

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE 2018-2019 GAME BIRD HUNTING SEASON

The Department of Land and Natural Resources announces the opening of the 2018-2019 Game Bird Hunting Season on Saturday, November 3, 2018. The fall game bird hunting season will run through Sunday, January 27, 2019. A valid hunting license and a game bird stamp are required for all game bird hunting on public and private lands. All game bird hunting is regulated by Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 13, Chapter 122 (see <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw> “Administrative Rules” for all legal hunting days).

ISLAND OF KAUAI

HUNTING UNITS A, B, E, H and I on the island of Kaua‘i will be open for the entire 2018-2019 game bird hunting season. Game bird hunting will be permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and State Holidays. Hunters planning to hunt in **Unit I (Wailua Game Management Area)** should review the hunting map at either Rice Gate or the Kondo Gate hunter check stations to find out which paddocks will be open to bird hunting. Wailua GMA maps are also available at the State Office building in Lihue.

HUNTING UNIT J will be open to game bird hunting using archery equipment only during the regular season on weekends, Mondays and State holidays.

HUNTING UNIT L – formerly WAIMEA HEIGHTS SPECIAL GAME BIRD HUNTING AREA will be open during the regular season on Saturdays and Sundays only. For more information on this hunting unit, please inquire with the Lihue DOFAW office at 274-3433.

Other PRIVATE LANDS on the island of Kauai are open to game bird hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays, with landowner permission in accordance with Chapter 13-122.

ISLAND OF OAHU

KUAOKALA GMA (UNIT 1) AND MOKULEIA PHA (UNIT 2) will be open on weekends and State Holidays from November 3, 2018 through January 27, 2019. Hunters must check in and out of the Kaena Point Satellite Tracking Station Access Road. Species occurring in this area include ring-necked pheasant (common and blue variety), Erckel’s francolin, black francolin, gray francolin, chukar partridge, barred dove, and spotted dove, with bag limits as listed in Chapter 122, Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting. Hunting of female Ring-Necked Pheasants is allowed in Kuaokala GMA only (put and take), and will count against the listed “Daily Bag Limit” in Ch. 122. Hunting of peafowl (male and female) is allowed in Kuaokala, no bag limit.

HUNTING OF WILD TURKEYS IS STILL PROHIBITED in all public and private hunting areas to allow the population to reach a level suitable for hunting in the future.

MAKUA KEAAU PHA (UNIT 3) will be open on weekends and State Holidays. Species occurring in Makua Keaau include ring-necked pheasant (rare), Erckel’s francolin, barred dove and spotted dove, with bag limits as listed in Chapter 122.

PRIVATE LANDS on the island of Oahu will be open to game bird hunting on weekends and State Holidays in accordance with Chapter 122.

MAUI COUNTY

ISLAND OF MAUI

KULA FOREST RESERVE AND COOPERATIVE LEASE AREA (HUNTING UNIT C) will be open for game bird hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire season.

Game mammal hunting will be closed within Unit C on legal game bird hunting days.

KAHAKULOA GMA AND WEST MAUI FOREST RESERVE (HUNTING UNIT F) will be open for game bird hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire season. Vehicular access via Poelua Road into the Kahakuloa GMA will be closed temporarily due to road damage from Hurricanes Lane and Olivia.

Game mammal hunting will be closed within Unit F during the game bird hunting season (November 2018 through January 2019).

ISLAND OF MOLOKAI

MOLOKAI FOREST RESERVE (HUNTING UNITS C, D, AND E) will be open for game bird hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire season.

For Units C, D and E, game mammal hunting will be closed from November 2018 through January 2019.

ISLAND OF LANAI

COOPERATIVE GMA (UNITS 1, and 2, AND 3) will be open for game bird hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire game bird season. Special conditions:

1. Access to Hunting Unit 3 will be only by the main perimeter roads (“Guard Road” and “No. 57 Road”).
2. Abandoned field plot roads are closed for safety reasons.

ISLAND OF HAWAII

MAUNA KEA GAME MANAGEMENT AREA AND FOREST RESERVE AND PUU MALI MITIGATION SITE (UNIT A) will be open for game bird hunting Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire game bird season. Mammal hunting will be closed in Unit G and A below Tree Line during the legal game bird season as stated in Ch. 123 “Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting”.

POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA will be open for game bird hunting, at the direction of the Department of Defense, subject to training schedule. Please visit their website at <https://pta.isportsman.net/> for information on hunting days, open areas and access routes.

KAPAPALA RANCH COOPERATIVE GMA AND KAPAPALA FOREST RESERVE will be open for game bird hunting Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire game bird season.

PUU WAAWAA FOREST RESERVE AND PUU ANAHULU, WEST SECTION (UNIT F) – All sections of Puu Waawaa FR, will be open for game bird hunting Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire game bird season. Vehicles must remain on designated roads to minimize the risk of fire. Maps will be made available at the Puu Waawaa Hunter Check Station and at the DOFAW offices in Hilo and Kamuela. Please leave all gates as they are found due to active cattle ranching in the area.

PUUANAHULU GMA, EAST SECTION will be open for game bird hunting Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire game bird season.

KAOHE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA AND KAOHE MITIGATION SITE (UNIT G) will be open for game bird hunting Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays for the entire game bird season.

KIPUKA AINAHOU (excluding DHHL owned portion) will be open for game bird hunting on weekends and State Holidays throughout the game bird hunting season. A special permit is required, and is available from the Division of Forestry and Wildlife offices in Hilo and Kamuela and at the Puu Huluhulu Hunter Check Station. Hunters are to avoid nene geese that are in the area. **Mammal hunting** in this area is **closed** from November 1 through February. Further information may be obtained by contacting Division of Forestry & Wildlife offices at 974-4221.

KAHUA/PONOHOLO RANCH SPECIAL PERMIT AREA the exact dates, times and location will be announced at a later time.

OPEN: All other public hunting areas not listed above are open to game bird hunting on weekends and State holidays, November 3, 2018 through January 27, 2019 in accordance with Chapter 13-122.

PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS are open to game bird hunting on weekends, State holidays and Wednesdays - Thursdays for Units A, G, PTA and private lands during the regular game bird season which is November 3, 2018 through January 27, 2019, with landowner permission and in accordance with Chapter 13-122.

FOR ALL AREAS STATEWIDE:

All game bird hunters should be familiar with Title 13, Chapter 122 “Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting.”

Hunters will be required to check in and out at established hunter check stations. First obtain permission from landowners when seeking to hunt on private land. PLEASE PREVENT

WILDFIRES BY NOT PARKING OR DRIVING IN TALL GRASS OR BRUSH! Report fires to 911.

Support wildlife conservation: Report game law violators to the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement by calling 643-DLNR (-3567). Further information may be obtained by contacting Division of Forestry & Wildlife offices at the following phone numbers: Kauai: 274-3433; Oahu: 587-0166; Maui: 984-8100; Molokai: 553-1745; Lanai: 565-7916; Hilo: 974-4221; Kamuela: 887-6063.