2020 - 2021

Tribal 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 on June 9, 1855, they ceded to the United States some 6.4 million acres of land in what is now Southeast Washington and Northeast Oregon while retaining the Reservation as a permanent homeland.

Despite giving up its ownership rights to the ceded lands, the CTUIR reserved certain rights necessary to continue their way of life on specified lands outside of the Reservation. Among these rights is the right to hunt on unclaimed lands throughout the ceded lands as well as traditional hunting areas outside of the ceded lands. This allows enrolled CTUIR tribal members 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 through its Fish and Wildlife Code and annual regulations. Open areas include all National Forest Lands, State Forest lands, Bureau of Land Management Lands, and National Wildlife Refuges where hunting is permitted.

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 or health and human safety reasons) may not be permissible. For specific area closures please consult the appropriate land management agency.

Within the Reservation, the CTUIR reserved much broader, exclusive hunting rights. While this includes the right to cross privately held lands to access on-Reservation hunting areas, the CTUIR encourages its members to work with landowners to establish mutually agreeable hunting arrangements.

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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 rules and regulations as may be deemed necessary, pursuant to their authorities under the Wildlife Code of the CTUIR.

Commission Members: Chair Jeremy Red Star Wolf, Secretary Jim Marsh, members Bud Herrera, Ken Hall, and Michael Van Pelt. 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 By-laws are available at the Office of the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Programs, 46411 Timine Way, 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 Middel, Scott Peckham, Lindsay Chiono, and Rich Scheele; and Wildlife Technicians Mark French, Troy Rodriguez, Josefa Taula, Austin Samuels.

REMINDER TO CEREMONIAL HUNTERS

All meat must be clean and deboned before it is brought to the Longhouse cooler.

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### Proposed CTUIR 2020-2021 Tribal Treaty Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

#### For Big Game and Upland Game Birds

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<td><strong>K’oy’am’a</strong> (COUGAR)</td>
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<td><strong>Yáka’</strong> (BLACK BEAR)</td>
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#### Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds

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<td>Either Sex,</td>
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<td><strong>QUAIL, PHEASANT, TURKEY, PARTIDGE &amp; CHUKAR</strong></td>
<td><strong>Season:</strong> Open Year Round</td>
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**Note:** There is no season or legal bag limit for the Gray Wolf. They are currently under protected status by the CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission.
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.

TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION CARD

Possession of a Tribal identification card shall establish a presumption that the holder is entitled to exercise all fishing and hunting rights reserved for Tribal Members, subject 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 offreservation treaty rights, shall have in his or her possession a Tribal identification card and any required permit, license or tag issued by the Confederated Tribes. Failure to possess the required Tribal identification card is an infraction.

DISPLAY UPON DEMAND

Upon demand by any Tribal, federal, or state police officer or purchaser of commercial fish, such card, permit, license or tag shall be displayed and refusal or failure to do so shall establish a presumption that such person is not authorized by the Confederated Tribes to hunt, fish or trap. Refusal to display such permit and/or tag and write his or her name on demand shall establish a presumption that such nonmember has no permit and/or tag and is not the person named on the permit and/or tag in his or her possession. Refusal or failure to display a card, permit, license or tag, upon demand by a Tribal, federal or state police officer, is an infraction.

NOT TRANSFERABLE

Tribal identification card holders issued by the Confederated 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

Concerning any wildlife, including parts, raw or processed, no person subject to Tribal jurisdiction shall: 1) Sell or give it in his or her possession with the intent to sell; 2) Expose or offer it for sale; 3) Use it as part of any exchange of consideration, including money or other items of value; or 4) Ship it for commercial purposes.

However, this provision does not apply to: The purchase, sale, exchange, or possession of the following parts of lawfully taken wildlife: a) Processed or unprocessed hides, hooves, deerskins, sinews, or caps of big game or furbearing; b) Teeth, antler, horn, claws or bone of big game or furbearers that have been processed into handcrafted items. Handcrafted items do not include complete sets of antlers or whole heads and antlers which are mounted for display or other purposes; and c) naturally shed horns or antlers; or d) the bartering of subsistence wildlife by a Tribal Member to a 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.

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 and no one shall use any such remains, out of season, for any purpose without a prior obtained permit from the Commission. Anyone who kills wildlife found suffering from mortal wounds shall take reasonable steps to prevent waste including immediately notifying Tribal Police and notifying the Confederated Tribes and Wildlife Commission as soon as practicable. A violation of this section is an infraction.

