

TULALIP TRIBES OF WASHINGTON
Annual Hunting Regulations – 2023-2024

July 1, 2023

1. Effective Date and Time: This annual hunting regulation is effective as of dawn on Monday, July 1, 2023 and supersedes all previous hunting regulations of the Tulalip Tribes at that time.
2. Specific Closure: All hunting is closed in all areas unless specifically opened by these or subsequent regulations.
3. Open Seasons in Areas Covered by This Regulation:
 - 3.1. The geographic scope of this regulation includes all lands and waters within the exterior boundaries of the State of Washington.
 - 3.2. Hunting of deer, elk, black bear, and other animals is allowed during the seasons and areas opened by this or subsequent regulations as permitted by the Fish and Wildlife Director (“Director”) after biological consultation.
 - 3.3. The Tulalip Indian Reservation shall also be open for hunting certain birds and other specified animals as designated in public notices and regulations to be issued by the Director.
 - 3.4. Migratory bird hunting on/off-Reservation is open under applicable federal regulations and in Section 21.3 of these regulations and specified in the Tulalip Tribes proposed 2023-2024 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations.
 - 3.5. All off-reservation hunting closes for the season as follows:
 - Deer and Elk – Closed at dusk February 28, 2024
 - Cougar – Open year round
 - Black Bear – Closed at dusk December 21, 2023
 - Mountain Goat– Special Permit Only
4. Areas Closed to Hunting:
 - 4.1. All areas within the State of Washington are closed to hunting unless specifically opened by these or other regulations of the Tulalip Tribes, provided however that hunting will also be allowed in any of the areas open in Section 20 of this regulation for species open by the State of Washington for all citizens during times and in places open by the State of Washington, including damage control hunts.
 - 4.2. Hunting is closed in all areas listed as closed in the specific regulation for each species.
 - 4.3. Hunting is closed on all federal and state lands which are committed to uses inconsistent with hunting (for example, state and national parks).
 - 4.4. Hunting is closed on all lands which are not currently “open and unclaimed” as may be shown by the presence of residences or other indications of habitation, even though such lands are within GMUs which are otherwise open.
 - 4.5. Hunting is closed on state-owned lands leased to others unless the hunter has obtained the permission of the Lessee. Hunters should contact the Director for the location of leased lands where the permission has been obtained.
5. Permit Requirements/ Limitations
 - 5.1. Hunting permit required. Tribal members who intend to exercise hunting rights within and outside of the normal seasons as stated in this regulation or modifications to it must first obtain a tribal hunting permit/tag from the Natural Resources Permitting Department, as provided in Article II. Permit Requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. The member shall carry the hunting permit/tag along with the member’s tribal enrollment card, in possession at all times while exercising tribal hunting rights, including transportation of big game animals or their parts from the hunt. Members hunting in season must carry the member’s currently valid tribal identification card in their possession at all times while exercising tribal hunting rights, including transportation of big game animals or their parts from the hunt.
 - 5.1.1. Ceremonial hunting. Special permits/tags may be issued to a group of 1 to 10 tribal members, within or outside the tribal open season, upon request for such a permit to obtain deer, elk, or other game for ceremonial purposes as provided in Section 8.10.100 in Article II. Permit Requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. Such permits shall specify the names of each tribal member in the hunting group, the number and species of animals to be taken (not to exceed one per authorized hunter in the group), the place, date, and nature of the hunt. Reasonable prior notice of the time, location, and conditions of the hunt shall be given to the WDFW. Hunters hunting under a ceremonial permit must carry such special permit/tags, signed by the Director or his designee, on their person at all times while hunting.
 - 5.1.2. Non-member spouse permit. Hunting by non-members of the Tulalip Tribes will not be authorized by the Tulalip Tribes at this time.

