

2019  
BLACKFEET FISH & WILDLIFE  
CODE

CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-7-M (1)

BIG GAME MUST BE TAGGED  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER KILL BEFORE BEING  
TRANSPORTED.

A PERSON WHOSE TAG IS ATTACHED TO A  
BIG GAME ANIMAL MUST BE PRESENT  
WHILE THE ANIMAL IS BEING  
TRANSPORTED FROM THE FIELD

# FINE: \$500.00

## THE TEN INDIAN COMMANDMENTS

1. Treat the Earth and all that dwell therein with respect.
2. Remain close with the Great Spirit.
3. Show great respect for you fellow beings.
4. Work together for the benefit of all mankind.
5. Give assistance and kindness whenever needed.
6. Do what you know to be right.
7. Look after the well-being of the mind and body.
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.
9. Be truthful and honest at all times.
10. Take full responsibility for your actions.

# HOW TO HUNT SAFELY IN BEAR COUNTRY

Grizzly and black bears can be found in much of the Blackfeet Reservation. In recent years grizzly bear populations have been expanding eastward and can now be found in areas where they have long been absent.

Be aware that the act of hunting puts you at risk of encountering bears and that elk bugling, game calls, and cover scents may attract bears.

If you hunt alone in bear country let someone know your detailed plans and have a way to periodically check in. Hunting partners should share details of their hunt plans and have a check in or communication system.

While hunting in bear country, pay attention to fresh bear sign. Look for bear tracks, scat, digs, a carcass and concentrations of natural foods, such as berries. Use caution when hunting areas that have evidence of bear activity or areas where you see scavenging birds such as magpies, ravens or crows – there may be a carcass nearby.

Communicate with other hunters and let them know when bears have been seen and/or fresh sign has been observed.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR

The mere presence of a bear does not always pose a risk. When in close proximity to people, most bears become aware of human presence and leave the area. If you encounter a bear, assess the situation, stay calm and **do not run**. Decide if the bear is aware of you or if it is fleeing or unaware. Keep the bear in sight and back away and leave the area. Occasionally bears will approach you when you are leaving, so be cautious.

When hunting in bear country, it is recommended that **every hunter carry bear pepper spray**. Pepper spray has been proven to be more effective than firearms at stopping a grizzly bear charge. Keep the bear pepper spray within reach and be familiar with the firing mechanism. In sudden encounters with grizzly bears, bear pepper spray has proven to be a valuable tool for deterring attacks. Grizzly bears sprayed in the face at very close range often stop attacking and are less likely to inflict serious injury.

Most bear attacks are prompted by inadvertently running into a female with young, surprising a bear at close range or near a carcass. It is recommended that hunters mentally rehearse a worst-case scenario with bears. If the mind has never been there before, the body does not know how to respond.

Use a weapon only if bear pepper spray is unavailable. Be aware that bears wounded with an arrow, knife or firearm may intensify the level of attack.

As a last resort, if physically attacked, play dead. Lie down, covering your neck and head with your hands and arms. If you have a backpack leave it on to protect your back. Stay face down never look at the bear and remain still until the bear is long gone. Many people have survived bear attacks using this method.

## **SAFEGUARDS FOR RETRIEVING GAME MEAT OUT OF BEAR COUNTRY**

When hunting in bear country, the golden rule is to get that elk or deer out of the area as quickly as possible. The longer a carcass remains laying on the ground, hung up in hunting camp, or in the back of a truck, the more likely it will be discovered by a bear. The sooner elk or deer are taken home and butchered, the better.

Some bears may move towards gunshots because they have learned to associate hunting activities with gut piles or animal carcasses.

Carcasses left out for a period of time require special precautions. Carry a colored, lightweight tarp or space blanket. Put the guts on the tarp and drag them as far away from the carcass as possible. Then use the tarp to cover the carcass. This will reduce the scent trail from the gut pile to the carcass and discourage scavengers' attention to the carcass. Hang clothing or other items at the sight to keep animals away. Locate an observation point 200 yards (if possible) away from the carcass with clear line of sight. **Before leaving**, walk to the observation point and memorize the site.

When returning, approach the carcass carefully. Yell or whistle repeatedly. With binoculars study the scene from the observation point and scan the area for the carcass and any movement. If a bear is at the site and refuses to leave or the meat has been covered by a bear and is not salvageable, leave immediately and report the incident to Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife. You may receive a replacement tag. Do not attempt to frighten away or haze a bear that does not leave a carcass when it becomes aware of you.

If you live in bear country, do not hang carcasses behind the house or in the garbage for extended periods. Big game carcasses stored outside should be hung from a pulley attached to a stout "meat pole" that is at least 25 feet off the ground. The lowest portion of the elk or deer should swing from the center of the pole and at least 10 feet off the ground. Bears have been known to climb trees and stand on objects in order to reach food. For more information on how to install a "meat pole" contact Fish and Game.

Bears are opportunists and change their behavior in order to take advantage of new food sources. So if you are hunting or living in bear country, make sure your camps, cabins and homes are 'bear-proof' and that items that may attract bears such as carcasses, garbage and/or pet, livestock or bird food are unavailable or contained.

