuance of such rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary, pursuant to their authorities under the Wildlife Code of the CTUIR.

Commission Members: Kat Brigham, Chair; Chris Williams, Vice-Chair; Mitch Pond, Secretary; Jim Marsh, Vince Sohappy, members.

To contact Commission Members you can call the Board Office at 541-276-3165. For information on membership to, or authorities and responsibilities of, the Fish and Wildlife Commission, copies of the Wildlife Code and Commission By-laws are available at the Office of the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Programs, P.O. Box 638, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

CTUIR Wildlife staff

The CTUIR Wildlife Program provides technical expertise in the field of biological sciences and natural resource management.

Program staff work to develop and implement projects that provide for the sustained conservation and use of the wildlife resources throughout the areas of interest and influence of the CTUIR. Please feel free to stop by our office with questions or to discuss your ideas and concerns. We are at your service. Phone: 541-429-7200.

Wildlife Program Staff: Carl Scheeler, Program Manager; Wildlife Biologists Jerry Midell, Tanya Harrison and Rich Scheele; and Wildlife Technicians Randy Alexander, Amos Pond, Troy Rodriguez.

| CTUIR 2011-2012 Tribal Treaty Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits For Big Game and Upland Game Birds | | |
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| Yáamaš (MULE DEER) *Excluding Starkey Experimental forest, Mill Creek Watershed limited entry hunts | | |
| Season: August 1 – December 31, 2011 | | Bag Limit: Bucks and Does |
| Čatwílí (WHITE-TAILED DEER) | | |
| Off Umatilla Indian Reservation | Season: August 1 – December 31, 2011 | Bag Limit: Bucks and Does |
| On Umatilla Indian Reservation | Season: Open Year Round | Bag Limit: Bucks and Does |
| Wawúkya (ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK) *Excluding Starkey Experimental forest, Mill Creek Watershed limited entry hunts | | |
| Season: August 1 - August 24, 2011 | | Bag Limit: Any Elk |
| Season: August 25 – October 15, 2011 | | Bag Limit: Closed to Branch Antlered Bull Rifle Hunting. Only spike bulls and antlerless elk can be hunted with rifle. Archery hunting of any elk permitted. |
| Season: Oct. 15,- Nov. 30, 2011 | | Bag Limit: Any Elk |
| Season: December 1 – December 31, 2011 | | Bag Limit: Closed to Branch Antlered Bull Hunting. Antlerless or Spike Bulls Only |
| Wáwataw (PRONGHORN ANTELOPE) | | |
| Season: August 1 – December 31, 2011 | | Bucks and Does |
| Wáaw (ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOAT) | | |
| Elkhorn | Season: September 10-October 23, 2011 | Bag Limit: One Billy with special tag only. See synopsis for application and tag drawing details |
| Tnúun (BIGHORN SHEEP) | | |
| Lookout Mt | Season: August 27 – September 27 | Bag Limit: One Ram with special tag only. See synopsis for application and tag drawing details. |
| Burnt River | Season: September 10 th – 25 th . | |
| Wenaha | CLOSED | |
| Qoq (BISON) | | |
| Montana | Season: January 1 st – March 31, 2012 | Bag Limit: Special tags and pre-hunt orientation required. See synopsis for details |
| K'oy'am'á (COUGAR) | | |
| Season: Open Year Round | | Bag Limit: No spotted kittens or females with spotted kittens. Kill report required within 72 hours of harvest. |
| Yáka' (BLACK BEAR) | | |
| Season: Open Year Round | | Bag Limit: No sows with cubs less than one year old. Kill report required within 72 hours of harvest. |
| UPLAND GAME BIRDS | | |
| Waswásno/Tuy'é (MOUNTAIN GROUSE) | Season: August 1 – December 31, 2011 | Either Sex, |
| QUAIL, PHEASANT, PARTIDGE & CHUKAR | Season: September 1 – December 31, 2011 | |
| Qáya (TURKEY) | Season: Open Year Round | |

** Unless otherwise stated in the regulations table, no limit to the number of animals that may be harvested. Wasting wildlife is illegal. Prudent conservation of the resources is the responsibility of each hunter.