- 5.1.3. Designated hunter. Tribal members may request in writing another tribal member as a designated hunter. The request must be approved in advance by the Director. Tags will be issued in the name of the tribal member requesting the designated hunter and will only be valid for hunting by the designated hunter. A tribal member may only be authorized to be a designated hunter for one other tribal member at a time. The designated hunter must be otherwise authorized to hunt by the Tulalip Tribes. Also, to be considered as a designated hunter you cannot have any hunting violations for the last 5 years. Use of tags by a designated hunter will be subject to the overall use limitation limits in Section 5.2 and 5.4 below.
- 5.2. Annual Limitation on Subsistence Harvest. Unless a more restrictive hunt is necessary for conservation purposes, each tribal member will be allowed to harvest, directly or through a designated hunter, 2 deer, 1 elk, 2 bear, and 1 cougar during the 2023-2024 season. The number of hunting tags/permits that any tribal member hunter can have on his/her person or taken out from the Natural Resources Permitting Department at any one time is 2 deer, 1 elk, 2 bear and 1 cougar. Any branch antler restrictions determined to be reasonable or appropriate by the tribal/state joint technical team shall be posted in the Fisheries Office and must be obeyed.
- 5.3. Hunting Tags Required. A tag, issued by the Natural Resources Permitting Department, must be attached to the carcass of any animal killed pursuant to this regulation, except that small game, fur bearing mammals, and migratory birds need not be tagged. Immediately upon filling the tag, the hunter is required to notch the tag to indicate the day and month that the animal was harvested. The tag must contain correct information indicating the species of animal killed pursuant to this regulation, the GMU where the animal was taken, and any other information determined to be necessary by the joint technical team. The tag must be on the animal when it is placed on or in a vehicle. The tag shall be signed by the tribal member authorized to use the tag.
- 5.3.1. Requirement to report kills and return filled tags: Hunters are required to return the filled tag to the Natural Resources Permitting Department within one week of the kill date with all the required information included and filled out correctly. Hunters can request addition tags upon returning a filled tag/s for subsistence needs.
- 5.3.2. Requirement to return unfilled tags: Tribal members receiving hunting tags are required to return all unfilled hunting tags, to the Natural Resources Permitting Department on or before February 28, 2024. Because Cougar is open year round, tags due on February 28, 2024 will be for dates from January 1, 2023 – December 30, 2023.
- 5.3.3. Tag return address: All tags shall be returned to: The Natural Resources Permitting Department, ATTN: to Hunting Tag Return, 6406 Marine Drive, Tulalip, WA 98271. You need to include. Your name, tribal ID number, Tag number, species, for each tag that is unfilled to the email above.
- 5.3.4. Failure to Report kill: Under Section 8.10.240 in Article II. Permit Requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. Failing to submit a tag or required report (mandatory appearance) is 1st violation up to \$500 plus forfeit of game—2nd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus no renewal of permit for 30 days- 3rd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus loss of hunting privileges for one year.
- 5.3.5. Failure to report unfilled hunting tags: Under Section 8.10.240 in Article II. Permit Requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. Failing to submit a tag or required report (mandatory appearance) is 1st violation up to \$500 plus forfeit of game 2nd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus no renewal of permit for 30 days- 3rd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus loss of hunting privileges for one year..
- 5.3.6. Failure to fill out a tag correctly or leave information off of the tag: Under Section 8.10.240 in Article II. Permit Requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. Failing to submit a tag or required report (mandatory appearance) is 1st violation up to \$500 plus forfeit of game 2nd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus no renewal of permit for 30 days- 3rd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus loss of hunting privileges for one year.
- 5.4. Minimum Age limit for tags and permits. Tulalip Tribal members under sixteen years of age will not be issued hunting tags or permits unless they have passed a firearms safety course approved by the Director and found by the Director to be of suitable maturity and discretion. They must also be accompanied by a parent or guardian while hunting under a hunting tag/permit issued by The Tulalip Tribes, once age limit restrictions are met. Any special permit draws will be open for tribal members of 18 years of age or older. This information can be found in the Title 8 Natural Resources Tulalip Tribal Codes, under 8.10.090 Eligible hunters/assistants. <https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Tulalip/#!/Tulalip08/Tulalip0810.html#8.10>

5.5. Use Limitation of Permits. A member may possess, at any one time, only up to the number of each type of animal listed in paragraph 5.2 above by species. A tribal member may not simultaneously hunt for nor possess more than the maximum number of animals listed in Paragraph 5.2 above by species, pursuant to multiple types of permits, such as member's permit, ceremonial permit, or designated hunter permit.