**PLEASE REPORT ALL BEAR ENCOUNTERS AND DIRECT QUESTIONS TO:  
Blackfeet Fish & Wildlife Dept.  
Phone: 406 338-7207**

**After hours Tribal Game Wardens or bear management personnel can also be reached through  
the Law Enforcement Dispatcher at 338-4000**

HUNTING REGULATIONS  
2019

1. Big Game must be tagged immediately after kill and tag must be notched out before being transported. 3-7-M
2. A person whose tag is attached to a big game animal must be present while the animal is being transported from the field. 3-7-M (1)
3. Big Game Tags/Special Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. 3-7-M (2)
4. Non-Members with special number spouse big game permits may hunt in Zone2, 2A East and West, and Zone 3, but only during the time in which hunting season is open. 4-2-E
5. Harassment or driving of big game animals by any means will be prohibited. Violators will be fined \$300.00. 3-9-G
6. Only Tribal Members and Descendants only are allowed to gather, retrieve or hunt antlers and mushrooms on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Non-Members are prohibited and violators will be fined \$300.00.
7. A Transport Permit is required for antlers, heads and meat. An Export Permit is needed for Furs. 3-3-A
8. All people shall make all food, including garbage and livestock food, (excluding Hay) unavailable to bears. 3-17-B
9. During daylight hours all camps should be attended or food shall be stored in a bear resistant manner. 3-17-B
10. During nighttime while camping, all food not in use or being prepared shall be stored in a bear resistant manner. 3-17-B
11. Big Game gut piles shall be removed at least 100 yards from any camp or designed hiking trail. 3-17-E

12. Big Game carcasses should be removed from the field as soon as possible. If left overnight, carcasses should be stored in a bear resistant manner if possible. 3-17-F
13. If a grizzly bear claims a hunter's big game carcass, the hunter should contact a Tribal Game Warden. Upon verification that hunter will be issued a replacement big game tag. 3-7-F
14. Special Lottery Tag Moose and Elk that are taken by hunters must be inspected by a Tribal Game Warden. This is for the purpose of identification of sex and age. (No Exceptions). 3-7-G
15. Hunter must submit to a game inspection at check stops set up by Game Wardens. 11-13
16. To get from one staging area to another in Zone 2A, hunters cannot drive through; they are required to drive around the perimeter. FWA-1-B-(1)
17. Zone 2A west is restricted to foot and horseback traffic only. FWA-1-A-(3)
18. Zone 2A east is restricted to foot and horseback traffic and will be a designed hunting zone for the elderly and handicap which allows vehicle use. FWA-1-A-(4)
19. BOW SEASON – The use of Cross Bows for Big Game will be ILLEGAL. 3-7-K (1)

**NOTE: BEAR RESISTANT MANNER** means stored in bear resistant containers, suspended at least 10 feet above ground and 4 feet from any supportive structure (tree trunk, etc.), unavailable due to human attendance, or any combination of these.

**BEAR RESISTANT CONTAINER** means a securable container constructed of solid material.

When secured under stress the container will not have any cracks, openings, or hinges that would allow a bear to gain entry by biting or clawing. Wood containers are not considered bear resistant unless they are reinforced with metal. Locked vehicles with closed windows are considered bear resistant.

#### SAFETY REMINDERS:

400 Square inches of Hunter Orange is required for all hunters on the Blackfeet Reservation. (See FWA 7A.1 (d))

The Southern Piegan Diabetes Project advises that “walking and exercise does a body good.”

Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Department provides Hunter Safety classes if anyone is interested, contact the office at: (406) 338-7207 or come to the office located at 24 Starr School Road.

# BLACKFEET FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

## 2018-2019 ANNUAL REGULATIONS

AUGUST 26, 2018

### A. HUNTING ZONES – See map located Appendix A

1. **Zone 1:** Boulder/Flattop Area and west side of Lower St. Mary Lake. Beginning from the community of St. Mary west to the Glacier Park Boundary continuing North to Sherburne Dam and the Many Glacier Roadway continuing east to the community of Babb, following U.S. Highway 89 to Moccasin Flat Road turnoff, following the road to east and north across Moccasin Flat to the St. Mary River, continuing south back to the Bridge on Highway 89 on the south end of Babb Flat and following the Highway back to St. Mary. This area will be restricted to foot and horseback only.

2. **Zone 2:** The area along the Rocky Mountain front, beginning on the north end of the North Fork Ranch road, and continuing south to the roads intersection with Highway 464 Duck Lake Road, continues south into Browning and follows Highway 89 south, to the southern boundary of the Reservation at Birch Creek. Birch Creek west to Swift Dam and running north back to the Canadian Border adjacent to the Glacier National Park eastern border.