CTUIR General Hunting Provisions

Excerpts from the Statutes of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation As Amended through Resolution No. 04-022 (April 12, 2004).

These regulations apply to all enrolled members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation engaged in hunting or trapping within the boundaries of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and on all unclaimed lands outside the boundaries of the Reservation.

Jurisdiction (From Chapter 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Code).

This Code applies to all persons fishing, gathering, hunting or trapping within the boundaries of the Reservation.

This Code applies to Tribal Members fishing at all usual and accustomed stations and hunting or trapping on all unclaimed lands outside the boundaries of the Reservation, including, but not limited to, the national forests.

This Code preempts any state jurisdiction and it is no defense that an alleged activity is lawful under state law.

GENERAL FISHING AND HUNTING PROVISIONS

(From Chapter 5 of the Fish and Wildlife Code).

Fishing and Hunting Allowed Only During Open Seasons

No person shall fish or hunt on or off the Reservation except during open seasons established by this Code or the Commission. Violation of this section is a crime.

Section "C" Members

No court shall construe the provisions of this Code or the actions of the Commission to grant treaty fishing or hunting rights to persons enrolled pursuant to Article IV, section (c) of the Constitution.

Tribal Members enrolled pursuant to Article IV, section (c) of the Constitution may be allowed to exercise hunting privileges on the Reservation only under a permit issued by the Commission. No court shall construe any such hunting permits as the exercise of treaty hunting rights. Such permits only create statutory rights granted by the Tribes pursuant to their inherent sovereign authority.

The Commission shall not issue any permits to Tribal Members enrolled under Article IV, section (c) of the Constitution for fishing or trapping purposes.

Hunting permits issued to section (c) members shall include the following conditions:

1. Deer and elk only;
2. Valid during the regular hunting season open for other members or during the period specifically identified on the permit;
3. Valid only within the boundaries of the reservation;
4. Specify the number of animals that may be taken; and
5. The permittee shall file a kill report to the commission within the time required by the permit, if any, of the taking of an animal pursuant to a permit issued under this section. the report shall indicate the species and gender of the animal killed, the date of the kill, and the general location of the kill. a kill report shall also be filed with the commission in the event that no animal is taken under the permit.

The Commission shall only issue a permit to a section (c) member if he resides on or near the Reservation. The Commission shall consider the following factors when



issuing a permit under this section:

Whether or not the applicant and his family is in economic need of a hunting permit to provide subsistence for family members; or

Whether the applicant for the permit has person(s) enrolled in the Tribes that are a member(s) of his household; or

Whether there is a traditional need identified by the applicant; or

Whether the applicant for the permit has been previously found in violation of this Code.

The Commission may delegate its authority to issue permits under this section to the Department of Natural Resources Wildlife/Fisheries Programs, or their successor agencies, by regulations consistent with this Code and adopted by the Commission

Tribal Identification Card

A Tribal identification card shall be prima facie evidence that the holder is entitled to exercise all fishing and hunting rights reserved for Tribal Members, subject However to all restrictions of this Code and rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission.

Any person, who is a Tribal Member and who fishes or hunts on the Reservation or exercises off-reservation treaty rights, shall have in his possession any required Tribal identification card, permit, license or tag issued by the Tribes.

Failure to have the required Tribal identification card in his possession is an infraction.

Display Upon Demand

Upon demand by any Tribal police officer or purchaser of commercial fish, such card, permit, license or tag shall be displayed and refusal or failure to do so shall be prima facie evidence that such person is not authorized by the Tribes to hunt, fish or trap.

Refusal to display such permit and/or tag and write his name on demand shall be prima facie evidence that such non-member has no permit and/or tag and is not the person named on the permit and/or tag in his possession.

Refusal or failure to display a card, permit, license or tag, upon demand by a Tribal police officer, is an infraction.

Not Transferable

Tribal identification cards issued by the Tribes are not transferable. Permits, licenses or tags issued by the Commission are not transferable. Fraudulent transfer is a crime.

Conservation

The Commission shall determine the length of all open seasons and issues all fishing and hunting permits based on sound principles of conservation.