5.5.1. Limitation on the use of tags. A tribal member is limited to the maximum number of tags listed in Paragraph 5.2, per species, at any one time, and may hunt for at most that number of animals at any one given time (2 deer, 1 elk, 2 bear and 1 cougar). Hunters may not utilize more than the maximum number of tags given in Paragraph 5.2, per species (2 deer, 1 elk, 2 bear and 1 cougar), on each hunt.

5.5.2. Limitation on the issuance of tags. The Director shall issue at most the maximum number of tags listed in Paragraph 5.2, by species (2 deer, 1 elk, 2 bear and 1 cougar), to tribal members. The Director shall withhold the issuance of additional tags until tags already issued are returned.

6. Time of Day: Hunting shall be from daylight to dusk. Hunting after dark and the use of torches or spotlights is expressly prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Board for the purpose of allowing ceremonial (e.g. funeral) needs to be met within a limited period. Any such special authorization shall be noted on the tribal hunting tag.

7. Fees: The fees for the 2023-2024 hunting season shall be free for all enrolled Tulalip Tribal members.

7.1. Senior citizens: Tribal member senior citizens (50 years of age or older) may be issued hunting tags without charge.

8. Firearm Regulations

8.1. Prohibited weapons: The following types of firearms and ammunition may not be used for hunting under this regulation: a fully automatic firearm, a handgun, a rifle with a bore diameter less than .220 inch or barrel length less than 16 inches, a rifle cartridge with bullet weighing less than 55 grain or that develops less than 900 foot-pounds of energy at 100 yards, a rifle cartridge containing a bullet other than mushrooming or expanding type used for big game hunting, or a shotgun.

8.2. Weapons permitted for deer hunting: The following exceptions to the prohibitions in Section 8.1 above are allowed for deer hunting only: 1) a .41 magnum, .44 magnum, .44 automatic magnum, or .45 Winchester magnum may be used for deer hunting provided it has a minimum barrel length of six (6) inches and uses a

center fire cartridge which is loaded with a mushrooming or expanding type of bullet of 100 grains or heavier bullet weight, 2) a handgun .240 caliber or larger may be used for deer hunting provided it has a minimum barrel length of six (6) inches and uses a center fire cartridge with a minimum overall length (including the bullet) of at least two (2) inches which is loaded with a mushrooming or expanding type bullet of 100 grains or heavier bullet weight, 3) a shotgun provided that it is 20 gauge or larger using shells loaded with slugs or buckshot size #1 or larger.

8.3. Crossbows: It is unlawful to hunt big game with a crossbow with a draw weight less than 125 pounds and a trigger safety that does not work properly.

8.3.1. It is unlawful to hunt big game with a bolt or arrow weighing less than 350 grains.

8.3.2. It is unlawful to hunt big game with any bolt or arrow that does not have a sharp broadhead, and that the broadhead or blades are less than seven-eighths inch wide.

8.4. Unlawful to Shoot Across Highway: It is unlawful to shoot at wildlife with a firearm from a vehicle or from across or along the maintained portion of a public highway.

9. Muzzleloading Firearm Regulations: Muzzleloading means a single or double barrel wheel lock, matchlock, flintlock, or percussion rifle or musket with exposed ignition in which the black powder or black powder substitute as recommended by the manufacturer for use in all muzzleloading firearms and ball or bullet must be loaded from the muzzle. A muzzleloading firearm shall be considered loaded if a powder charge and a projectile, either shot or single projectile are in the barrel and the barrel or breech is capped or primed. If the rifle has a removable breach plug, such removal must require the use of tools.

