

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

**Effective May 18, 2026**

Adaptive Management Measures by formal board action pursuant to section 183D-3(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to temporarily amend Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 13 chapter 123- Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting and Title 13 chapter 122- Rules Regulating Game Bird Hunting, Field Trials, and Commercial Shooting Preserves.

1. HAR Chapter 13-123 (“RULES REGULATING GAME MAMMAL HUNTING”), has Amended 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 Hawaii”. See exhibits below.

2. HAR Chapter 13-122 (“RULES REGULATING GAME BIRD HUNTING, FIELD TRIALS, AND COMMERCIAL SHOOTING PRESERVES”) has Amended EXHIBIT 1, “Game birds to be taken, means of take, daily bag limits, hunting periods, hunting days, and special conditions for hunting on the island of Hawaii.”

Rules made under HRS section 183D-3(b) required 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 no longer than two years, with one-year extensions subject to legislative approval and renewal by the Board.

Temporary rule(s) may be reviewed at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/>

**Each rule adopted, amended, or repealed under this authority shall become effective ten (10) days after formal action by the Board, which was conducted on May 08, 2026, provided that if a later effective date is specified in the rule, the 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.**

**\*NOTE: To honor participants of the Youth/Disabled Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a hunts, the 2026 season will proceed under the current Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 13, Chapter 123 – Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting. This ensures that disabled hunters can participate in the 2026 season without delay, rather than waiting for the implementation of new adaptive management rules in the following year. As a result, the Youth/Disabled Pu‘u Wa‘awa‘a hunts will occur concurrently in August 2026. The adaptive management rule changes described above will take effect thereafter.**

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Current maps of Hawaii Island Public Hunting Areas for Game Mammals. See Figures 1-5.

