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## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING USING HRS § 183D-3(b), ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATE OF HAWAI'I | KA MOKU'ĀINA 'O HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES KA 'OIHANA KUMUWAIWAI 'ĀINA

> P.O. BOX 621 HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

October 12, 2023

DATE: December 08, 2023

TIME: 9 A.M.

PLACE: In person at 1151 Punchbowl St. Room 132 (Kalanimoku Building), online via ZOOM (see <u>https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/meetings/</u>), or livestream via YouTube at <u>https://youtube.com/c/boardoflandandnaturalresourcesdlnr</u>, Meeting agendas are posted at least six days prior to the date of the meeting.

The Proposed Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) to be Amended under Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 183D-3(b) will increase bag limits for mammals, update special conditions and restrictions, expand available game bird hunting opportunities, provide additional mammal hunting days within the open hunting season, and are especially intended to remedy the impact of invasive ungulate species which currently have a impact on forest and forest reserve resources on the islands indicated.

 HAR Chapter 13-123 ("RULES REGULATING GAME MAMMAL HUNTING"), by amending EXHIBIT 11, "Game mammals to be taken, means of take, daily bag limits, hunting periods, hunting days, and special conditions for hunting on the island of Hawaii.", to Change Bag Limits, Open Hunting Days, Means Of Take, and or Special Conditions and Restrictions in Unit A Mauna Kea Game Management Area and Forest Reserve, Hilo, and a Portion of Kohala Restricted Watershed, Unit E Pohakuloa Cooperative Game Management and Training Area and Puu Anahulu Game Management Area, East Section, Unit F Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve and Puu Anahulu Game Management Area, West Section, Unit G Kaohe Game Management Area, Unit I Kalopa Forest Reserve in the North Hilo and Hamakua districts on Hawaii island, and Unit K Mauna Kea Ice Age Natural Area Reserve. For the full list of the area rule changes please review **2023 Proposed Adaptive Management Rule Notices** under the following link: <u>https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/.</u>

2. HAR Chapter 13-122 ("RULES REGULATING GAME BIRD HUNTING, FIELD TRIALS, AND COMMERCIAL SHOOTING PRESERVES"), by Amending EXHIBIT 1, "Game birds to be taken, daily bag limits, hunting periods, hunting days, and special conditions for hunting on the island of Hawaii.", to Change Open game bird Hunting Days, by Amending the Administrative Rules, SPECIAL BIRD SEASON Regulating Wild Turkey Hunting (Spring Turkey Only) to include Unit C, Hilo Forest Reserves, Laupahoehoe and Piha.

Rules made under HRS section 183D-3(b) require the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to find timely adoption is neccessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to rapidly changing resource conditions. The rule(s) adopted shall be effective no longer than two years, with one year extension subject to legislative approval and renewal by the Board.

A copy of the proposed rule(s) to be adopted, amended, or repealed will be mailed to any interested person who makes a request to the Division within thirty (30) days of posting of this notice for a copy and pays the required fees for the copy and the postage. Submit written requests to <u>dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov</u> or via postal mail to Hunting Program, Division of Forestry & Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl St. #325, Honolulu, HI 96813.

Proposed rule(s) may be reviewed at <u>https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/</u>following this public notice, and upon prior arrangement will be made avaiable during business hours (generally 7:45 a.m. to closing at 4:30 p.m.) at any state DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office. This notice will be mailed to all persons who have made a timely written request of the Board for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings via mail at P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809, or via timely request to the Land Board Secretary at <u>blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov</u> or at 808-587-0404.

Comments on the proposed rule(s) may be submitted to DOFAW before the day of the meeting at <u>https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/comment/</u> or <u>dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov</u>. Comments may also be made during the Board and Land and Natural Resources ("Board") meeting at the time and place given above or submitted in advance to provide video testimony via <u>blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov</u>.

Adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule under HRS §183D-3(b) shall be effective for a period of no longer than two years, subject to legislative

approval and renewal by the Board, provided that renewal by the Board shall extend for up to one year at a time. Each rule adopted, amended, or repealed under this authority shall become effective ten (10) days after formal action by the Board, provided that is a later effective date is specified in the rule, then later date shall be the effective date. Final rules are posted at <a href="https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules">https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules</a> and will remain posted durring the duration they are in effect.