9.1. It is unlawful to hunt wildlife using a muzzleloading firearm that does not meet the following specifications:

9.1.1. A muzzleloading shotgun or rifle must have a single or double barrel, rifled or smooth-bored.

9.1.2. A muzzleloading shotgun or rifle used for deer must be .40 caliber or larger. Buckshot size #1 or larger may be used in a smoothbore of .60 caliber or larger for deer.

9.1.3. A muzzleloading shotgun, rifle, or handgun used for all other big game must be .45 caliber or larger. Persons lawfully hunting small game with a double barrel, muzzleloading shotgun may keep both barrels loaded.

- 9.1.4. A muzzleloading handgun must have a single or double barrel of at least eight inches, must be rifled, and must be capable of being loaded with forty-five grains or more of black powder or black powder substitute per the manufacturer's recommendations. It is unlawful for any person to carry or have in his possession a modern firearm while in the field muzzleloader hunting, during a muzzleloader season specified for that area, except for modern handguns carried for personal protection. Modern handguns cannot be used to hunt big game or dispatch wounded big game during a muzzleloader, big game hunting season.
- 9.1.5. A muzzleloading handgun used for big game must be .45 caliber or larger.
- 9.1.6. A handgun designed to be used with black powder, including black powder percussion revolvers, can be used to hunt forest grouse, cottontail rabbits, and snowshoe hares.
- 9.2. In addition to the above requirements, it is unlawful to participate (hunt) in a muzzleloading hunting season using a firearm that does not meet the following specifications for a muzzleloader. As in the past sabots are allowed. Any type of projectile is allowed.
- 9.2.1. Ignition is to be wheel lock, matchlock, flintlock, or percussion. Primers designed to be used in modern cartridges are legal.
- 9.2.2. Those persons lawfully hunting big game with a double barrel muzzleloader may only keep one barrel loaded.
- 9.2.3. Sights must be open, peep, or of other open sight design. Fiber optic sights are legal. Telescopic sights or sights containing glass are prohibited.
- 9.2.4. It is unlawful to have any electrical device or equipment attached to a muzzleloading firearm while hunting.
- 9.2.5. Exception, disabled hunters issued a Special Use Permit and in compliance with the special use permit. **FIND NUMBERED LINK TO HUNTING CODE**
- 9.3. Muzzleloading firearms used during a modern firearm season are not required to meet ignition, sight, or double barrel restrictions.
- 9.4. This Section shall not apply to persons lawfully hunting game birds with a shotgun.
10. Archery Regulations
- 10.1. Bow Requirements: It is unlawful for any person to hunt any big game animals with a bow that possess less than 40 pounds of pull measured at 28 inches or less draw length or has greater than 65% reduction (le off) in holding weight at full draw.
- 10.2. Arrow Requirements: It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrow, including broadhead, weighing less than 400 grains or having a sharp broadhead blade or blades at least 7/8 inches wide. It is unlawful to hunt with a broadhead blade unless the broadhead is unbarbed and completely closed to the back end of the blade or blades by a smooth, unbroken surface starting at the maximum blade width forming a smooth line toward the feather end of the shaft and such line does not angle toward the point.
- 10.3. Unlawful to Shoot Across Highway: It is unlawful to shoot at wildlife with an arrow from a vehicle or from across or along the maintained portion of a public highway.
- 10.4. Devices Attached to Bows Prohibited: It is unlawful to use any device secured to or supported by the bow for the purpose of maintaining the bow at full draw or in a firing position. It is also unlawful to have any electrical equipment or device(s) attached to the bow or arrow while hunting.
11. Bear Baiting Regulations: Use of bait for hunting shall be prohibited except for hunting of black bear under the following restrictions.
- 11.1. Station Requirements: Only eligible Tulalip Tribal hunters (Article II. Permit Requirements in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources) may hunt bear using bait stations. Each bear hunter using a bait station shall sign a bear baiting agreement and be issued a bait station marker and appropriate flagging to mark the trail used to reach the bait station for each location prior to placement of the bait station. This marker shall be placed at the beginning of the marked trail leading to the baiting station and be highly visible with proper I.D. station code on the marker. TUL-(hunters enrollment #)-(station #). Example TUL-463-1, for a tribal member with enrollment #463 marking bait station #1. Bait stations must be at least fifty yards from all types of water (lakes, ponds, rivers...etc.) and two hundred yards from all roads and publicly maintained trails. Bait stations must be at least one-quarter mile from any buildings, parks, campgrounds, refuse centers and one half-mile away from any schools. During the Tulalip Tribe's black bear hunting seasons each hunter with a valid bear hunting permit may have one bait station. The station and its location shall be recorded with the tribe's wildlife department within forty-eight hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of being created by the tribal hunter. If a bait station