- **Zone 2A (West):** The boundary for Zone 2A West includes Tower Ridge, Yellow Mountain and Chief Mountain areas; north of Many Glacier Road, to Glacier Park Boundary, west of Highway 89 and south of Montana Highway 17. Area is closed to motorized vehicles (including ATV's) during hunting season, this area will be restricted to foot and horseback only.
- **Zone 2A (East):** The boundary for Zone 2 A East includes the Duck Lake and Goose Lake; the area starts at the junction of Highway 89 and Montana Highway 464 at St. Mary River Bridge on Highway 89, then follow Highway 89 north to the Junction of Camp Nine Road and follow the road east to the North Fork Ranch road to junction of Montana Highway 464. Area is closed to motorized vehicles (including ATV's) during general hunting season. **This area will restricted to foot and horseback only, and is designated as a special hunting zone for the elderly and handicapped vehicle access.**

3. **Zone 3:** This area includes all lands on the eastern part of the reservation, east of the following roads: North Fork Ranch Road north straight to the Canadian Border and east of Montana 464 and Highway 89 to the southern boundary of the reservation.

4. **Zone 4:** Dog Gun Area all lands south of BIA Route 2, East Glacier to Heart Butte cut across road) beginning with its intersection of Highway 2 just west of East Glacier, continuing east toward the junction of the Dog Gun Lake Road, South to the Lewis and Clark National Forest Boundary and back north to Highway 2.

## **B. STAGING AREAS**

Hunters must park at posted staging areas and shall either walk or ride horse-back into the specific hunting zones. Hunters are restricted from driving through Staging Areas.

1. **Zone 1:** The only staging areas designated for this zone will be at the Iron Gate on the north end of the Lower St. Mary Lake's west shore road and the little Canada turnout on the many Glacier highway.

2. **Zone 2:** Restricted vehicles access is allowed for handicap and elders only.

- **Zone 2A (West):**

- a) **Chief Mountain Road Staging Areas:** Across the road from Burns Sawmill, Slide Lake Road by Cattle Guard East of Chief Mountain and approach across from Bob Fullerton's place.

- b) **Yellow Mountain Staging Area:** Kennedy Creek crossing south of fence line (near Glacier National Park boundary) north of tower ridge and picnic table.

- c) **Many Glacier Road staging area:** Little Canada turnout and Camp 5 turnout.

- **Zone 2A (East):**

- a) **Duck Head Bay Staging Area:** West end of Duck Lake.

- b) **Spider Lake Staging Area:** Anywhere along the canal road east of Spider Lake and west of iron Bridge crossing on St. Mary Canal.

- c) **North Fork Road Staging Area:** Near the garbage bin along the road a mile north of the Duck Lake Road.

## **C. MEMBER, MEMBER SPOUCE, AND DESCENDENT HUNTING LICENSE COST AND MEMBER LOTTERY HUNTS.**

- Use of Drone for hunting and/or harassing wildlife is illegal.

- **ALL TAGS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

- Members may also purchase a Special Big Game Hunting license, but will not be required to use a license outfitter.



1. **Member General Hunting License:** Members will be required to purchase a General Hunting License for \$20.00. The License will authorize the take of one (either-sex) Elk, two (either-sex) Whitetail Deer, and one Mule Deer buck with forked antlers or larger only.
  - **Antelope License:** A member can purchase a separate antelope license (one only) for \$5.
  - **Black Bear License:** A member can purchase separate black bear license (one only) for \$5.
  - **Gray Wolf License:** A member can purchase a separate gray wolf license (limit of three per person) for \$10. All harvested animals must be inspected by a game warden within 24 hours of the take. Trapping is illegal.
  - **Mountain Lion License:** A member can purchase a separate mountain lion (either sex) license for \$5.
  - **Mountain Goat License:** A member can purchase a separate Mountain Goat (either sex) license for \$10.
2. **Member Spouse General Hunting License:** Member Spouses will be required to purchase a Member Spouse General Hunting License for \$35. The license will authorize the take of one cow elk and one whitetail deer (either sex). Members Spouse is not eligible for special lottery tags.
3. **Descendant General Hunting License:** Descendant will be required to purchase a Descendant General Hunting License for \$30. The license will authorize the take of one cow elk and one whitetail deer (either sex). Descendant is not eligible for special lottery tags. Descendant spouse not eligible for hunting license and they are not legal to accompany spouse hunting.
4. **Elderly and Handicap General Hunting License:**
  - Elderly member and Elderly-Handicap – No charge for subsistence hunting.
  - Elderly descendants over the age of 65 can purchase a General Hunting permit for \$20. Individuals claiming such permits will be allowed vehicle access into certain hunting zones. If an elderly tag holder is using helpers the helpers cannot possess firearms in Goose Lake area. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers. Helpers who must be a Member and/or Descendant.
  - Handicap Descendant Subsistence General Hunting permit is \$20. Individuals claiming such permits will be allowed access into certain hunting zones. The tag holder can have up to 2 helpers; the helpers cannot possess firearms in the Goose Lake area. Helpers must be Tribal Members and/or Descendant.

## 5. Member Lottery Hunts

- **Member Moose Lottery:**

A special number of moose tags will be available through a lottery draw for the reservation. The cost will be \$5 per chance, with a limit of \$200 per person.

- There will be two moose lottery tags drawn the day before **bow hunting season** opens.
- There will be five moose lottery tags drawn the day before **rifle hunting season** opens.

- **Member Elk Lottery:**

A special number of elk tags will be available through a lottery draw for Zone 1 (Boulder/Flattop Area) and Zone 4 (bow hunting only). The cost will be \$5 per chance, with a limit of \$200 per person.

