

## 2025 LĀNA‘I MOUFLON SHEEP HUNTING SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The State of Hawai‘i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife is pleased to announce the open application period for the 2025 Lāna‘i Mouflon sheep hunting season will begin on Monday, March 31, 2025. **A ten-dollar (\$10.00) application fee will be assessed for each person applying for the hunt. All application fee sales are final and must accompany each application at the time of filing.**

To apply for this hunt, go to <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov>, and select 2025 Lāna‘i Mouflon Sheep Season. The **DEADLINE** for submitting applications will be **4:00 PM HST on Friday, May 2, 2025**. Interested hunters are encouraged to submit applications well before the application deadline to ensure proper processing.

Hunter applicants must obtain and pay particular attention to the hunt announcement, instruction sheet, addendum, and online information for any changes in the application process and hunting season. If unforeseen circumstances arise, the 2025 Lāna‘i Mouflon sheep hunting season may be modified, rescheduled, or canceled.

Due to staff shortages, there may be limited opportunities to purchase the ewe tag and either sex sheep tag and receive a free ewe tag and non-typical ram tag at the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Hunters selected to participate in the hunt are encouraged to purchase and print their tags online ahead of time (except for the youth hunt where special tag issuance and check-in must be in-person). Hawai‘i residents will be assessed twenty dollars (\$20.00), and non-Hawai‘i residents will be charged one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for each required Mouflon sheep ewe tag and either sex tag. The tag fees for the Mouflon sheep youth-only hunt will be waived.

Debit cards and credit cards will be accepted as payment for game mammal tags at the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Game mammal tags can be purchased and printed online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov> and by clicking “Purchase Tags and Permits.”

Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, “*Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting*” (§ 13-123-4), the following special conditions and procedures will be in effect for this hunt:

The 2025 Lāna‘i Mouflon sheep season will consist of four (4) hunts:

The **Archery Hunt** will consist of two (2) draws, each totaling five consecutive (5) days. Subject to limited participation for non-Lāna‘i residents.

- The first draw will begin on July 16, 2025, and end on July 20, 2025.
- The second draw will start on July 23, 2025, and end on July 27, 2025.

\*\*The **Youth Hunt** will be conducted for one (1) **Weekend (Friday through Sunday)**, August 1-3, 2025. Subject to limited participation for non-Lāna‘i residents.

The **Muzzleloader Hunt** will be conducted for one (1) **Weekend (Friday through Sunday)**, August 8-10, 2025. Subject to limited participation for non-Lāna‘i residents.

The **General Rifle Hunt** will be held over nine (9) consecutive **Weekends (Fridays through Sundays)**, beginning on August 15, 2025, and ending on October 12, 2025. Subject to limited participation for non-Lāna‘i residents.

All four (4) hunts may be subject to a lottery drawing. Depending on application levels, standby hunting opportunities may be offered for the general rifle season. If application levels are higher or lower than anticipated for the archery or general rifle season, one or more weekends may be added or eliminated. Hunters can check lottery results online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov> or <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/>.

One (1) hunter assistant will be allowed to accompany a hunter who is a senior citizen (age 65 or older) or disabled. Proper documentation (signed doctor’s note, driver’s license, hunting license, etc.), along with the validated hunter assistant permit, must be made available to any Department of Land and Natural Resources representative upon request.

The bag limit for the 2025 Lāna‘i Mouflon sheep season will be four (4) Mouflon sheep (one (1) either sex sheep, two (2) ewes and one (1) non-typical ram) per hunter per authorized hunt. Hunters will be required to purchase one (1) ewe tag and the either sex tag. A ewe tag and non-typical ram tag will be issued free of charge with the purchase of all required tags. All heads of non-typical rams (polled, deformed, muumuu) must be disposed of at the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Department of Land & Natural Resource personnel have the final say on the non-typical ram designation. Tags are **NOT** transferable and are valid only for the specific hunt for which it was issued.