is not being visited by bears and the tribal hunter wishes to move the station to another location, the hunter may do so if the following conditions are met. 1). The original bait location is cleaned and the flags marking the trail to the bait station removed. 2). The new bait station is selected based on the above criteria, properly marked as above, and the new location reported to the tribe's wildlife department within forty-eight hours (excluding weekends and holidays) of being created by the tribal hunter. Bait stations may be placed up to seven days prior to the start of the spring bear hunting season and shall be removed and the area cleaned within three days after the close of the spring bear hunting season. Bait stations may also be placed up to seven days prior to the start of the fall bear hunting season and shall be removed and the area cleaned within three days after the close of the fall bear hunting season. Within three days after a bear season closure, bait stations and the trail leading to the bait stations need to be cleaned and flags used to mark the bait station and trail removed. If a tree stand is going to be used within the vicinity of the bait station it must be of the temporary/removable type, permanent/fixed tree stands (using nails, screws etc..) are not allowed.

11.1.1. Failure to meet Bear Baiting Station Requirements: Under Article II. Penalty Schedule in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources Section 8.10.320 is 1st violation up to \$500 plus forfeit of game 2nd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus no renewal of permit for 30 days- 3rd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus loss of hunting privileges for one year.

11.2. Bait Containment Requirements: No bait shall be left exposed. Bait must be contained in a metal or plastic container or an excavated pit. If using a container, it must be secured to a tree, post or staked to the ground. If using an excavated pit, logs, rock or other natural debris must cover the pit. Any materials used to contain bait must be removed and any excavated pits must be filled within three days after the end of the bear hunting season.

11.2.1. Failure to meet Bear Bait Containment Requirements: Under Article II. Penalty Schedule in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources Section 8.10.320 is 1st violation up to \$500 plus forfeit of game 2nd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus no renewal of permit for 30 days- 3rd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus loss of hunting privileges for one year.

11.3. Bait Requirements: Types of bait must consist of biodegradable materials only and or the heads, bones, viscera and or skin of legally harvested fish and game or commercial bear baiting products. You may not use "freezer burned" game meat or fish. Bait shall not contain any packaging materials.

11.3.1. Failure to meet Bear Bait Requirements: Under Article II. Penalty Schedule in the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources Section 8.10.320 is 1st violation up to \$500 plus forfeit of game 2nd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus no renewal of permit for 30 days- 3rd violation is \$500 plus forfeit game plus loss of hunting privileges for one year.

12. Hunting with Dogs: Hunting with dogs will be permitted for bear, cougar and bobcat during the regular season.

12.1. While hunting for bear, cougar, and bobcat or training dogs to pursue bear, cougar or bobcat during the open season for hunting bear, cougar and bobcat, *it is illegal to:*

- hunt or train dogs to pursue bear, cougar and bobcat, before or after established hunting hours.
- train dogs by pursuing bear cougar and bobcat except during the time periods stated above.

13. Other Hunting Restrictions

13.1. Spotlighting Prohibited: It is unlawful to hunt big game with a spotlight or other artificial light, except in unusual circumstances for ceremonial hunts as provided above.

13.2. Protected species: It is unlawful to hunt, possess, or control protected wildlife, including non-game birds, or endangered species or destroy or possess the nests or eggs of game and non-game birds or protected wildlife.