- There will be three elk lottery tags drawn the day before **bow hunting season** opens (successful bow hunters will be unable to acquire a general elk tag during rifle season).
- There will be five elk lottery tags drawn the day before **rifle hunting season**.

- **Member Big Horn Sheep Lottery:**

One Big Horn Sheep tag will be available. The cost will be \$10.00 per chance, with a limit of \$500 per person. There will be one lottery tag drawn the day before **rifle hunting season** opens. Lottery Tag recipient will be allowed two “helpers” to assist them with retrieving the harvested Big Horn Sheep out of Zone 1. The helpers must be Tribal members and/or Descendants and have proof of membership on their person while helping.

## D. NON-MEMBER SPECIAL BIG GAME HUNT LICENSE

- Non-Members may purchase a Non-Member Special Big Game Hunting License Tag and will hunt with an approved Department Licensed Outfitter.

1. Bull Elk (brow tined) - **5 tags** are available at a minimum of \$12,000.00; (Zone 1, 2 & 3)
2. Elk (cow) - **10 tags** are available at a minimum of \$1000 each.
3. Whitetail Deer (either sex) - **5 tags** are available at \$3000.00 each

4. Mule Deer (Bucks) - **5 tags** are available at \$3000.00 each.
5. Spring/Fall Black Bear - **10 tags** are available for \$1500.00.
6. Moose - **5 tags** are available for \$14,000.00 each.
7. Antelope - **5 tags** available for \$1000.00 each.
8. Big Horn Sheep - **1 tag** sold by bidding starting at \$30,000 each – (every other year)
9. Mountain Lion Tags - **10 tags** are available for \$500.00 each.
10. Mountain Goat - **1 tag** for sale at \$5,000.00 each.
11. Gray Wolf – **10 tags** are available for \$300 each.

E. **HUNTING SEASON:**

- See Appendix B – Chart for Big Game Species Limits
- No rifle authorized during bow season
- No hunting allowed ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
- Established hunting seasons are subject to change without prior notice, at the discretion of the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council.
- Only one animal per hunter during the Hunting Season (rifle and/or bow)

1. **Elk**

Zone 1

- **Closed except for Non-member Special Hunt License and Member Lottery winners.**
- **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.

Zone 2

- **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday of December.

Zone 3

- **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October
- **Rifle Season** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday of December
- Hunting, after General Hunting Season – Zone 3 stays open to Members only. No hunting tags required, antler/horn only – harvest of brow tined bull elk only. Harvested animals must be reported the Department within 24 hours of take.  
**Hunting in Zone 3 will close on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of February to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of July.**

Zone 4

- Bow hunting **Members** only - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September to 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.

2. **Whitetail Deer** (either sex)

Zone 1

- **Closes**

Zone 2

- **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.

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**Hunting in Zone 3 will close on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of February to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of July.**

Zone 4

- Bow Hunting **Members** only, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September to the 2<sup>st</sup> Friday of October.

3. **Mule Deer** (bucks only – fork antlers or larger)

Zone 1

- Closed

Zone 2

- **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November.

Zone 3

- **Bow Season** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October through the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of November.

Zone 4

- **Closed**

**4. Moose: Tribal Member Lottery winner(s) and Non-member Special Big Game Hunt License(s) only.**

Zone 1

- Closed

Zone 2

- **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.

Zone 3

- **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.

Zone 4

- Closed

**5. Antelope:**

Zone 1

- Closed

Zone 2

- **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.

Zone 3

- **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.

Zone 4

- Closed

6. **Big Horn Sheep:** Males only, with  $\frac{3}{4}$  curl or greater. (Per management decision, Bighorn Sheep will be hunted every other year)



Zone 1

- Opens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October until the last Thursday of February

Zone 2

- Opens on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October until the last Thursday of February

Zone 3

- **Closed**

Zone 4

- **Closed**

7. **Mountain Goat** (either sex)

Zone 1

- **Closed**

Zone 2 – **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October through the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December

Zone 3

- **Closed**

Zone 4

- **Closed**

8. **Black Bear:**

Zone 1 (Fall and Spring Hunt)

- **Closed**

Zone 2

- **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- **Spring Rifle Season** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April until June 1<sup>st</sup>

Zone 3

- **Bow Season** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- **Spring Rifle Season** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Zone 4

- **Bow Season** - Members Only 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of October.
- **Rifle Season** - **Closed.**
- **Spring Rifle Season** - **Closed**

9. **Mountain Lion:**

Zone 1

- **Closed**

Zone 2

- **Rifle season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- **Special hunting** - season from January 1 to March 31.

Zone 3

- **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December.
- **Special hunting season** - from January 1 to March 31.

Zone 4

- **Closed**

10. **Wolverine: Closed**

11. **Grizzly: Closed**

12. **Gray Wolf:**

Game Warden(s) must inspect harvested animals within 24 hours of take.

Zone 1

- **Closed**

Zone 2

- **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to the end of March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Zone 3

- **Rifle Season** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of October to the end of March 31st.

