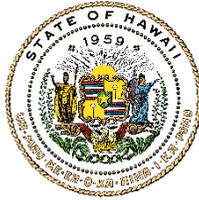


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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING USING HRS § 183D-3(b), ADAPTIVE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

February 23, 2026

DATE: March 27, 2026
TIME: 9 A.M.
PLACE: In person at 1151 Punchbowl St., Room 132 (Kalanimoku Building), online via ZOOM (see <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/meetings/>), or live stream via YouTube at <https://youtube.com/c/boardoflandandnaturalresourcesdlnr>, Meeting agendas are posted at least six days before the meeting date.

The Proposed Hawai'i Administrative Rules (HAR) to be Amended under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Section 183D-3(b) will increase bag limits for mammals, update special conditions and restrictions, expand available game bird hunting opportunities, provide additional mammal hunting days within the open hunting season, and are especially intended to remedy the impact of invasive ungulate species which currently have an impact on forest and forest reserve resources on the islands indicated.

1. HAR Chapter 13-123 ("RULES REGULATING GAME MAMMAL HUNTING"), by amending EXHIBIT 11, "Game mammals to be taken, means of take, daily bag limits, hunting periods, hunting days, and special conditions for hunting on the island of Hawai'i.", to Change Bag Limits, Open Hunting Days, Means Of Take, and or Special Conditions and Restrictions in Unit A Mauna Kea Game Management Area and Forest Reserve, Hilo, and a Portion of Kohala Restricted Watershed, Unit E Pōhakuloa Cooperative Game Management and Training Area and Pu'u Anahulu Game Management Area, East Section, Unit F Pu'u Wa'awa'a Forest Reserve and Pu'u Anahulu Game Management Area, West Section, Unit G Ka'ohe Game Management Area, Unit I Kalōpā Forest Reserve in the North Hilo and Hāmākua districts on Hawaii island, and Unit K Mauna Kea Ice Age Natural Area Reserve. For the complete list of the area rule changes, please review the **Proposed Adaptive Management Rule Notices** under the following link: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/>.
2. HAR Chapter 13-122 ("RULES REGULATING GAME BIRD HUNTING, FIELD TRIALS, AND COMMERCIAL SHOOTING PRESERVES"), by Amending EXHIBIT 1, "Game birds to be taken, daily bag limits, hunting periods, hunting days, and special conditions for hunting on the island of Hawaii.", to Change

Open game bird Hunting Days, by amending the Administrative Rules, SPECIAL BIRD SEASON, Regulating Wild Turkey Hunting (Spring Turkey Only) to include Unit C, Hilo Forest Reserves, Laupāhoehoe, and PThā.

Rules made under HRS section 183D-3(b) require the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to find timely adoption necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to rapidly changing resource conditions. The rule(s) adopted shall be effective for up to two years, with a one-year extension subject to legislative approval and renewal by the Board.

A copy of the proposed rule(s) to be adopted, amended, or repealed will be mailed to any interested person who makes a request to the Division within thirty (30) days of posting this notice for a copy and pays the required fees for the copy and the postage. Submit written requests to dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov or via postal mail to Hunting Program, Division of Forestry & Wildlife, 1151 Punchbowl St. #325, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The proposed rule(s) may be reviewed at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/> following this public notice and, upon prior arrangement, will be made available during business hours (generally 7:45 a.m. to closing at 4:30 p.m.) at any state DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife Office. This notice will be mailed to all persons who have made a timely written request of the Board for advance notice of its rule-making proceedings via mail at P.O. Box 621, Honolulu, HI 96809, or via timely request to the Land Board Secretary at blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov or 808-587-0404.

Comments on the proposed rule(s) may be submitted to DOFAW before the day of the meeting at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/comment/> or dlnr.fw.outreach@hawaii.gov. Comments may also be made during the Board and Land and Natural Resources ("Board") meeting at the time and place given above or submitted in advance to provide video testimony via blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov.

Adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule under HRS §183D-3(b) shall be effective for a period of no longer than two years, subject to legislative approval and renewal by the Board, provided that renewal by the Board shall extend for up to one year at a time. Each rule adopted, amended, or repealed under this authority shall become effective ten (10) days after formal action by the Board, provided that if a later effective date is specified in the rule, then a later date shall be the effective date. Final rules are posted at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules> and will remain posted during the duration they are in effect.

Done at Honolulu this ____ day of February 2026

Ryan K.P Kanaka'ole, Acting Chairperson
Department of Land and Natural Resources.