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DIVISION OF FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

2026 LĀNA'I MOUFLON SHEEP HUNTING SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

The State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, is pleased to announce the open application period for the 2026 Lāna'i Mouflon sheep hunting season will begin on Monday, March 30, 2026. **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 2026 Lāna'i Mouflon Sheep Season. The **DEADLINE** for submitting applications will be **4:00 PM HST on Friday, May 1, 2026**. 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 2026 Lāna'i Mouflon sheep hunting season may be modified, rescheduled, or canceled. The use of the OuterSpatial app (online check-in/out) has been **temporarily discontinued** for this hunt.

Hunters selected to participate in the hunt are encouraged to purchase and print their game tags online ahead of time (except for the youth hunt, where special tag issuance and check-in must be in-person). Hawaii residents will be assessed twenty dollars (\$20.00), and non-Hawaii 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 forms of payment for game tags at the Lāna'i hunter check station. Game 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 2026 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 15, 2026, and end on July 19, 2026.

- The second draw will start on July 22, 2026, and end on July 26, 2026.

The **Youth Hunt will be conducted for one (1) **Weekend (Friday through Sunday)**, July 31-August 2, 2026. Subject to limited participation for non-Lāna‘i residents.

The **Muzzleloader Hunt** will be conducted for one (1) **Weekend (Friday through Sunday)**, August 7-9, 2026. 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 14, 2026, and ending on October 11, 2026. Subject to limited participation for non-Lāna‘i residents.

All four (4) hunts may be subject to a lottery drawing. Depending on application levels, one or more draws/weekends may be added or eliminated for the archery and general rifle hunts. Applicants may receive a not drawn status or standby status for any one of the hunts applied for to limit participation levels for safety concerns or if Mouflon sheep populations are lower than management objectives. 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. The hunter and hunter assistant **MUST** be present at the Lāna‘i hunter check station during check station hours to provide proper documentation (signed and dated Dr.’s note within 90 days, valid ID and a valid State of Hawaii hunting license) to a representative of the Department of Land & Natural Resources for the issuance of a hunter assistant permit. The valid hunter assistant permit must be made available to any Department of Land and Natural Resources representative upon request.

The bag limit for the 2026 Lāna‘i Mouflon sheep season will be three (3) Mouflon sheep; one (1) ewe, one (1) either sex sheep 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 Mouflon sheep tag. A non-typical ram tag will be issued free of charge with the purchase of the required tags. Based on aerial survey data of Mouflon sheep, additional ewe tag(s) may be issued free of charge. All heads of non-typical rams (polled, deformed, muumuu) must be disposed of at the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Department of Land & Natural Resources personnel have the final say on the non-typical ram designation. Game 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 between 8:00 am and 6:00 pm or from Wednesdays through Fridays between 8:00 am and 3:00 pm to validate permits and receive their game tags. Hunters are encouraged to purchase and print Mouflon sheep tags online and **MUST** 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 harvest data, to the Lāna‘i hunter check station. Archery hunters must have in their possession a valid State of Hawaii hunting license, game tag(s) and

their validated (signed) permit card while in the hunting area. Hunter check 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. Late-arriving archery hunters who check in after check station hours must have in their possession a valid State of Hawaii hunting license, game tag(s), their permit card, and verification of hunter check-in via a photo of the hunter check sheet from the Lāna‘i hunter check station while in the hunting area. Verification of hunter check-in validates an unsigned permit card. Hunters that sign in on the hunter check sheet at the Lāna‘i hunter check station must sign out and provide harvest data on the hunter check sheet.

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 2026-27 State of Hawaii hunting license, and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult (18 years of age or older) who also possesses a valid 2026-27 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 card at the time of hunter check-in. The issuance of game tags for youths will NOT be available online.
- Youth hunters must have in their possession a valid State of Hawaii hunting license, game tag(s) and their validated (signed) permit card while in the hunting area. The non-hunting adult must have in their possession a valid State of Hawaii hunting license and a validated (signed) permit card while in the hunting area.
- Game tag(s) are valid only for the specific hunt issued for.
- Youth hunters will be limited to carry one (1) means of take 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, no exceptions.
- 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 22, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m. at the DLNR/DOFAW base yard located at 685 Haleakala Hwy, 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 and 9:00 am and from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Forestry and Wildlife Office in Lānaʻi City at 917 Fraser Ave. If applicable, standby hunters must be present at the Lānaʻi City Division of Forestry and Wildlife office at 5:00 pm on the Thursday of 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 **MUST** check in at the Lānaʻi hunter check station. When checking in at the Lānaʻi 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 harvest data, to the Lānaʻi hunter check station. All muzzleloader and general rifle hunters must have in their possession a valid State of Hawaii hunting license, game tag(s) and their validated (signed) permit card while in the hunting area. Hunter check sheets may be left outside the Lānaʻi hunter check station to accommodate those late-arriving hunters who have purchased and printed Mouflon sheep tags online. Late-arriving muzzleloader and general rifle hunters who check in after check station hours must have in their possession a valid State of Hawaii hunting license, game tag(s), their permit card and verification of hunter check-in via a photo of the hunter check sheet from the Lānaʻi hunter check station while in the hunting area. Verification of hunter check-in validates an unsigned permit card. Hunters that sign in on the hunter check sheet at the Lānaʻi hunter check station must sign out and provide harvest data on the hunter check sheet. 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:

Oahu: (808) 587-0166

Hawaii: (808) 974-4221(Hilo)

Kauai: (808) 274-3433

Maui: (808) 984-8100

Molokai: (808) 553-1745

Lānaʻi: (808) 565-7916