Zone 4

- **Closed**

F. **FURBEARER TRAPPING – MEMBER TRAPPING LICENSE COST, TRAPPING SEASON, NON-MEMBER SPECIAL TRAPPING AND/OR PREDATOR CONTROL LICENSE:** (any furbearer being taken off the reservation shall need an Export Permit.

- Trappers must provide a trapping log to the Department for all furbearers harvested.
  - a) Trapping License Cost – Members and Descendants can purchase a furbearer trapping license for \$5. Zone 2 and Zone 3 only.
  - b) Non-member Special Trapping and/or Predator Control License Cost – A non-member can purchase a Special Trapping and/or Predator Control License for \$100 (beaver only) (coyotes hunted only). Zone 2 and Zone 3 only, and will need landowner permission.
- Trapping Season: Trapping season starts on the last Monday of September until April 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Wolverine, lynx, bobcat, swift fox, fisher: Closed – on list, Blackfeet Endangered and/or Threatened Species.
  - d) Weasel, muskrat, beaver, pine marten, mink, coyote, red fox, raccoon, otter, badger and skunk: September 15<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

G. **FISHING – COST OF NON-MEMBER FISHING LICENSE, FISHING SEASON, FISHING HOURS DAILY LIMITS, SPECIES, INTRODUCTION OF FISH, CATCH AND RELEASE, AND CLOSED AREA.**

- **WATERCRAFT – Per Ordinance 113A**, all watercraft (motorized and non-motorized), float tubes, rafts, flippers, waders, etc. must be INSPECTED for Aquatic Invasive Species before launching or entering Reservation water.
- **NO COMMERCIAL GILL NETTING**
  - a) Cost of Non-member Fishing License:
    - 1-Day Fishing License - \$20.00 (valid for purchase day only)
    - 3-Day Fishing License - \$45.00 (valid for (3) three consecutive days only)
    - Annual Fishing License - \$75.00 (April 1 – March 31)
    - Annual Recreation Conservation - \$20.00 (April 1 – March 31)

Prices may change with Council approval.



- b) Non-member Fishing Seasons:
- a. Rivers and Stream Fishing Season – The river and stream are open to non-member fishermen on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May until November 30.
  - b. Lakes and Reservoirs – Lakes and Reservoirs fishing is open all year unless otherwise stated by the Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Code or Regulations.
- c) Fishing Hours: No one shall begin fishing until ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset. In Addition, no watercraft or ice fishing house shall be on a lake during closed hours.
- d) Fish Species Daily Limits.

SPECIES	DAILY & POSSESSION LIMITS
Trout (includes Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Cutthroat, and Arctic Grayling)	Daily – 3 fish only 1 may be over 20 Inches and only 1 fish may be Brown Trout.
Brook Trout	Daily – 5 only 1 may be over 13 inches Exception: At Dog Gun Lake only 1 Brook Trout may be retained and it must be 13 inches or greater.
Bull Trout	All waters are closed to Bull Trout angling (Except for Duck Lake in which harvested Bull Trout will be included in the Daily Trout Limit.
Lake Trout	Daily – 2 only 1 may be over 20 inches
Whitefish	Daily – 10
Burbot (Ling)	Daily – 3 only 1 may be over 24 inches
Sauger/Walleye	Daily – 5 only 1 may be over 20 inches
Northern Pike at Hope lake	Daily – NO LIMIT
White Suckers or Longnose Suckers	There shall be NO LIMIT or SIZE Restrictions

Caution: Some Lakes may have Aerators – Open water and poor ice conditions may occur during winter months. It shall be unlawful to interfere with, retrieve or molest any BFWD net, trap, weir, buoy, or other piece of equipment or property.

H. **BIRD HUNTING** – Hunting of upland game birds and Migratory waterfowl, seasons, limits zone and license.

1. Upland Game Bird Hunting

Limits - The Daily Limit shall be 5 total: which may consist of no more than 5 – Hungarian Partridges, 3 – make Ring Necked Pheasants, 3 – Ruffed Grouse, Sharp Tail Grouse, Blue Grouse, or Spruce Grouse. Possession limit is 2 time/daily limit. One wing must remain naturally attached to carcass for identification.

## 2. Upland Game Bird Hunting Zones

### Zone 1 – **CLOSED**

Zone 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of September through January 1<sup>st</sup>, Except for make Ring Necked Pheasant which is October 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Zone 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of September through January 1<sup>st</sup>, Except for make Ring Necked Pheasant which is October 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Zone 4 - **CLOSED**

## 3. MIGRATORY WATERFOWL

Season and Limits are set by Federal Regulations which the Blackfeet Tribe has adopted. All Migratory Waterfowl Hunter shall refer to the Federal Pacific Flyway Regulations, which will be available at Blackfeet Fish and Wildlife Office.

Ducks (including Mergansers) – Bag limit: Daily bag limit shall be 7 ducks or mergansers. Daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasback and 3 scaup. Scaup season closes Dec 24. The possession limit may not exceed three times the daily bag limit of any species and sex.

Coots – Bag limit: 25 daily and in possession.

Geese – Daily limit: 5 white geese (Snow, Blue, Ross's) and 4 dark geese (all other geese). The possession limit is three times the daily limit.