Trafficking in Wildlife

No Tribal Member or other person subject to Tribal jurisdiction shall:

Sell or have in his possession with the intent to sell;

Expose or offer for sale;

Use as the basis for an exchange of money; or

Ship for commercial purposes any wildlife, including parts, raw or processed.

However, this provision does not apply to: Lawful off-reservation commercial fishing activities,

The possession or sale of hides of big game or furbearers lawfully taken; or

The sale or bartering of subsistence wildlife by a Tribal Member to a member of a federally recognized tribe.

A Tribal Member may exchange wildlife lawfully taken for household goods or domestic supplies.

Violation of this section is a crime.

Wasting Wildlife

No person shall needlessly waste, after killing or wounding, any wildlife or so mutilate any wildlife that its species, sex or size cannot be determined.

Waste includes the deterioration of the fur pelts, or of those portions of wildlife normally utilized for human consumption, to the point where it is no longer fit for such use.

Waste includes abandoning meat in a locker. If the Tribes voluntarily pay for abandoned meat in lockers, the Tribes may pursue repayment from the abandoning person through the courts. The Commission may voluntarily pay for abandoned meat in lockers only with the approval of the Board.

Destruction of Property

No one hunting or fishing on land belonging to another person or the United States on or off the Reservation shall damage the land, crops or property. All motor vehicles must remain on established roads and tracks.

A violation of this section is an infraction.

Killing of Wounded Wildlife

Anyone may kill wildlife that is found suffering from mortal wounds. However, no one shall use any such remains, out

of season, for any purpose without a prior obtained permit from the Commission.

A violation of this section is an infraction.

Closed Areas

No one shall engage in fishing or hunting at any time, on or off-reservation, in areas closed pursuant to this Code.

The Commission shall set closed areas by regulations adopted pursuant to this Code.

No one shall engage or attempt to engage in hunting or fishing in areas closed by the Commission.

A violation of this section is an infraction

Hunting Generally

A violation of this section is an infraction unless specifically stated otherwise in the subsections below.

No one shall hunt, pursue, molest, catch, kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, molest, catch or kill any animal from a motor propelled vehicle. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall shoot any pistol, rifle, shotgun, or other firearm from a vehicle or along any public road.

No one shall hunt, pursue, take or attempt to hunt, pursue or take animals from one half hour after sunset to one half hour before sunrise.

No one shall hunt big game with any firearm other than a rifle or handgun with a caliber designation of 6 mm. (.243 Cal.) or larger, or a shotgun using slugs or number one buckshot or larger.

No one shall hunt with an artificial light of any kind. It is prima facie evidence of unlawful hunting if found with an artificial light and any rifle, shotgun or other firearm in any place where game animals may reasonably be expected to be found. However, this provision does not apply:

To the headlights of a motor vehicle that is being operated on a road in the usual manner, if the operator or occupants of the motor vehicle makes no attempt to kill wildlife; or

When the weapon the operator or occupants of the motor vehicle have in their possession or immediate physical presence is disassembled or stored, or in the trunk or storage compartment of a motor vehicle.

No one shall hunt small game, upland game or waterfowl with any firearm other than a shotgun, 10 gauge or smaller, except that game may be taken with a caliber designation of 6 mm. (. 243 caliber) or smaller.

Hunting big game and small game by means of bow and arrow shall be allowed during any season set by the Commission. However, no one shall hunt with a cross-bow, utilize explosive devices on arrows, or carry a firearm while bow hunting.

No one shall hunt, trap, chase, or harass big game with dogs except as authorized by Commission rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this Code.

No one shall exercise any hunting rights, on or off the Reservation, if he is under the age of 12. The Commission shall not issue special hunting permits under this Code to any applicant under 12 years of age. No one between 12 and 18 years of age shall engage in any hunting rights, on or off Reservation, unless he has in his possession a hunting safety

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certificate issued by the Tribal Police or by another police department which demonstrates that he understands the safe operation of firearms. The Commission shall not issue any hunting permits under this Code to any applicant between 12 and 18 years of age unless the applicant demonstrates satisfactory completion of a firearm safety course.