13.3. Wasting of wildlife prohibited: It is unlawful to allow game animals to be taken or wasted needlessly.

13.4. Use of vehicles or aircraft: It is unlawful to use a vehicle, aircraft, or boat to concentrate or harass wild animals or birds.

13.5. Non-authorized persons: It is unlawful to allow a non-authorized person to tag a big game animal taken by the permit holder or to assist a non-authorized person in killing a big game animal which the permit holder is not licensed or permitted to hunt. It is also unlawful to possess wildlife taken by another person without a written statement showing the name, address, and signature of the hunter and the date and area (GMU) where the wildlife was taken.

- 13.6. Heads must be attached to all wildlife possessed: It is unlawful to possess wildlife in the field or during transport unless the feathered heads are left attached to all game birds and the heads of all big game animals accompany the carcass.
- 13.7. Dogs prohibited: It is unlawful to allow the accompaniment of a dog while hunting deer and elk.
- 13.8. Requirement to stop at check stations: It is unlawful to fail to stop and produce wildlife in possession and appropriate permits, tags, stamps, or punch cards at check stations established by the Tulalip Tribes.
- 13.9. Must comply with conservation closures: It is unlawful to fail to comply with a Tulalip tribal conservation closure.
14. Safety Violations: It is unlawful to:
- 14.1. Carry, transport, convey, or possess, or control in or on any motor vehicle, a rifle or shotgun containing shells or cartridges in either chamber of the magazine, or a muzzleloading firearm that is loaded, capped, or primed.
- 14.2. Shoot a firearm from a vehicle or from across or along the maintained portion of a public highway.
- 14.3. Hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- 14.4. Shoot at wild animals or wild birds while they are on any telephone or electrical line or pole or its cross arm or insulator.
- 14.5. Hunt within a populated area where hunting is not permitted by the state.
15. Protected Wildlife: It is illegal to kill or possess any of the following animals (or parts of them) without special authorization: grizzly bear, caribou, sea otter, fisher, wolverine, wolf, gray squirrel, Douglas squirrel, red squirrel, flying squirrel, chipmunks, cony or pika, hoary marmot, pygmy rabbit, wild turtles, whales porpoises, dolphins, seals, sea lions, and all birds not classified as game birds, except starling, English sparrow, crow, and magpie.
- 15.1. Authorization to possess protected animals: Specific authorization to possess protected animals may be obtained for the sole purpose of allowing specific ceremonial needs to be met within a limited period of time. Any such authorization shall be expressly noted on the tribal hunting permit along with the permit from the appropriate federal agency (U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service or National Marine Fisheries Service).
- 15.2. Exception for marine mammals: Protected marine mammals may be possessed under the specific conditions outlined in Section 8.10.080 Marine mammals of the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. Direct ceremonial, subsistence, or commercial hunting of marine mammals is closed at this time. Any marine mammals killed as a result of interaction with fishing gear or as a result of lethal harassment of a marine mammal by a fisher protecting their gear, must immediately (within 24 hours of the kill) be reported to the Director, and the animal must be brought to the Fisheries Office for inspection if at all possible. If a licensed fisher has received a tag for a pinnipeds prior to lethal removal, under conditions outlined below in Section 17.4, then the requirement to bring the animal to the Fisheries Office is waived. However, the tag must be returned to the Fisheries Office, properly filled out, within 72 hours of killing the animal.
16. Property Laws: It is unlawful to:
- 16.1. Remove, possess, or damage printed material or signs placed by authority of the Tulalip Tribes,
- 16.2. Place or leave litter on any land, either public or private, which is not owned by the hunter, and
- 16.3. Take a wild animal from another person's trap without permission or destroy another person's trap.
17. Permit privileges: Hunting permits issued, like fishing permits, are property of the Tulalip Tribes. The Director shall revoke a hunting permit from anyone who shoots another person or livestock, pending review and determination by the Board of Directors or tribal court.
18. Permit and Tag Violations: It is unlawful to:
- 18.1. Buy, possess, or attempt to obtain any tag or permit by using false information or when such permit privilege has been revoked; purchase or possess more than one of each legally allowed tag, permit, or stamp during the same year, unless it is a legally obtained duplicate,
- 18.2. Transfer, loan to, or borrow from another person any tag, permit, or sticker,
- 18.3. Refuse to show a tag or permit or display wildlife taken when asked to do so by a wildlife agent or law officer,
- 18.4. Fail to immediately notch out and remove completely the appropriate notch on the tag to clearly display the day and month of the kill and/or fail to attach the tag to the carcass of any big game animal taken.
- 18.5. Transport any big game animal without the proper tag attached.

