This is the twelfth edition of Go Hunt Hawaiʻi, 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.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Game Bird Survey on Kekaha GMA

We conducted a volunteer game bird survey on October 27, 2021 in the Kekaha GMA. We wanted to thank the volunteers who took the time out of their busy schedules to assist with the survey.

Volunteers: Kevin Vidinha, Nick Croft, Jessie Abirached, Jeff Emoto, Wesley Masumura, Diane Masumura, Tyrus Masumoto, Mel Matsumoto, Deric Rapozo, Morgan Moises Lopez, Cory Carveiro, Kawehi Harris, James Marques, Teddy Perreira, Les Ibara, Corey Lum Won, Amy Lauren Lum Won, Joel Andres, Joe Moranz

Aerial view of Kekaha GMA.

2021 Pheasant Release Project on Kauaʻi

Kauaʻi DOFAW would like to recognize and thank the volunteers who helped with this year’s pheasant release project. DOFAW brought in 600 Ring-necked and 150 Melanistic Mutants (Blue) day old pheasant chicks on June 19 and with the help of volunteers reared them for 6 weeks. After the 6 weeks the chicks were then brought up to the flypen and were cared for and released into the hunting area. Without the help of volunteers this project could not take place.

Volunteers: Chris Coscarella, Chloe Coscarella, Sean Igne, Corey Lum Won, Amy Lauren Lum Won, Mark Sueyasu, Wayne Sueyasu, Leslie Sueyasu, Jeff Emoto, Hope Newton, Adam

Game Bird Propagation Project on Oʻahu

On Oʻahu, a total of 100 Ring-necked Pheasants, 100 Melanistic (blue) Mutant Pheasants, and 100 Chukar Partridges were released at the Kuaokalā GMA. DOFAW would like to thank the volunteers who helped with this year’s game bird project.

HUNTING STAMP CONTEST

DOFAW SEEKING ART ENTRIES

The 2022-2023 Hunting Stamp contest is still open! The subjects for this year are the Chukar Partridge (*Alectoris chukar*) and the ʻIwī (*Vestiaria coccinea*).

Artists interested in entering the contest must submit their paintings by February 25, 2022. The winner will be notified on March 20, 2022, with a maximum prize of $1,000.

For more information, click HERE.

DOFAW would like to thank all wildlife artists who submitted art entries for the 2020-2021 Hawai‘i Hunting Stamp Contest. A committee reviewed all submissions in the subject categories: Ring-necked Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), and Mouflon Sheep (*Orvis musimon*). Two winners were chosen, shown here:

After payment, users can simply download their purchased tags, permits, or applications. Should the user misplace their downloaded copy, she or he can find the tag or permit at anytime from the portal's My Tags & Permits page.

Users can log in and select the tags or permits they want to purchase, and submit applications for hunting. Required information can be entered into the online form, and payment can be made through the website.

AXIS DEER & MOUFLON SHEEP SEASON

Applications for a combination 2022 Lāna‘i Axis Deer and Mouflon Sheep hunting season will be available to the public online beginning Monday, January 10, 2022.

For more information click HERE.

For season length, bag limits, and other information for all hunts, please see *Title 13, Chapter 123, “Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting”*. 

SPRING TURKEY SEASON

The 2022 Spring Bearded Turkey Hunting Season opened on January 1, 2022 and will run until April 15, 2022.

You can now purchase your Tags online through the new GO HUNT PORTAL.

GMAC

COMMISSION UPDATES

The Maui and West Hawai‘i Commissioner seats are still vacant! The State Game Management Advisory Commission (GMAC) is seeking applicants. If you are interested in serving on the GMAC, please fill out the online application HERE.