CLOSED AREAS

No one shall engage in fishing or hunting at any time, on or offreservation, 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 kill with, or attempt to 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 caliper designation of .222 (center fire) or larger, or a shotgun using slugs or number one buckshot or larger.

No one shall shoot 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 engage in any hunting right, if a court order prohibits him or her 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 hunt with 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.

No one shall carry, transport or convey or have in his or her possession or under his or her 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 discharge a firearm or attempt to disrupt lawful hunting activities.

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

HUNTING PERMITS

Any person who is engaged in hunting pursuant to a permit required by this Code shall have the permit in his or her possession at all times while engaging in the activity authorized by the permit. All permits issued by the Commission shall expressly state this requirement.

ON-RESERVATION HUNTING PERMITS 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 during closed seasons. No Tribal Member shall engage or attempt to engage in hunting on the Reservation or in areas closed pursuant to this Code.

SUBSISTENCE HUNTING

Any Tribal member may apply to the Commission for a subsistence hunting permit 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. Each application shall, at a minimum, include: A. The name, age and tribal identification number of the applicant; B. Special facts and/or reasons justifying the applicant’s request for a subsistence hunting permit during a closed season; C. The dates on which the hunting is to take place; D. The type of animals desired; E. Whether one deer or one elk is to be taken, but not both; E. Any other information the Commission deems relevant.

CEREMONIAL HUNTING

Any Tribal Member may apply to the Commission for a ceremonial hunting permit during a closed season. Each application for a ceremonial hunting permit shall be made to the Commission Chair who shall call a meeting for the purpose of acting on the application. Each application shall, at a minimum, include: A. The name, age and tribal identification number of the applicant; B. The name of the ceremony for which the meat is to be used and an estimate of the number of people expected to attend the ceremony; C. The dates on which the hunting is to take place, not to exceed five (5) days; D. A preference on which type of game animal is desired; E. The names of persons engaging in the ceremonial hunting; F. Any other information the Commission deems relevant. 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 Secretary of the Commission a copy of the ceremonial hunting permit application acted upon within ten (10) days from the date of its approval.

COMMERCIAL HUNTING

No Tribal Member shall engage or attempt to engage in commercial hunting on the Reservation.

OFF-RESERVATION HUNTING BY TRIBAL MEMBERS

(From Chapter 13 of the Fish and Wildlife Code)
CTUIR General Hunting Provisions

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 pursuant to off-reservation treaty hunting rights in the company of any person not authorized to exercise off-reservation treaty hunting rights, except as follows: Any Tribal Member may engage in hunting with a person who is not authorized to exercise treaty hunting rights if: 1. Both the Tribal Member and the other person comply with the state laws as to weapons restrictions and as to the number, sex, age, location, and open season dates of animals that may be taken, or 2. The other person is unarmed and receives no payment in exchange for his or her participation. 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.

SUBSISTENCE HUNTING
Tribal Members may engage in off-reservation subsistence hunting pursuant to section 10.02 of this Code.

CEREMONIAL HUNTING
Tribal Members may engage in off-reservation ceremonial hunting pursuant to section 10.03 of this Code.

COMMERCIAL HUNTING
No Tribal Member may engage, or attempt to engage, in commercial hunting off reservation pursuant to treaty reserved rights.

TRAPPING (From Chapter 14 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 a misdemeanor. 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 Limited Entry Hunt

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission, in recognition of the Treaty-reserved right to harvest and of the sensitive nature of the harvest of these reintroduced and extremely long-lived bighorn sheep populations, will use a hunt-tag draw system for tribal harvest of bighorn sheep in Oregon. The draw system will be conducted to optimize hunting opportunities to benefit the greatest number of tribal hunters possible. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age to apply. Permit applications and complete application procedures will be available from Fish and Wildlife Program staff or Fish and Wildlife Commission or on the CTUIR Web site.

Hunt drawing will be conducted in public by the Commission at their regularly scheduled Commission meeting on July 21, 2020. This method, and the public setting, will assure that no bias is introduced to the draw program and provide clear accountability to the Tribal public. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for public safety during the COVID-19 pandemic will be adhered to.