19. Gray harbor seals, California sea lions, and other pinnipeds:

19.1. Commercial harvest of all pinnipeds is prohibited. However, animals legally killed may be retrieved and personally used by the harvester or other Tulalip tribal members.

19.2. Persons authorized to commercially fish under Tulalip fishing regulations are authorized to lethally remove gray harbor seals and California sea lions that are harassing or damaging fishing gear in certain circumstances as specified in Section 8.10.080 Marine mammals of the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources. Lethal removal of pinnipeds is never permitted in any area or time period where and when commercial fishing is closed by the Tulalip Tribes. Lethal removal of pinnipeds is never permitted outside of the Tulalip usual and accustomed fishing area.

19.3. Harassing, harming, or killing of Steller sea lions is specifically prohibited.

19.4. Harvest Reporting: Tribal members with commercial fishing vessels registered in the Tulalip fleet may be issued up to two (2) tags per year for gray harbor seals, or California sea lions. Additional tags may be issued upon application to the Director. Any pinnipeds that are killed in the process of deterring them from damaging fishing gear, must be retrieved and tagged according to the procedures of this annual hunting regulation. Pinnipeds tags must be returned to the Fisheries Office within 72 hours of an animal being killed.

19.5. Special Safety Considerations: In addition to the general safety requirements in this regulation, commercial fishers attempting lethal removal of marine mammals must not discharge firearms on the water in a manner that will endanger any person, any vessel or boat, or any species of protected animal or bird.

20. Open Areas and Seasons for Big Game Species:

20.1. Open Areas: The following Game management Units (GMUs) are open, during the seasons noted in Section 20.3, for hunting of black, bear, cougar, deer, elk, and mountain goat, unless the area is specifically noted below as closed for the species:

- 407 North Sound (Bull elk only)
The Tulalip Reservation (Buck deer only, 3point minimum, both sides 3X3)
- 410 Island
- 418 Nooksack (Limited elk harvest by special permit only)
- 426 Diablo

- 437 Sauk (Bull elk only)
- 448 Stillaguamish (Bull elk only)
- 450 Cascade
- 454 Issaquah
- 460 Snoqualmie
- 466 Stampede (Bull elk only)
- 485 Green River (Bull elk and buck deer only)
- 490 Cedar River (Special Permit Only)
- 627 Kitsap
- 653 White River (Bull elk only)

20.1.1 The Tulalip Reservation: The Tulalip Reservation is open for hunting by tribal members. On reservation areas closed to hunting include all areas that are developed including buildings, structures and paved roads. Reservation is shotgun, bow and crossbow only except for areas identified in the designated modern firearms map. Hunting seasons and bag limits for the reservation are the same as those listed in this regulation.

20.2. Closed Areas: All open and unclaimed land in GMUs in the State of Washington, not listed above, remain closed at this time. These areas may be opened in subsequent Tulalip regulations.

20.3. Seasons for Big Game Species: Hunting is open in those areas indicated in Section 20.1 during the seasons noted below in Section 21.3 for each big game species (black bear, cougar, deer, elk, and mountain goat) except where a more restrictive season is noted in 20.1 or when the Tulalip Wildlife Department has closed the season or area due to conservation concerns otherwise hunting remains closed in all other areas at all other times as noted in 20.2.

