

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

2020 LANAI MOUFLON SHEEP HUNTING SEASON

Public Notice DOFAW

The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, is pleased to announce that applications for the 2020 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Hunting Season, together with instruction sheets, will be available at all Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices Statewide beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. Applicants may also apply online. **A ten dollar (\$10.00) application fee will be assessed each person applying for the hunt. This fee MUST accompany each application for the hunt at the time of filing. Applications received without the required application fee will not be processed and will be returned to the applicant. A tag fee will be assessed at the time of hunter check in. Hawaii residents will be assessed twenty dollars (\$20.00) and non-Hawaii residents one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each sheep tag.** No fee will be assessed for the non-typical ram tag. It is ***imperative*** that hunter applicants obtain and pay particular attention to the hunt instruction sheet and addendum for any changes in the application process.

Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, "*Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting*" (§ 13-123-4) the following special conditions and procedures will be in effect for this hunt:

The 2020 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season will consist of four (4) hunts:

The **Archery Only Hunt** will be held over eight (8) consecutive days, beginning July 25, 2020 and ending on August 1, 2020.

The **Youth Hunt will be conducted for one (1) Weekend (Saturday and Sunday), August 8 and 9, 2020.

The **Muzzleloader Hunt** will be conducted for one (1) Weekend (Saturday and Sunday), August 15 and 16, 2020.

The **General Rifle Hunt** will be held over nine (9) consecutive Weekends (Saturday and Sunday), beginning on August 22, 2020 and ending on October 18, 2020.

Hunter assistants will be allowed to accompany hunters who are senior citizens (age 65 or older) or disabled.

The bag limit for the 2020 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season will be two (2) Mouflon sheep (one (1) either sex and one (1) non-typical ram) per hunter per authorized hunt. Hunters will be required to purchase an either sex tag and be issued a non-typical ram tag at no charge. All heads of non-typical rams (polled, deformed, muumuu) must be disposed of at the Lanai hunter check station. Department of Land & Natural Resource personnel have final say on the non-typical ram designation.

There will be no lottery drawing of permits conducted for the **Archery Only Hunt** and no limit on the number of archers who will be allowed to participate. However, interested archers **must apply** for this hunt by submitting an application for a permit. Hunters participating in the

Archery Only Hunt will be allowed to apply for and participate in either the **Muzzleloader Hunt** or the **General Rifle Hunt** lotteries. Archery hunters may check in on the Friday preceding the first day of the hunt or daily throughout the hunt period during the check station hours listed below to validate permits and receive their tags.

- Friday, July 24, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 25, 2020 to Saturday, August 1, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

All archery hunters must report their take or their intent to hunt the next day providing their tags remain unfilled. Upon completion, archers **MUST** return their permits to the Lanai hunter check station documenting, if applicable, number of animals taken, including sex and unit harvested.

MOUFLON HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH HUNTERS:

**** YOUTH HUNT**

- Youth hunters must be 15 yrs of age or younger (HAR13-123-2), possess a valid 2020-21 State of Hawaii hunting license and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (18 yrs of age or older) who also possesses a valid 2020-21 State of Hawaii hunting license. Only the youth hunter will be required to submit an application. A permit will be issued to the adult at the time of hunter check in.
- Youth hunters will be issued tags at the time of hunter check in. Tags are valid only for the type of hunt applied for.
- A total of 175 youth hunters will be drawn for the weekend. If the total application of youth hunters exceeds 175, a lottery will be conducted to establish going and standby positions.
- Youth hunters will be limited to carry one (1) type of hunting equipment while in the hunting area. Blaze orange is required for all youth hunters and accompanying adults.
- One (1) adult may accompany one (1) youth for this hunt.
- Youth hunters will also be allowed to apply for and participate in the archery only hunt and either the muzzleloader hunt or general rifle hunt. Youth hunters must submit a separate application for each hunt.

Participation in the **Muzzleloader Hunt** may be assigned by lottery if application levels exceed the allotted number of hunters allowed in the hunting area. The **General Rifle Hunt** will be assigned by lottery drawing. Interested hunters **may apply for either the Muzzleloader Hunt Lottery or the General Rifle Hunt Lottery**, but may **NOT** apply for **BOTH**.

Applications for all hunts may be **submitted in-person or mailed**, to the **Maui Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office, 685 Haleakala Hwy, Kahului, HI 96732**. Lanai residents only are to mail or deliver their applications to the Lanai Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office at 917 Fraser Ave., P.O. Box 630661, Lanai City, HI 96763. To apply online for this hunt, go to <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov>. The **DEADLINE** for submitting applications will be **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020**. Interested hunters are encouraged to submit their application well before the application **DEADLINE** to insure proper processing.

The **public drawing** to assign a going status, and if necessary, to establish stand-by positions for the **Youth Hunt** and **Muzzleloader Hunt** lottery may be held on **Friday**, June 5, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the MEO facility on the island of Maui. The Lanai resident general rifle public drawing will be held at 10:00am at the same above location. At 12:00 noon, a **public drawing** to assign a going status, and if necessary, to establish stand-by positions for the **General Rifle Hunt** lottery will be held. Hunters, who have been assigned a stand-by number, will be allowed to replace no-show hunters that do not check in on their assigned hunting date.

All eligible Youth, Muzzleloader and General Rifle participants must check in at the Forestry and Wildlife Office in Lanai City to validate permits and receive their tags either on the Friday preceding their assigned hunting date or on Saturday during the check station hours stated below.

- Fridays: 12 noon to 8:00 pm
- Saturdays: 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

Stand-by hunters must be present at the Lanai City, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday prior to their assigned hunting date to be eligible to replace no-show hunters. Once each hunter fills their bag limit for the hunt applied for, they will not be eligible to participate for the remainder of the 2020 Lanai Mouflon Sheep Season. Upon completion, all hunters **MUST** return their permits to the Lanai hunter check station documenting, if applicable, number of animals taken, including sex and unit harvested. Both Hunting Unit 1 and 2 will be open to Archery, Youth, Muzzleloader, and General Rifle Hunts. Unit 3 will be open to Archery hunters only.

Additional details for this season are available at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices at the following telephone numbers:

Oahu: 587-0166

Hawaii: 974-4221(Hilo)

Kauai: 274-3433

Maui: 984-8100

Molokai: 553-1745

Lanai: 565-7916