Done at Honolulu this \_\_\_\_\_day of October 12, 2023

Dawn Chang , Chairperson Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Below is Exhibit 11. of Hawaii island game mammal rules. New proposed rules are underlined below. Items with a strike-through will be temporarily removed.

Hunting	Game	Means of Take	Bag	Open Hunting	Open Hunting	Special Conditions
Unit	Mammals To		Limits	Periods	Days	and Restrictions
	Be Taken					
А	Feral pigs	Rifle, muzzleloader,	<del>Two</del> <u>Four</u> pigs per	Year-round,	Daily, except	Evidence of sex and
Mauna Kea Game		handgun, shotgun,	hunter per day.	except on legal	on legal fall	species waived for
Management Area (GMA)		archery.	No season limit.	game bird	game bird	sheep and goats.
and Forest Reserve		Dogs not permitted.		hunting days.	<u>hunting days</u>	
					(when all of	
	Wild sheep		No bag limit. No	Year-round	Unit A will be	
	and feral		season limit.		closed to all	
	goats				<u>mammal</u>	
					hunting), and	
					during spring	
					turkey season	
					(Mar 1-Apr 15),	
					when firearm	
					mammal	
					hunting is	
					restricted to	
					elevations	
					above	
					treeline.**	
Section of Unit A directly	1	<u> </u>	-			
across Daniel K. Inouye						
Highway from Gil Kahele						
Recreation Area,		Archery only.				
commonly referred to as						
"the slice"						

Hunting	Game	Means of Take	Bag	Open Hunting	Open Hunting	Special Conditions
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	Be Taken					
D	Feral pigs,	Rifle, muzzleloader,	<del>Two</del> <u>Four</u> pigs,	Year-round	<del>Saturday,</del>	
Hilo Restricted	wild sheep	handgun, shotgun,	<del>one goat</del> <u>two</u>		Sunday and	
Watershed	and feral	spears, knives,	goats and one-		State Holidays.	
	goats	archery.	<u>two</u> sheep per		Daily.	
		Dogs permitted.	hunter per day.			
			No season limit.			
Kohala Restricted	-				Saturday,	
Watershed					Sunday, and	
					State Holidays.	

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Unit	Mammals To		Limits	Periods	Days	and Restrictions
	Be Taken					
E	Feral pigs,	Archery only. Dogs	<del>One pig, one</del>	Year-round	Daily, subject	Entry permit to PTA
Pohakuloa Cooperative	wild sheep	not permitted.	<del>goat, and one</del>		to training.	Unit E required from
Game Management and	and Feral		sheep per hunter			PTA Commander.
Training Area	goats		<del>per day. No-</del>			
			<del>season limit.</del>			
			Limits set by the			
			PTA Commander.			
Puu Anahulu Game			<del>One</del> <u>Four</u> pigs,	March through	Fridays,	Tags required for
Management Area			one <u>typical</u> ram,	June First Friday	Saturdays,	typical rams and
(GMA), East Section			one non-typical	of March	Sundays,	non-typical rams.
			<u>ram</u> , and <del>two-</del>	through the last	Mondays, and	No tags required for
			<u>three</u> goats.	Monday of July	State Holidays	pigs or goats.
			This is the season	-		
			limit for sheep.			
			<u>There is no</u>			
			season limit for			
			goats or pigs.			
		Muzzleloader rifles		First Friday of		
		and shotgun with		August through		
		<u>slug (makai only).</u>		the last Monday		
		Dogs not permitted.		<u>of October</u>		