21. Open Areas and Seasons for Small Game

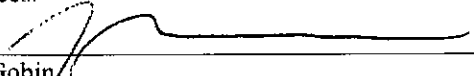
21.1. (Bobcat, Fox, Raccoon, Coyote, Cottontail and Snowshoe Hare, Forest Grouse, Pheasant, California and Mountain Quail, Northern Bobwhite): Hunting of small game will require a hunting permit. However, animals need not be tagged.

21.2. Small Game are listed in Section 21.3

21.3 Seasons for Big and Small Game by Species:

	SPECIES	OPEN	CLOSE	DAILY/POSSESSION & TAG LIMITS, AREAS
21.3.1	Black Bear 2023	Opens July 1, 2023	Closes 3 rd Wednesday in December 12-20-2023	See Sections 5.1.1, 5.2, and 7. for tag limits; and Section 20.1 for GMU open areas.
	Black Bear 2024	Reopen 2 nd Wednesday in April, 4-10-2024	June 30 th , 2024	See Sections 5.1.1, 5.2, and 7. for tag limits; and Section 20.1 for GMU open areas.
21.3.2	Cougar	Open Year-round	Open Year-round	See Sections 3.5, 5.1.1, 5.2, and 7. for tag limits; and Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.3	Deer	Opens 2 nd Wednesday in August 8-9-2023	Closes for doe 12-31-23 and for buck 2-28-2024	See Section 5.1.1, 5.2, and 7. for tag limits; and Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.4	Elk	Opens 2 nd Wednesday in August 8-9-2023	Closes for cows 12-31-23 and for bulls 2-28-2024	See Sections 5.1.1, 5.2, and 7. for tag limits; and Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.5	Coyote	Open Year-round	Open Year-round	See Section 20.1 for GMU open areas EXCEPT the following GMU's 426, 448, and 450 are CLOSED from 9-15-2023 through 11-30-2023.
21.3.6	Mourning Dove	Opens 2 nd Wednesday in August 8-9-2023	Closes 4 th Wednesday in September 9-27-2023	Daily bag limit is 10 and possession limit is 20. Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.7	Band-tailed Pigeon	Opens 2 nd Wednesday in August 8-9-2023	Closes 4 th Wednesday in September 9-27-2023	Daily bag limit is 2 and possession limit is 4. Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.8	Forest Grouse	Opens 2 nd Wednesday in August 8-9-2023	Closes 2 nd Wednesday in January 1-10-2024	Daily bag limit is 3 of any species and possession limit is 9 animals, Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.9	Cottontail and Snowshoe Hare	Opens 2 nd Wednesday in August 8-9-2023	Closes 3 rd Wednesday in March 3-20-2024	Daily bag limit is 5 mixed bag and possession limit is 15 mixed bag. NOTE: Hunting of Pigmy Rabbit and Jackrabbit is not allowed. Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.10	Bobcat, Fox, Raccoon	Opens 3 rd Wednesday in August 8-16-2023	Closes 3 rd Wednesday in March 3-20-2024	NOTE: Fox is CLOSED within the exterior boundaries of Mount Baker National Forest and GMU's 407 and 410, Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.11	Pheasant	Opens 1 st Wednesday in September 9-6-2023	Closes December 31st 12-31-2023	Daily bag limit is 2 of either sex and possession limit is 15 either sex. Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.12	Mountain Quail	Opens 1 st Wednesday in September 9-6-2023	Closes December 31st 12-31-2023	Daily bag limit is 2 and possession limit if 4. Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.13	California Quail and Northern Bobwhite	Opens 1 st Wednesday in September 9-6-2023	Closes December 31st 12-31-2023	Daily bag limit is 10 mixed bag and possession limit is 30 mixed bag. Hunting for California and Northern Bobwhite Quail is current closed on the Tulalip Tribes Reservation. Section 20.1 for GMU open areas
21.3.14	Wild Turkey	Opens 1 st Wednesday in September 9-6-2023	Closes December 31st 12-31-2023	
21.3.15	Mountain Goat	Closed	Closed	NOTE: Special Permit ONLY

This annual hunting regulation is adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Director of the Natural and Cultural Resources Department pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws for The Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Title 8 Natural Resources.



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