



GO HUNT Hawai'i

CONNECTING HUNTERS
& RESOURCE MANAGERS

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This is the sixth edition of Go Hunt Hawai'i, a quarterly newsletter to connect hunters and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW). Sign up to stay up to date on announcements, changes to hunting areas, research on animal populations and more.

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Game Bird Survey at Kapapala GMA

On April 24, 2018, Dr. Javier Cotín and DOFAW biologists Ian Cole, Isaih Reynolds, and Jupiter Crosson began a preliminary game bird survey at Kapapala Cooperative Game Management Area. DOFAW plans to establish an annual game bird survey, and this trial compared two methods of estimating the game bird population on the GMA: transect surveys with only observers, and transect surveys using dogs to help flush out the birds.

The observers surveyed 16 miles of Kapapala Cooperative GMA, which resulted in 109 total detections of 141 birds. 52 of those detections were made without dogs, while 57 detections were made with dogs assisting the observers. Most of the detections occurred in the two hours after sunrise, with 50% of the detections identified by bird calls.

The survey results were similar with and without dogs, which is due to the dense vegetation forcing transects to be along the road. Moving forward, DOFAW plans to increase the number of transects and shorten the survey time to end two hours after sunrise. The next round of surveys is scheduled occur at the end of September 2018, and will cover Kapapala GMA and expand to Mauna Kea GMA.



BY THE NUMBERS

Game harvested by hunters

Axis Deer,
Lana'i



2015	1,286	2,220
2016	1,429	2,070
2017	1,681	2,260
2018	1,431	2,283

Bearded Turkey,
Hawai'i



2015	51	279
2016	47	229
2017	43	258
2018	42	347

Announcements

HUNTING LICENSE SALES

DLNR WILL ISSUE NEW HUNTING LICENSES AND STAMPS FOR THE NEW HUNTING SEASON

Effective June 15, 2018, the DLNR DOFAW offices will begin issuing hunting licenses and stamps for the new hunting season (July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019). A valid hunting license is required for hunting on public and private lands.

Hunters may also purchase their hunting licenses and stamps by credit card via the State of Hawai'i website at <http://www.ehawaii.gov/huntinglicense/>.

LANA'I

MOUFロン SEASON STARTS

The Mouflon Sheep season starts on the last Saturday in July with archery hunts for 8 consecutive days, followed by a youth hunt weekend.

For season length, bag limits, and other information for all hunts, please see [Title 13, Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting"](#).

GAME MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

The state Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) recently held their sixth meeting in Lihue, Kaua'i. The previous meeting was held in Hilo, Hawai'i. The GMAC members act in an advisory capacity for the Board of Land and Natural Resources, which sets policies for the Department.

You can see the agendas and minutes for previous GMAC meetings on the DOFAW website at <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/gmac/>.

GMAC Commission Members

Kaua'i Robert Cremer
O'ahu Josiah Jury and Nancy Timko
Moloka'i Lori Buchanan (Vice-Chair)
Lana'i Stan Ruidas
Maui Jeffrey DeRego
West Hawai'i Jon Sabati (Chair)
East Hawai'i Ryan Kohatsu
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