1. Applicants for bighorn sheep tags must be at least 18 years of age to apply for bighorn sheep.
2. Permit applications will be available from Fish and Wildlife Program Staff or Fish and Wildlife Commission.
3. Applications will rank their hunt preference with their choices of first, second, third, etc. If an applicant chooses not to make second and third choice and their first choice is already taken by a previously drawn applicant, they will not be considered for other remaining opportunities.
4. Application is filled out and submitted to Fish and Wildlife Program Staff or Commission for processing no later than close of business (4 pm) the day before the scheduled Commission meeting.
5. Applications would be reviewed for completeness and eligibility of the applicant. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for drawing.
6. Fish and Wildlife Commission will conduct a drawing of eligible applicants the day after the application deadline.
7. The Fish and Wildlife Commission would notify the successful applicants and confirm their interest and ability to exercise the permit. If an applicant is unable to exercise their permit, the next eligible applicant will be contacted.
8. 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 the day after the application deadline in the General Council Chambers. 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 the given species in question. If there are tags remaining after all those with preference have received tags, remaining qualified applicants may 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 lose preference status for the following year’s drawing.

10. Failure to adhere to kill reporting regulations and restrictions for activities in the watershed. The Tribal hunting season is from October 1 through November 30.

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 the 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 interested in hunting in the Mill Creek Watershed during this season must notify the Tribal Fish and Wildlife Program 541-429-7200 or the Mill Creek Watershed Attendant, 541-558-3794. Prior to entering the watershed, check in with the watershed attendant 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 Program prior to entry.

CTUIR Limited Entry Hunts

Summary of Bighorn Sheep Controlled Hunting in CTUIR Ceded Area 2020

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<td>Burns River Canyon</td>
<td>95% public lands. That part of ODFW Unit 51 south of Hwy 7</td>
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<td>That part of Unit 48 beginning where the N Fork John Day River crosses Hwy 395; west along the NFJD River to Bitch Creek, north along Bitch Cr to FR 53; east along FR 53 to Hwy 395; south along Hwy 395, point of beginning</td>
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<td>One Bighorn Ram</td>
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<td>72% public lands. All of ODFW Unit 56</td>
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Application Deadline Date: 4:00 pm, Monday, July 27, 2020.

NOTE: BIG Horn SHEEP ARE OFTEN LOCATED IN EXTREMELY STEEP AND RUGGED TERRAIN AT HIGHER ELEVATIONS AND HUNTERS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.
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 Requirements: 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 applications submitted by a “party” of tribal hunters and wildlife assistants. The “tribal party” includes a minimum of three tribal members. Party presentation of tribal hunters allows thectural commitment of the tribal hunting party to assure a safe and successful hunt. All applicants must have participated in a CTUIR bison hunt during the previous three years. The hunting season will be designated by CTUIR Wildlife Commission and be in violation of Tribal regulations. Permit applications must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the desired hunting date to allow for Fish and Wildlife Commission review and processing. The tribal leaders are responsible for ensuring that the Hunt Party Leader is successful harvest and processing of wildlife and protect, enhance, and mitigate wildlife and habitat needs. Current season and off-reservation permit requirements of any Tribal regulated hunt are subject to the following:

Hunt Area: The Bison Permit hunt area 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 the management of two off-Reservation Wildlife Mitigation Areas. The Mitigation Areas, known as Wanaket and Rainwater, are established under the Northwest Power Planning Council’s Wildlife Programs 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 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 2,600 acres in size, and offers hunting 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 11,000 acres in size, and offers hunting opportunities for upland game birds and big game. Motor vehicle access restrictions apply at both areas.

Off Road Travel and Safety: The use of snow mobiles (snowmobiles or ATV’s equipped with tracks) for bison hunting is allowed where specifically restricted. Restricted snowmobile travel is allowed off 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. All hunting seasons and permits will be closed by the Commission under emergency order in response to biological or human safety needs. All other Tribal regulations apply.

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. Tribal hunting 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. Failure to adhere to these instructions and theTouchableOpacity regulations of any Tribal regulated hunt is a violation of the CTUIR Tribal Bison Permit and may result in the applicant being ineligible to apply for any CTUIR regulated hunt permit for the following year.

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 541-933-7186 or write to USDA Forest Service, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.

Wildlife Mitigation Areas Managed by CTUIR

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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 541-933-7186 or write to USDA Forest Service, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, OR 97850.
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
Washington Fish and Wildlife Poaching Hotline 1-800-477-6224.
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For digital maps of hunting areas on and around the Umatilla Indian Reservation, go to www.umatilla.nsn.us.