

**STATE OF HAWAI‘I
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE**

LEGAL NOTICE

PU‘U NĒNĒ WILD SHEEP REMOVAL AND SALVAGE – HAWAI‘I ISLAND

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW), hereby provides public notice of a live feral sheep salvage project to be conducted on Hawai‘i Island. This project aims to remove live sheep from lands adjacent to the Daniel K. Inouye Highway (Saddle Road) to protect natural resources and reduce the risk of vehicle collisions, thereby enhancing public safety.

Applications to participate in the salvage operation, along with the required permit forms, will be available online at the DOFAW website or may be obtained in person at the DOFAW Hilo Office, located at 19 E. Kawili Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720, during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM).

[Application for Live Sheep Salvage](#)

[Sheep Salvage Permit](#)

Deadline for Submission:

Completed hard-copy applications and permit forms must be submitted in person at the Hilo DOFAW Office or postmarked by **June 13, 2025**.

Selection Process:

A random lottery drawing to determine eligible applicants will be conducted at the Hilo DOFAW Office on **June 20, 2025**. Each applicant, including any co-applicant, may only appear on one selected application. The initial drawing will generate a list of **sixteen (16)** applicants, who will be assigned to participate in four salvage events (dates to be determined). DOFAW will notify selected applicants of their position on the list within seven (7) days following the drawing. Applicants will receive no less than fourteen (14) days’ notice before their assigned salvage event.

Additional applicants from the original pool may be contacted if:

- More sheep are captured than anticipated, or
- The list of sixteen (16) is exhausted before the fourth salvage event.

A second drawing will determine the order of contact for these additional applicants. Declining to participate when called will not disqualify an applicant, but they will be moved to the bottom of the list (e.g., if applicant #5 declines, they become #16).

Equipment Requirements:

Selected applicants must provide a fully enclosed livestock trailer with a minimum length of fourteen (14) feet, capable of safely transporting at least twenty (20) live sheep. Trailers must be

fully enclosed to prevent unintentional escapes. Only one (1) truck and trailer per applicant will be allowed into the salvage area, unless otherwise authorized by DOFAW.

Permits will be issued on the day of the salvage event. There is no fee for permits or applications. DOFAW reserves the right to deny permit issuance if equipment is deemed inadequate or if applicants violate the terms of this notice. Sheep will be distributed without selection preference, as they come through the handling chute.

Conditions of Possession:

All salvaged sheep must be removed to authorized locations. Release of animals on state or federal lands or private lands without permission is strictly prohibited. Any such violations may jeopardize the continuation of this salvage project.

For additional information, contact:

Josh Pang-Ching, DOFAW Representative

Phone: (808) 765-7540

Done at Honolulu, Hawai'i, this ___th day of May, 2025.

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DAWN N. S. CHANG

Chairperson

Department of Land and Natural Resources