A lottery drawing will be conducted for the **Archery Hunt** to assign hunting dates. Interested archers must apply for this hunt by submitting an application for a permit. Hunters applying for and participating in the **Archery Hunt** may apply for and participate in either the **Muzzleloader Hunt** or the **General Rifle Hunt** lotteries. Archery hunters may check in on the Tuesday preceding the first day of their draw from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm or from Wednesdays through Fridays between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to validate permits and receive their tags. Hunters are encouraged to purchase and print Mouflon sheep tags online and check in at the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Upon checking in at the Lāna‘i hunter check station, hunters must provide identification and present their permit card to a Department of Land & Natural Resources representative. Upon completing the hunt, hunters must check out by submitting their permit card, including providing harvest data, to the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Archery hunters have the option of checking in and checking out online by using the OuterSpatial app. If using this option, upon completion of the hunt, hunters must provide harvest data on the app and need not return the permit card to the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Check station hours may be modified based on online check-in/out and tag purchase/printing options. Hunter check-in sheets may be left outside the Lāna‘i hunter check station to accommodate those late-arriving hunters who have purchased and printed Mouflon sheep tags online.

## **MOUFLON SHEEP HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH HUNTERS:**

### **\*\* YOUTH HUNT**

- Youth hunters must be 15 yrs. of age or younger (HAR13-123-2) prior to the end of the youth hunt, possess a valid 2025-26 State of Hawai‘i hunting license, and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (18 years of age or older) who also possesses a valid 2025-26 State of Hawaii hunting license.
- Youth hunters must apply to participate in this hunt.
- A total of 175 youth hunters will be drawn for the weekend.
- Youth hunters will be issued Mouflon sheep tags, and the non-hunting adult will be issued a permit at the time of hunter check in. Checking in and the issuance of tags for youths will NOT be available online.
- Game tags are valid only for the specific hunt applied for.
- Youth hunters will be limited to carry one (1) type of hunting equipment while in the hunting area. Blaze orange is required for all youth hunters and accompanying adults.
- One (1) adult may accompany one (1) youth for this hunt.
- Youth hunters will also be allowed to apply for and participate in the archery hunt and either the muzzleloader or general rifle hunt. Youth hunters must submit a separate application for each hunt.

Participation in the **Youth** and **Muzzleloader Hunts** may be assigned by lottery if application levels exceed the allotted number of hunters allowed in the hunting area. **General Rifle Hunt** dates will be assigned by lottery drawing. Interested hunters **may apply for the Muzzleloader Hunt** Lottery or the **General Rifle Hunt** Lottery but may **not** apply for **both**.

**Public drawings for the Archery, Youth, and Muzzleloader Hunts will be held on Friday, May 23, 2025**, at 10:00 a.m. at the J Cameron Center, MEO facility on the island of Maui. At 12:00 noon, a **public drawing** will be held to assign hunting dates for the **General Rifle Hunt**. The Lāna‘i resident public drawing will be held at 9:00 am at the above location. If necessary, the standby selection process will begin upon completion of the general rifle lottery.

All eligible Youth, Muzzleloader, and General Rifle participants must check in either on the Thursday preceding their assigned hunting date between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm or on Fridays between the hours of 7:00 am to 9:00 am and from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Forestry and Wildlife Office in Lāna‘i City at 911 Fraser Ave. If applicable, standby hunters must be present at the Lāna‘i City Division of Forestry and Wildlife office at 5:00 pm on Thursday before their assigned hunting date to be eligible to replace no-show hunters. Muzzleloader and general rifle hunters are encouraged to purchase and print Mouflon sheep tags online and check in at the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Upon checking in at the Lāna‘i hunter check station, hunters must provide identification and present their permit card to a Department of Land & Natural Resources representative. Upon completion of the hunt, hunters must submit their permit card, including providing harvest data, to the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Hunters have the option of checking in and checking out online by using the OuterSpatial app. If using this option, upon completion of the hunt, hunters must provide harvest data on the app and need not return the permit card to the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Check station hours may be modified based on online check-in/out and tag purchase/printing options. Hunter check-in sheets may be left outside the Lāna‘i hunter check station to accommodate those late-arriving hunters who have purchased and printed Mouflon sheep tags

online. Hunting Units 1, 2, and 3 will be open for the Archery Hunt. Hunting Units 1 and 2 will be opened for the Youth, Muzzleloader, and General Rifle Hunts.

Additional details for this season are available at the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Offices at the following telephone numbers:

O‘ahu: (808) 587-0166

Hawai‘i: (808) 974-4221(Hilo)

Kaua‘i: (808) 274-3433

Maui: (808) 984-8100

Moloka‘i: (808) 553-1745

Lāna‘i: (808) 565-7916