No one shall engage in any hunting right, if a court order prohibits him from possessing a firearm. The Commission shall deny any application for a hunting permit pursuant to this Code, if the applicant is prohibited from carrying a firearm. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall hunt with or discharge firearms while under the influence of any drug, narcotic or liquor. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

No one shall aim any firearm whether loaded or not at or towards any human being or willfully discharge any firearm, in a public place, or in any place where any person might be endangered, even if no injury results. A violation of this subsection is a crime.

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No one shall carry, transport or convey or have in his possession or under his control in any vehicle any loaded shotgun, pistol or rifle. Loaded is defined as any weapon having a round of ammunition in the chamber.

No one shall intentionally disrupt or attempt to disrupt lawful hunting activities.

Any attempt to take a wildlife decoy under the control of Tribal police officers shall be an unlawful taking of wildlife and punishable pursuant to this Code.

On-Reservation Hunting by Tribal Members

(From Chapter 10 of the Fish and Wildlife Code).

Restrictions

No Tribal Member shall engage in or attempt to engage in hunting on the Reservation except during open seasons.

No Tribal Member shall engage or attempt to engage in hunting on the Reservation in the company of any person not authorized to exercise treaty hunting rights. However, any Tribal Member may engage in hunting with a section (c) member or a non-member on the Reservation if both the Tribal Member and the other person hunt in compliance with the

provisions of the Code.

Subsistence and Ceremonial Hunting
Any Tribal member may apply to the Commission for a subsistence or ceremonial hunting permits during closed seasons. Each application for a subsistence hunting permit shall be made in person to the Commission Chair who shall call a meeting for the purpose of acting on the application.

An emergency ceremonial hunting permit may be granted by any two members of the Commission if a regular quorum of the Commission is unavailable, provided that the two acting members submit to the remaining Commission members a copy of the ceremonial hunting permit application acted upon within ten (10) days from the date of its approval.

Off Reservation Hunting by Tribal Members (From Chapter 13, of the Fish and Wildlife Code)

Seasons

No Tribal Member shall take wildlife off-reservation pursuant to treaty hunting rights except during open seasons established by the Commission.

Restrictions

No Tribal Member shall take wildlife

off-reservation pursuant to treaty hunting rights in the company of any person not authorized to exercise treaty hunting rights, except as follows:

Any Tribal Member may engage in hunting with a section (c) member or a non-member if both the Tribal Member and the other person comply with the state laws as to the number and sex of animals that may be taken.

Any Tribal Member may engage in hunting or trapping with a non-member Indian who is also entitled to exercise off-reservation treaty hunting rights under another treaty. However, both the Tribal Member and the non-member Indian must comply with their respective tribal laws as to the number and sex of animals that may be taken.

TRAPPING

(From Chapter 14, Section 1 of the Fish and Wildlife Code).

Tribal members shall not engage in or attempt to engage in subsistence or ceremonial trapping on the reservation without a permit issued by the Commission. Violation of this section is an infraction.

Tribal members shall not engage in or attempt to engage in commercial or sport trapping on the reservation. Violation of this section is a crime.

CTUIR Limited Entry Hunts

Bighorn Sheep and Rocky Mountain Goat

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission, in recognition of the Treaty reserved right to harvest bighorn sheep and Rocky Mountain goat and of the highly sensitive political and biological nature of the harvest of these reintroduced populations will use a hunt tag draw system for tribal harvest of these species in Oregon. The draw system will be conducted as follows:

Applicants for bighorn sheep or mountain goat tags must be at least 18 year of age to apply for bighorn sheep or mountain goat tags.

Permit applications will be available from Fish and Wildlife Program Staff or Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Applications will include first, and second choices for bighorn sheep hunts. If an applicant chooses not to make second choice and their first choice is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will not be considered for other remaining opportunities.

Application is filled out and submitted to Fish and Wildlife Program Staff or Commission for processing no later than close of business (4 pm) June 27th.

Applications would be reviewed for completeness and eligibility of the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for drawing.