### a) Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Zones/Seasons

Zone 1 – CLOSED

Zone 2 – Federal Pacific Flyway Regulations apply

Zone 3 – Federal Pacific Flyway Regulations apply

Zone 4 – CLOSED

### b) License Cost for Upland Game/Migratory Waterfowl hunting –

- All Migratory Waterfowl Hunters shall purchase Federal Migratory Duck Stamp
- Non-Members, Non-Montana Resident permits \$120.00

- Non-Member Montana Resident \$60.00
- Blackfeet Tribal Members – No cost

I. **SMALL GAME HUNTING** – Ground squirrels (gopher)

- **It is unlawful to hunt small game with High Power Rifles within 1,000 yards of Recreational Areas and/or Lakes.**

1. Small Game Hunting License Cost

- a) Members and Descendants – No cost.
- b) Non-Members - \$30 fee, **landowner permission required**

2. **SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASON** – Ground squirrel (gopher)

a) Members and Descendant

- Zone 1 – CLOSED
- Zone 2 – Open year round
- Zone 3 – Open year round
- Zone 4 – CLOSED

b) Non-Members

- Zone 1 – CLOSED
- Zone 2 – March 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Zone 3 – March 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Zone 4 – CLOSED

c) Small Game Hunting Limits

- a) Members and Descendants – No limit
- b) Non-Members – No Limit

J **HABITAT PROTECTION – SPECIAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND RESTRICTIONS OF THOSE AREAS.**

- A. Special Management Areas – Hunting is prohibited year round in the Boulder Ridge/ Flattop Area (Zone 1) and Dog Gun Area (Zone 4).
1. Special Management Area access
    - Zone 1 – No motorized/mechanical access (foot or horseback only)
    - Zone 4 – Member bow hunting only.
  - a. Carrying a long gun (rifle):
    - Long gun (rifle) are illegal in Zone 4; Exception Zone 4 Access for Members and Descendants only, when crossing Blackfeet Reservation to access Montana Hunting District 415.
  - b. Harassing Wildlife/Antler Hunting and Gathering of Wildlife Parts:
    - No person shall drive or harass any antlered animals to make antlers fall off wildlife
    - No antler hunting before April 1<sup>st</sup>.
    - Antler hunting is prohibited for Non-members
    - All antlers taken off reservation must have an export permit:
    - All buyers, of antlers and horns, must have a Blackfeet Tribal Business License.
  - c. Flattop Lake and Flattop Area:
    - Fishing is permitted, except during the general hunting season.
    - Area closed to motorized vehicles, enter by horseback or foot only
  - d. Grazing Permits – No livestock grazing permits will be issued in Special Wildlife Management Area.
  - e. Gathering of animal parts:
    - Only Members and Descendants can gather, retrieve or hunt antlers and/or gather wildlife parts on the Blackfeet Reservation. It shall be illegal for anyone to hunt/gather Bighorn Sheep horns or skulls on the Blackfeet Reservation.

K. **RECREATION/CONSERVATION PERMIT COST AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES.**

1. RECREATION/CONSERVATION PERMIT COSTS – This permit allows non-members to recreate on the Blackfeet Reservation. Per Blackfeet Tribal Business Council, shall restrict and/or close any area of the Reservation as needed for Safety, over-use and wildlife management reasons.
  - a. Members and Descendants – No cost
  - b. Non-Member Recreation/Conservation Permit Cost - \$20, which permits the user recreation access on the Blackfeet Lands.

c. Recreational Vehicle Permit Cost - \$50, which permits the user recreational vehicle use on the Blackfeet Reservation. Permit is for recreational vehicle use only on established two-track roads and landowner permission required; decal provided.

- See “JOHN’s LAW”, Tribal Ordinance
- All Non-Tribal Members will have a Department approved Outfitter leading their group within the exterior boundaries of the Blackfeet Nation.
- No ATV or snow mobile shall be used in the retrieval of harvested Big Game. Contact a Department Game Warden to verify harvested animal (gutted and tagged).

## 2. WINDSURFING

Four Horn Lake, Mission Lake, Duck Lake, and Lower St. Mary Lake shall be used for windsurfing.