Hunting Unit	Game Mammals To	Means of Take	Bag Limits	Open Hunting Periods	Open Hunting Days	Special Conditions and Restrictions
	Be Taken					
F	Feral pigs,	Special Youth &	Three non-typical	August	Fridays,	Tags required for
Puu Waawaa Forest	wild sheep	<del>Disabled</del> Archery	rams and one		Saturdays,	rams and non-
Reserve (makai) and Puu	and Feral	(Puu Lani and Puu	typical ram per		Sundays,	typical rams. No
Anahulu Game	goats	Waawaa Safety	hunter per day.		Mondays, and	tags required for
Management Area , West		Zone) Dogs not	This is also the		State Holidays	pigs and goats.
Section		permitted****.	season limit. <u>Two</u>			
			pigs and three	September	Fridays,	
			goats per hunter		Saturdays,	
		Special Disabled	per day. There is		Sundays,	
		<u>Archery (Puu Lani</u>	no season limit		Mondays, and	
		and Puu Waawaa	for pigs and		State Holidays	
		Safety Zone) Dogs	goats.			
		not permitted****.				
		General Archery	<del>One pig</del> <u>Two pigs</u>	<del>Four</del>	Fridays,	Tags for non-typical
		(makai only) Dogs	and three goats	<del>consecutive</del>	Saturdays,	rams required.
		not permitted.	per hunter, per	weekends-	Sundays,	
			day. There is no	beginning the	Mondays, and	
			season limit for	first weekend in-	State Holidays,	
			pigs or goats.	August First	except closed	
			One non-typical	Friday of March	on spring	
			ram per hunter	through the last	bearded turkey	
			per day. <u>This is</u>	Monday of July	hunting days	
			also the season			
			limit.			
			1	First Friday of		
		Muzzle loader rifles		August through		
		and shotgun with		the last Monday		
		<u>slug (makai only).</u>		of October		
		Dogs not permitted.				

Hunting Unit	Game Mammals To Be Taken	Means of Take	Bag Limits	Open Hunting Periods	Open Hunting Days	Special Conditions and Restrictions
G Kaohe GMA	Feral pigs	Archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun with slugs. Dogs not permitted.	<del>One pig</del> <u>Four pigs</u> per hunter per day.	Year round exept on legal game bird hunting days. <del>Muzzleloader,</del> Muzzleloading	Daily, except on legal fall game bird hunting days during spring turkey season	Hunters must check in and out at Kilohana, <u>Gil Kahele</u> <u>Recreation Area, or</u> Puu Huluhulu Checking Stations.
	Feral goats and wild sheep		No bag limit. No season limit.	rifle and shotgun with slug: July-August	<del>(Mar 1-Apr 15),</del> <del>when firearm-</del>	

Hunting Unit	Game Mammals To Be Taken	Means of Take	Bag Limits	Open Hunting Periods	Open Hunting Days	Special Conditions and Restrictions
l Kalopa, Honokaia, Makaula Ooma tract of Honuaula Forest Reserve	Feral pigs, and feral goats	Archery or spears and knives only. Dogs permitted.	<del>Two</del> <u>Four</u> pigs and one goat. No season limit	Year-round	<u>Daily</u> - <del>Saturday,</del> <del>Sunday and</del> <del>State Holidays</del>	

Hunting Unit	Game Mammals To Be Taken	Means of Take	Bag Limits	Open Hunting Periods	Open Hunting Days	Special Conditions and Restrictions
K Natural Area Reserves: Puu O Umi, Waiakea, 1942 Lava Flow, Kahaualea, Kipahoehoe, Laupahoehoe, Manuka, <del>Mauna Kea Ice Age, and Puu Maka'ala and unencumbered portions of Manuka, Kaulanamauna, and Kipahoehoe</del>	goats and wild sheep	Rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, shotgun, archery. Dogs permitted*.	No daily or season limit.	Year-round	Daily.	
Mauna Kea Ice Age					Daily, except <u>on legal fall</u> game bird hunting days.	

Game Birds to be Taken	Daily Bag Limits	Open Hunting Periods	<b>Open Hunting Days</b>	Special Conditions and Restrictions
SPECIAL BIRD SEASONS				
Wild Turkey (Spring Hunt Only)	Three bearded turkeys per season***	March 1 through March 31, Kipuka Ainahou**	Daily	*Permit and tag required for public and private areas. No dogs allowed.
		March 1 through April 15, Units A, <u>C,</u> F, and G, and private lands	Daily	