Fish and Wildlife Commission will conduct a drawing on Tuesday June 28th of eligible applicants.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission would notify the successful applicants and confirm their continuing interest and ability to exercise the permit by June 30th. If an applicant is unable to exercise their permit, the next eligible applicant will be contacted.

Permit and associated information on hunting restrictions and data collection and reporting considerations will be mailed to the successful applicants.

Drawing procedures and preferences are as follows:

Hunt drawing will be conducted in public by the Commission at the Hunter's Forum Meeting at 5:00 pm on June 28th. This method

and the public setting, will assure that no bias is introduced to the draw program and provide clear accountability to the public.

Beginning with the drawing for 2008, successful tag applicants incur a lower priority for the following two years for receipt of tags for which ever specie they successfully draw (Bighorn Sheep or Mountain Goat). Preference will be given to individuals that did not successfully draw a tag in the previous two years for the given specie in question. If there are tags remaining after all those with preference have received tags, remaining qualified applicants will either be issued a current year tag or placed on an ordered list of alternates for that year based on order of current year drawing and time since last successful drawing.

If an applicant's first choice for bighorn sheep is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will be awarded their second choice. If an applicant chooses not to make second and their first is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will not be considered for the remaining opportunity.

In the event that a successful tag

holder is for any reason unable to exercise their permit, it may be turned back to the Commission prior to the first day of the season and reissued to the next qualified applicant from the list of alternates. Individuals that either decline their tag at the time of drawing or return the tag for reissue no less than 7 days prior to the first day of the hunt season will not lose preference status for the following year's drawing.

Application Deadline Date: close of business (4 pm) Monday, June 27th, 2011

NOTE: ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS AND BIGHORN SHEEP ARE LOCATED IN EXTREMELY STEEP AND RUGGED TERRAIN AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS AND HUNTERS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

Mill Creek Watershed

Mill Creek Watershed is managed by the City of Walla Walla for domestic water supply. The local elk herd is managed by the CTUIR, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to limit their impact to water quality in the watershed.

The Tribal hunting season is from October 1 through November 30.

Tribal treaty hunters (Section A and B) interested in hunting in the Mill Creek Watershed during this period must notify the Tribal Wildlife Program 541-429-7200 and the Mill Creek Watershed Attendant, Larry Sharie 541-558-3794, prior to entering the watershed.

Check in with the watershed attendant is mandatory. This includes notification if you change plans and do not intend to enter the watershed on a prescheduled day.

Additionally, a kill report is mandatory to track progress toward harvest goals in the watershed.

No special permits are required this year. However, information on harvest reporting and other regulations and restrictions for activities in the watershed will be provided by the Tribal Wildlife Program prior to entry.

Summary of Bighorn Sheep and Rocky Mountain Goat Controlled Hunting in CTUIR Ceded Area 2011

| Species/Bag Limit | Hunt Area | Description | Season | Tags Available |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| One Rocky Mt. Billy Goat | Elk Horn | 45% public lands All of ODFW Unit 51 | September 10-October 23, 2011 | 5 |
| One Bighorn Ram | Burnt River Canyon | 95% public lands. That part of ODFW Unit 51 south of Hwy 7 | September 10 – 25, 2011 | 2 |
| One Bighorn Ram | Lookout Mountain | 36% public lands All of ODFW Unit 64 | August 27 – September 27, 2011 | 3 |
| One Bighorn Ram | Wenaha | 72% public lands. All of ODFW Unit 56 | CLOSED Due to disease loss | 0 |

Application Deadline Date: close of business (4 pm) Monday, June 27th, 2011

NOTE: ROCKY MOUNTAIN GOATS AND BIGHORN SHEEP ARE LOCATED IN EXTREMELY STEEP AND RUGGED TERRAIN AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS AND HUNTERS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.

Limited Entry Hunts

Starkey Experimental Forest

To exercise treaty hunting rights on federal lands within the Starkey Experimental Forest and Range Enclosure, Tribal members must obtain permits from the Fish and Wildlife Commission and assist in the collection of data from all animals harvested.