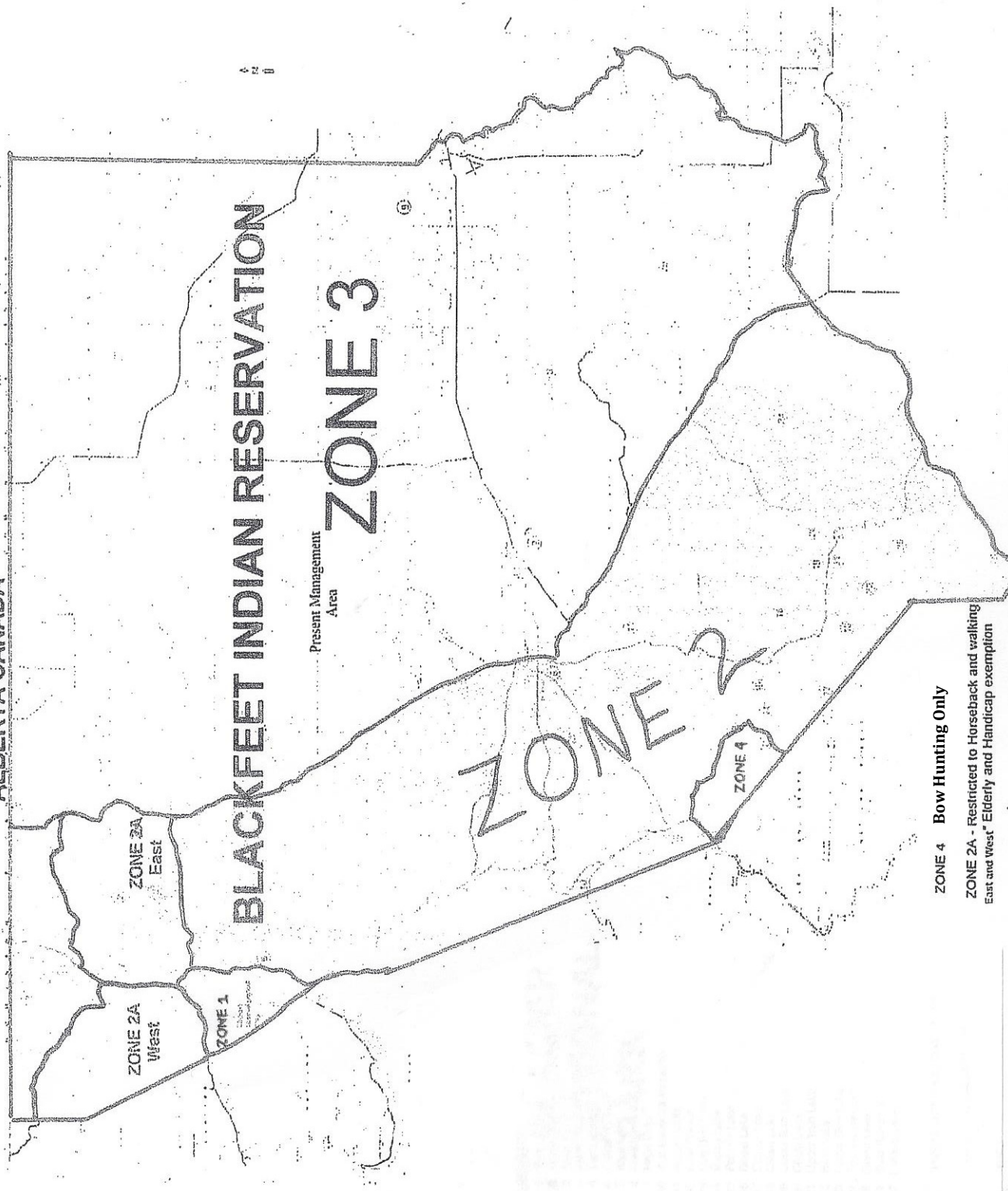
## 3. CAMPING

- Camping, other than on private lands with the owner permission shall be illegal
- CAMPING ALONG THE ROADWAY IS PROHIBITED

## APPENDIX A

### MAP OF RESERVATION

ALBERTA CANADA



# BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

Present Management Area

## ZONE 3

ZONE 2A East

ZONE 2A West

ZONE 1

## ZONE 2

ZONE 4

ZONE 4 Bow Hunting Only

ZONE 2A - Restricted to Horseback and walking East and West\* Elderly and Handicap exemption

## APPENDIX B

### Chart for Big Game Species and limits

## 2019 BIG GAME SEASON AND LIMITS

Species	SEASON DATES				LICENSES		
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Animal Limits	Members	Non-Members
<b>ELK</b>	<b>CLOSED</b> Except for Special Permit and lottery winner <b>Restricted to foot &amp; horseback only</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of Oct.  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	1 Per member & elder  1 per Non-member Spouse and Descendant ( <b>1 Cow elk Only</b> )	Part of numbered General Hunting Permit - \$20.00  Lottery Ticket for the Boulder/Flattop area. Zone 1 \$5.00 per ticket \$200.00 limit  Only one tag per member-if successful, they will forfeit General elk tag	Special Non-Member Hunting license in Zone 1 – 5 tags awarded @ \$12,000  Special Non-Member Hunting license in Zone 2 and Zone 3 10 cow elk tags awarded - @ \$1000.00
<b>WHITE TAIL DEER</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of Oct.  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	2 Per Member  1 Per Non-Member Spouse & Descendant	Part of numbered Hunting General Tag \$20.00  Non-member Spouse and Descendant (either sex)	Special Non-Member Hunting License I Zone 2 and Zone 3 5 Tags Awarded @ \$3000
<b>MULE DEER (Either Sex)</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Nov.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Nov.	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Per Member – forked antlers or larger only	Part of number Hunting General Tag \$20.00	Special Non-Member Hunting License in Zone 2 and Zone 3 5 Tags Awarded @ \$3000
<b>MOOSE</b>  <b><u>Lottery and Special permit only</u></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b>CLOSED</b>	Lottery awarded -5 total to members  Special Non-Member Permit Hunting – 5 tags awarded	Lottery Ticket \$5.00 per ticket \$200.00 Limit. Two Moose lottery tags drawn before Bow season & five tags drawn before Rifle season	Special Non-Member Permit Hunting – 5 tags awarded @ \$14,000
<b>ANTELOPE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Per Member	Numbered Hunting Tag separate from General Tag \$5.00	Special Non-Member Hunting License in Zone 2 and Zone 3 (5) Tags Awarded @ \$1000



