

AXIS DEER LANDOWNER INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE, MAUI, MOLOKAI, AND LANAI

The State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife Maui Nui (DLNR-DOFAW) seeks to fund a targeted Axis Deer Landowner Incentive Program on the islands of Maui, Molokai, and Lanai. The Axis Deer Landowner Incentive Program may involve actions on several different parcels across the islands.

Axis deer are negatively impacting various land types in Maui Nui: forested watersheds, agricultural, livestock areas, rangelands, and urban/suburban areas. Their damage does not follow geopolitical boundaries, solely affecting environmental features. They are also stretching towards human health, safety, and economical factors of our livelihoods. The public must understand the real and imminent threats posed by allowing the axis deer population to continue to grow unmanaged. Axis deer are increasingly found in urban/suburban areas; community-based solutions and support are necessary to achieve appropriate, sustained population levels.

Proposed actions for the landowner incentive program include financial incentives to participate and remove deer under the conditions prescribed in the scope of work and by the Division. \$50 compensation per animal tail, unless otherwise reduced by the Division pursuant to the detailed fee schedule. Compensation for deer in any given fiscal year is limited to the annual legislative appropriation for the program, and no further compensation will be paid once the funding allocation is exhausted. Participants shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding trapping and firearm use.

Compensation

Applicants who are selected will be eligible to receive from the Division \$50 for each qualifying deer tail presented, unless otherwise reduced by the Division pursuant to the detailed fee schedule

Parameters

1. \$50/deer reimbursement pursuant to the Division's detailed fee schedule (payment based on average cost to dispatch by ACETA).
2. Landowners or state, county, and private leasees will qualify to receive reimbursement payments. It will be at the discretion of the landowner or leasee if they want to pay an individual hunter who participated in the control effort.
3. Both sexes of deer will qualify for payment.
4. All axis deer harvest/control must abide by all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, Hawaii Administrative Rules Chapter 123, Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting. Control/harvest work must be conducted within normal hunting hours – ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
5. Only landowners and/or state, county, and private leasees can qualify for the reimbursement program.
 - a) The landowner will need to provide proof of land ownership.
 - b) State, county, and private leasees will need to show a signed lease agreement and permission of the landowner.
 - c) 10% deer to acreage ratio to calculate "Calculate Take #"
 - i. (1) deer per 10 acres
 - d) All awarded applicants will comply with all State of Hawaii procurement laws.

- e) Any deer harvested under the terms of a Game Harvest Permit or Wildlife Control Permit does not qualify for payment.
- f) All State and County non-leased lands do not qualify for this reimbursement program.
- g) Annual program for reimbursement shall not exceed 12 months from the date of the first approved purchase order.
- h) DOFAW to establish quarterly reimbursement collection dates for proof of control.
 - i. Landowners/leaseses or authorized representatives will be required to submit deer tails to DOFAW as proof of control.
- i) Reimbursement Rates and Calculations
 - i. 50 deer minimum 'take' request for all submittals
 - ii. **Calculated take #** is calculated by taking the number of total acreage being submitted in the application and dividing by 10 using an acreage ratio of 10%
 - 1. Example: Landowner A requests a proposal to conduct deer control on 30,000 acres. The calculated take is 3,000 deer.
 - iii. **Submittals totalling 1500 acres or more are subject to the following:**
 - 1. First 50% of the calculated take # = \$25/deer
 - 2. Second 50% of the calculated take # = \$50/deer
 - a. Landowner A = 30,000 acres, 3000 deer, First 1500 deer at \$25 per deer and second 1500 deer at \$50/deer.
 - iv. **Submittals totalling 1499 acres or less are subject to the following:**
 - 1. \$50/deer for all calculated take #'s
 - 2. 100 deer maximum per applicant for reimbursement. If funding permits, the State will have the option to increase the calculated take # at their descretion on a case by case basis.

Liability

Any person who participates in the Axis Deer Landowner Incentive Program under this opportunity assumes full and complete liability and responsibility for their acts and omissions while engaged in removing deer or redeeming them for compensation.

Payment will be made upon delivery and verification of Axis Deer tails to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife-Maui.

At minimum, the proposal shall include the following information:

- i. Full name
- ii. Mailing address
- iii. Phone number
- iv. E-mail address
- v. Tax map key(s) for parcels are included in the application.
- vi. Proof of legal ownership or lease agreement of identified parcel(s) included in the application.
- vii. # of total acres included in the application
- viii. Request of total take # (not to exceed the maximum calculated take # for lands identified in the application)
- ix. Describe the methods or approaches that the applicant will employ to meet the # of axis deer requested for removal in the application.
- x. List any previous experience(s) with animal control work or management.

Qualifications

- Proof of ownership and/or lease agreement
- Total take # requested in application is greater than 50 deer and less than or equal to the total calculated take # for said parcel(s).

Submittal

One (1) original proposal needs to be submitted. Proposals should be typed, on one side of paper, using a 12-point font.

For more information, please contact:

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Please complete the attached form:

TOTAL ACREAGE APPLYING FOR:

TMK: _____
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ACREAGE TOTAL: _____

NUMBER OF AXIS DEER TAKE APPLYING FOR: _____

1. Name
2. Address
3. Contact Name
4. Contact Phone Number