Tribal members may sign up for scheduled hunts in the Starkey Experimental Forest throughout the season at the Fish and Wildlife Office. Hunt permits will be issued on a "first come – first served" basis.

This strategy has been implemented to increase flexibility for tribal hunters and improve tribal participation in these hunts. If you sign up for a hunt opportunity

and are unable to participate in the hunt, advise CTUIR Wildlife Program ASAP so that the hunt opportunity can be provided to tribal members on the standby list.

As part of the ongoing research, you may be required to collect some animal parts or answer questions about your hunting experience. Specific requirements will be explained when you check into the fenced area at the main gate off Highway 244.

For hunt area maps, consult the Starkey web site at www.FS.FED.US/PNW/Starkey under the 'Recreation' section.

To purchase maps of the Starkey Experimental Forest phone 541-963-7186 or write to USDA Forest Service, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.

| 2011 Starkey Experimental Forest Hunts | | |
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| Season | Bag Limit | Tags Available |
| August 27 – 31 | Archery Bull Elk | 3 |
| October 26- 30 | Rifle Bull Elk | 3 |
| October 1- October 5 | Buck Deer | 3 |

As part of the ongoing research, you may be required to collect some animal parts or answer questions about your hunting experience. Specific requirements will be explained when you check into the fenced area at the main gate off Highway 244.

For hunt area maps, consult the Starkey web site @ www.FS.FED.US/PNW/Starkey under the 'Recreation' section.

For digital maps of hunting areas on and around the Umatilla Indian Reservation, go to www.umatilla.nsn.us.

Montana Bison Hunt Regulations

Treaty Harvest Regulations and Protocols for Bison in the Greater Yellowstone Area

Members of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) engaging in hunting and harvest of wild bison on open and unclaimed lands surrounding Yellowstone National Park are subject to the following regulations:

Permitting Requirement: Exercising the tradition of "Going to Bison" for CTUIR members should be considered a communal or group effort as it was prior to the Treaty. The successful harvest and processing of bison in the field requires significant planning, equipment and support. CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permits are joint application "party" hunting permits requiring the signature of a "Hunt Party Leader" and a minimum of three assistants to assure a safe and successful hunt. Permit applications that do not include the required information for hunt assistants will not be considered.

Eligibility: Tribal members over the age of 18, eligible to exercise off-reservation treaty hunting rights, in good standing with the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission and who have attended the orientation administered by the Commission may apply to the Commission for a CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permit as a "Hunt Party Leader" or "Hunt Assistant". Applicants may not apply to more than one

party permit per year.

Hunt Area: The Bison Permit hunt area is described as those open and unclaimed lands found within the State of Montana and outside of Yellowstone National Park lands, with the exception of the Royal Teton Ranch Bison Buffer Zone U.S. Forest Service lands or any lands closed by the U.S. Forest Service for safety reasons. The Commission will provide general area maps for hunting parties.

Season & Bag Limits: The Treaty Bison Hunt Season is from January 1 through March 31. Bag limits will be determined annually by the Commission.

Weapons & Ammunition: Only a center fire rifle with bullet size of 150 grain or larger is permitted for bison hunting.

Harvest Limitations and Game Waste: All party members identified on a valid bison permit may actively hunt bison. However, only one bison per party may be on the ground at any one time. Each bison carcass must be completely processed and off the hunt field before another animal is taken. This includes hide, head, heart, liver and meat. Bone and gut pile may be left in place. Failure to strictly follow this provision may be grounds for prosecution for game waste.

Harvest Reporting: The CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permit shall consist of two parts as follows:

A hunt reporting card: All Hunt Party

Leaders are required to submit a completed kill report following completion of the hunt or within 72 hours of the end of the season. The Lead Hunter is required to update harvest information on the permit prior to taking another animal or leaving the field. All hunters, including those who are not successful, must return the completed kill report in order to remain in good standing with the Commission and to be eligible for future hunts.

A hunt permit: The Hunt Party Leader and each permitted Hunt Assistant will be issued a current year hunt permit. This permit will include the hunter's name and enrollment number, hunt season, bag limit, and must be validated by signatures of the hunter and Commission Chair. This permit must be in the possession of each hunter at all times during the hunt.