## 2019 BIG GAME SEASON AND LIMITS

Species	SEASON DATES				LICENSES		
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Animal Limits	Members	Non-Members
<b>BIG HORN SHEEP</b>	2nd Saturday of October until the last Thursday of February	2nd Saturday of October until the last Thursday of February	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Bighorn Sheep – every other year  Closed until 2020	Lottery Tickets \$5.00 per ticket \$200.00 Limit. Only 1 tag awarded per member. One lottery tag drawn	Special Non-Member Hunting License in Zone 1 – 1 Tag awarded @ \$30,000
<b>MOUNTAIN GOAT</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 3rd Saturday of October to 3rd Sunday of December	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	1 Per Member	Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$10.00	Special Non-Member Hunting License in Zone 2 - 1 tag awarded @ \$5000
<b>BLACK BEAR</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December  <b><u>SPRING SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April to June 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Must harvest within the Spring Season</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of October  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of October to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of December  <b><u>SPRING SEASON</u></b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of April to June 1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Must harvest within the Spring Season</b>	<b><u>BOW SEASON</u></b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of Sept. to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday in Oct.  TRIBALMEMBERS ONLY  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> <b><u>CLOSED</u></b>	1 Per Member for Spring Hunt  1 Per member for General Hunting Season	Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$5.00	Special Non-Member Hunting in Zone 2 and Zone 3  10 tags awarded @ \$1,500
<b>MOUNTAIN LION</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Year round for depredation and nuisance control. Member and guide dog use only.  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Oct. to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.  <b><u>SPECIAL SEASON</u></b> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31	Year round for depredation and nuisance control. Member and guide dog use only.  <b><u>RIFLE SEASON</u></b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Oct. to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Dec.  <b><u>SPECIAL SEASON</u></b> Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> to March 31	<b>CLOSED</b>	Depredation and nuisance control.  1 per member	Depredation and nuisance control. Contact Fish and Wildlife for Tags.  Numbered Hunting tag separate from General Tag \$5.00	Special Non-Member Hunting License in Zone 2 and 3. 10 tags awarded @ \$1500  Trophy fee - \$1500 additional cost for successful take of trophy size animal (Boone & Crocket)
<b>GRAY WOLF</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	3rd Saturday of October to end of March	3rd Saturday of October to end of March	<b>CLOSED</b>	3 Per Member & Descendant	Numbered Hunting tag Separate from General Tag \$10.00	

OTHER LICENSES 2019 HUNTING SEASON AND LIMITS

Species	SEASON DATES				Animal Limits	LICENSES	
	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4		Members	Non-Members
<b>WATERFOWL</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Federally Established	Federally Established	<b>CLOSED</b>	Ducks (including Mergansers) – Bag limit: Daily bag limit shall be 7 ducks or mergansers. Daily bag limit shall not include more than 2 hen mallards, 1 pintail, 2 redheads, 2 canvasback and 3 scaup. Scaup season closes Dec 24. The possession limit may not exceed three times the daily bag limit of any species and sex. Coots – Bag Limit -25 daily and in possession. Geese – Daily Limit 5 white geese (Snow, Blue, Ross’s) and 4 dark geese (all other geese). The possession limit is three times the daily limit	<b>Federal Duck Stamp - Required</b>	Federal Duck Stamp – Required.  Non-Member/Non-Montana Resident – Waterfowl Permit \$60
<b>UPLAND BIRDS</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>  Except Male Ring Necked Pheasants Season Begins Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> - Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>  Except Male Ring Necked Pheasants Season Begins Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> – Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>	5 Partridge, 3 Ruffed and/or Sharp Tail, Sage/Mountain Grouse 3 Cock Male Ring Necked Pheasants	<b>None</b>	Non-member/Non-Montana Resident – Upland Bird Permit \$60  Non-member/Montana Resident Upland Bird/Migratory Waterfowl \$60
<b>SMALL GAME</b>  <b>Ground Squirrels</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>	March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup>  Land Owner Permission	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	Special Permit holders \$30.00 <u>Land Owner Permission</u>

<b>FURBEARERS HUNTING &amp; TRAPPING</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Last Monday of Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> - April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Last Monday of Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> - April 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Non-Member Beaver trapping & hunting Coyotes	Permit Required \$5.00 Trapping Log Required Export Permits Required	\$100.00 Permit Required. Trapping Log Required Export Permits Required <b>Non Transferable</b>
<b>COYOTES</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	Open Year round for Tribal Members	Open Year round for Tribal Members	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>None</b>	<u>\$100.00 permit with restrictions and seasons</u>  <u>Season for non-members Jan 1st to March 31 Land owner permission Allowed Only in Zones 2 &amp; 3</u>
<b>WOLVERINE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>BOBCAT</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>