Provision of Assistance: Non-members or Members not eligible to exercise treaty hunting rights off-Reservation (or Non-member Indians with treaty hunting rights for the Yellowstone area) may assist a Tribal member with the field dressing, retrieval and transportation of a downed bison to the Members' hunting vehicle but may not assist or accompany the Member with any aspect of the pursuit or harvest of the animal. Such assistance is in addition to and shall not be considered a substitute for the minimum hunt assistants required by the Off-Reservation Bison Permit.

Requirement to Disclose: The hunt party leader and all hunt assistants must have their Tribal I.D. card and a valid Off-Reservation Bison Permit issued by the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission in their possession while hunting or while in possession of a bison or parts thereof. Tribal I.D. and Off-Reservation Bison Permit must be presented upon request to any Tribal, State or Federal enforcement personnel.

Off Road Travel and Safety: The use of over snow vehicles (snowmobiles or ATV's equipped with tracks) for bison hunting is allowed where not specifically restricted. Shooting from or across groomed snowmobile trails or off any vehicle is prohibited.

The Bison Permit Hunt Area is directly adjacent to the town of Gardiner, Montana and numerous dispersed residences. Discharging a firearm in a negligent manner or in any posted safety zone is a violation of the CTUIR Treaty Bison Harvest Permit and Tribal Hunting Regulations.

Provision for Emergency Closure: Off-reservation bison hunting is restricted by these regulations, annual harvest quotas and any special annual regulations established by the Commission. Hunt seasons and permits may be closed by the Commission under emergency order in response to biological or human safety needs.

Wildlife Mitigation Areas Managed by CTUIR

The CTUIR Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Program is responsible for the management of two off-Reservation Wildlife Mitigation Areas.

The Mitigation Areas, known as Wanaket and Rainwater, were established under the Northwest Power Planning Council's Wildlife Program to partially replace wildlife habitats lost as a result of hydropower development in the Columbia Basin.

The primary purpose of these areas is to protect, enhance, and mitigate wildlife and wildlife habitat, however hunting pursuant to Treaty Rights is permissible at each Wildlife Mitigation Area.

Wanaket is located on Highway 730 approximately 3 miles east of Umatilla, Oregon. The area is approximately 2,800 acres in size, and offers hunt opportunities for waterfowl and upland game birds.

Rainwater is approximately 8 miles south of the town of Dayton, Washington on the South Fork of the Touchet River. The Area is over 8,700 acres in size, and offers hunting opportunities for upland game birds and big game.

Motor vehicle access restrictions apply at both areas. Contact the Tribal Wildlife Program for more details on these hunt opportunities. Hunters are reminded to use extreme caution during severe fire conditions.

Moose Appear to be Recovering, But Still No Hunting in Northeast Oregon

With all the ongoing efforts to reintroduce, restore or protect various fish and wildlife populations in the Pacific Northwest, Sa'-slaqs, Moose (Alces alces), appear to have started a recovery of their own in Northeast Oregon.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation want to see this new population protected. Loss of any of these animals could slow or halt the progress toward establishment of a viable local population.

The Commission wants to remind tribal hunters there are no open seasons in Oregon for Moose and to encourage hunters to be especially careful when selecting their target.

Moose are typically much larger and darker in coat than elk with black to dark brown fur grading to gray or grayish brown on the belly and legs. The shape of the head with broad overhanging muzzle and waddle like flap of skin on the throat also make identification easy.

Call it in... If you witness acts of poaching, waste or abuse of your wildlife resources, please notify... Umatilla Tribal Police 541-278-0550... CTUIR Wildlife Program 541-429-7200... Oregon State Police TIP Hotline 1-800-452-7888 or Washington Fish and Wildlife Poaching Hotline 1-800-477-6224.

CTUIR Aboriginal Title Lands



Aboriginal Title Lands

0 10 Miles

Aboriginal Title Lands are lands "owned and occupied by aboriginal possession", May 1855. Authority: CTUIR v. Maison (III)

Lands Held by Aboriginal Title

Umatilla Indian Reservation

State Boundary

County Boundary