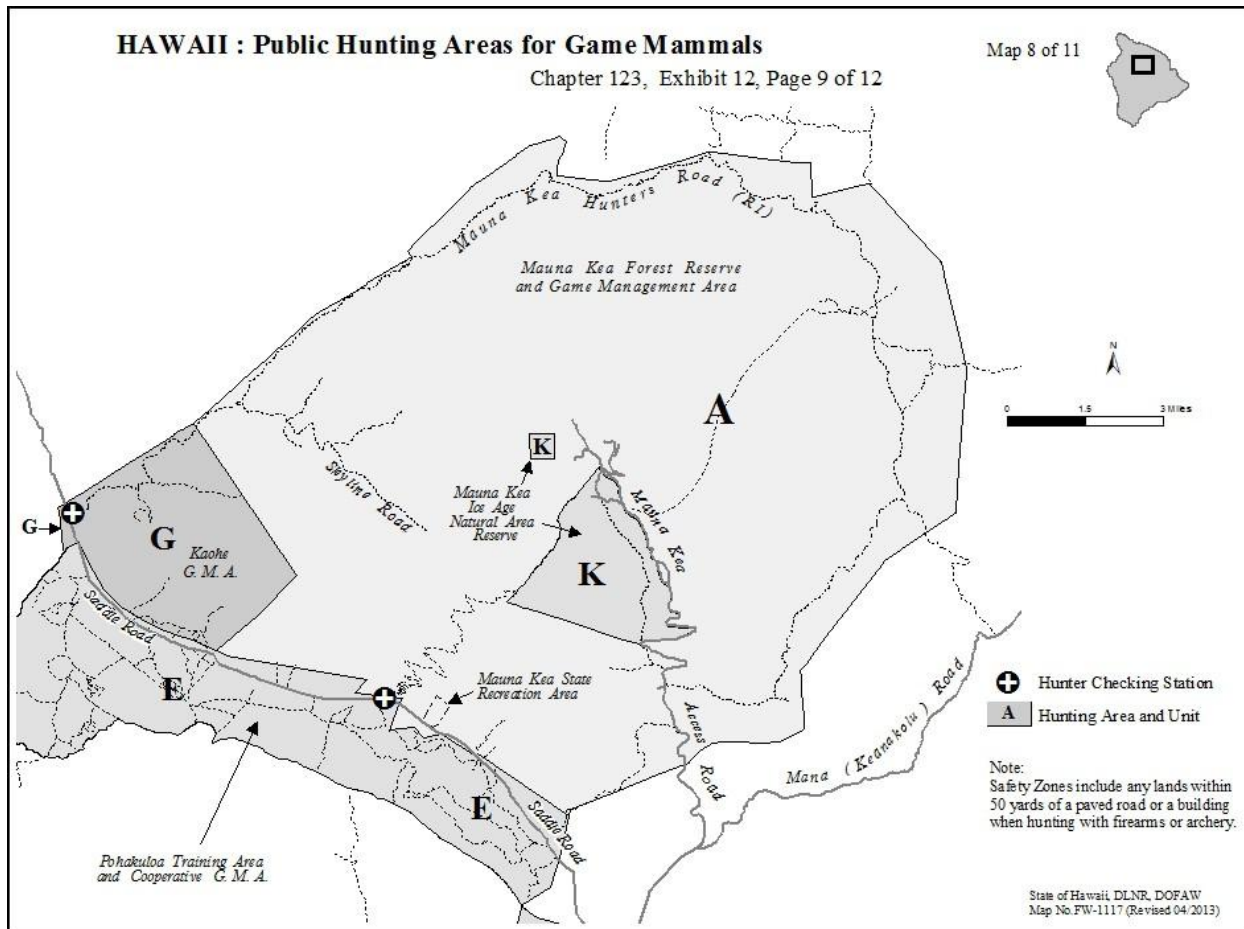


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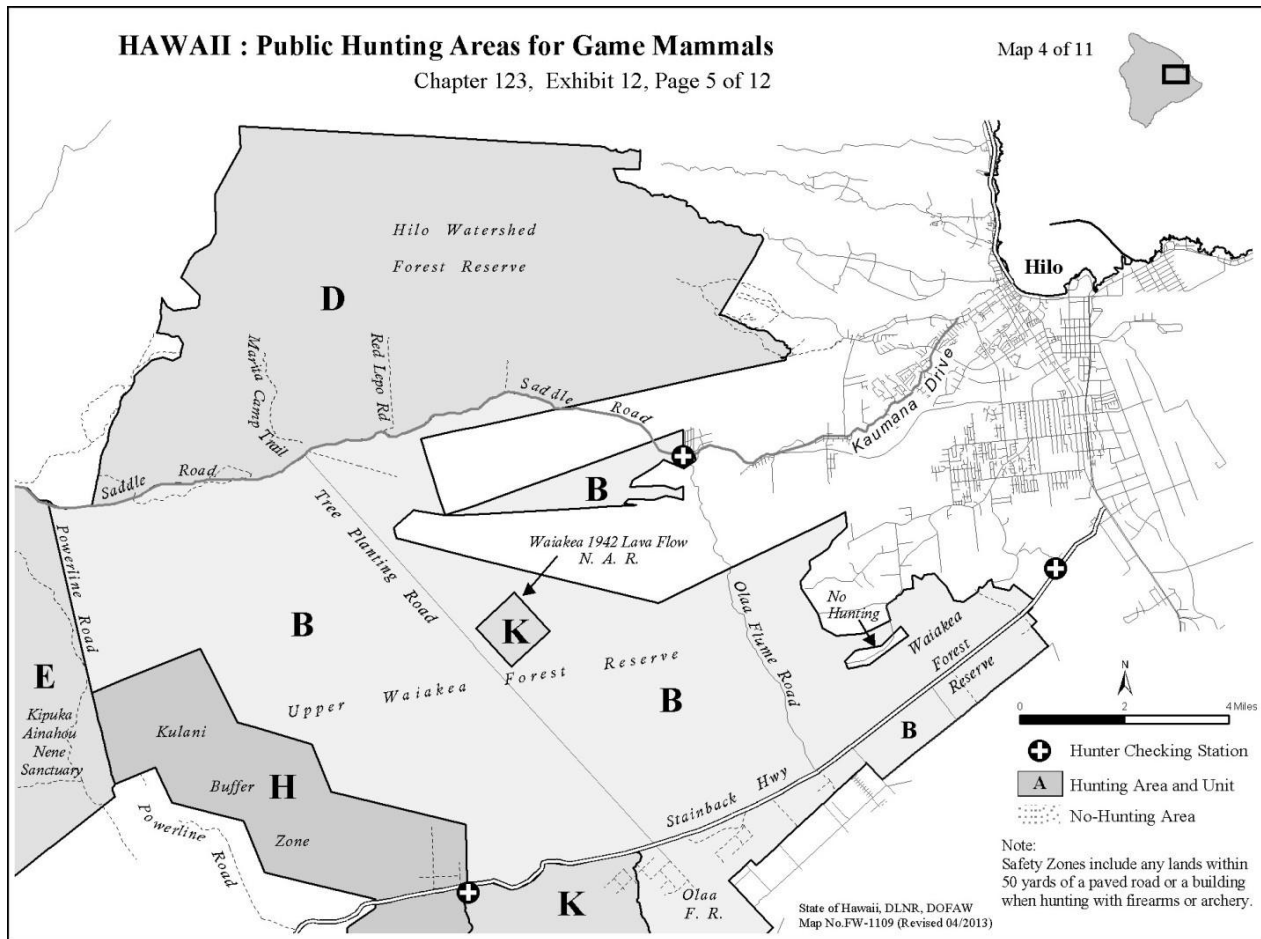


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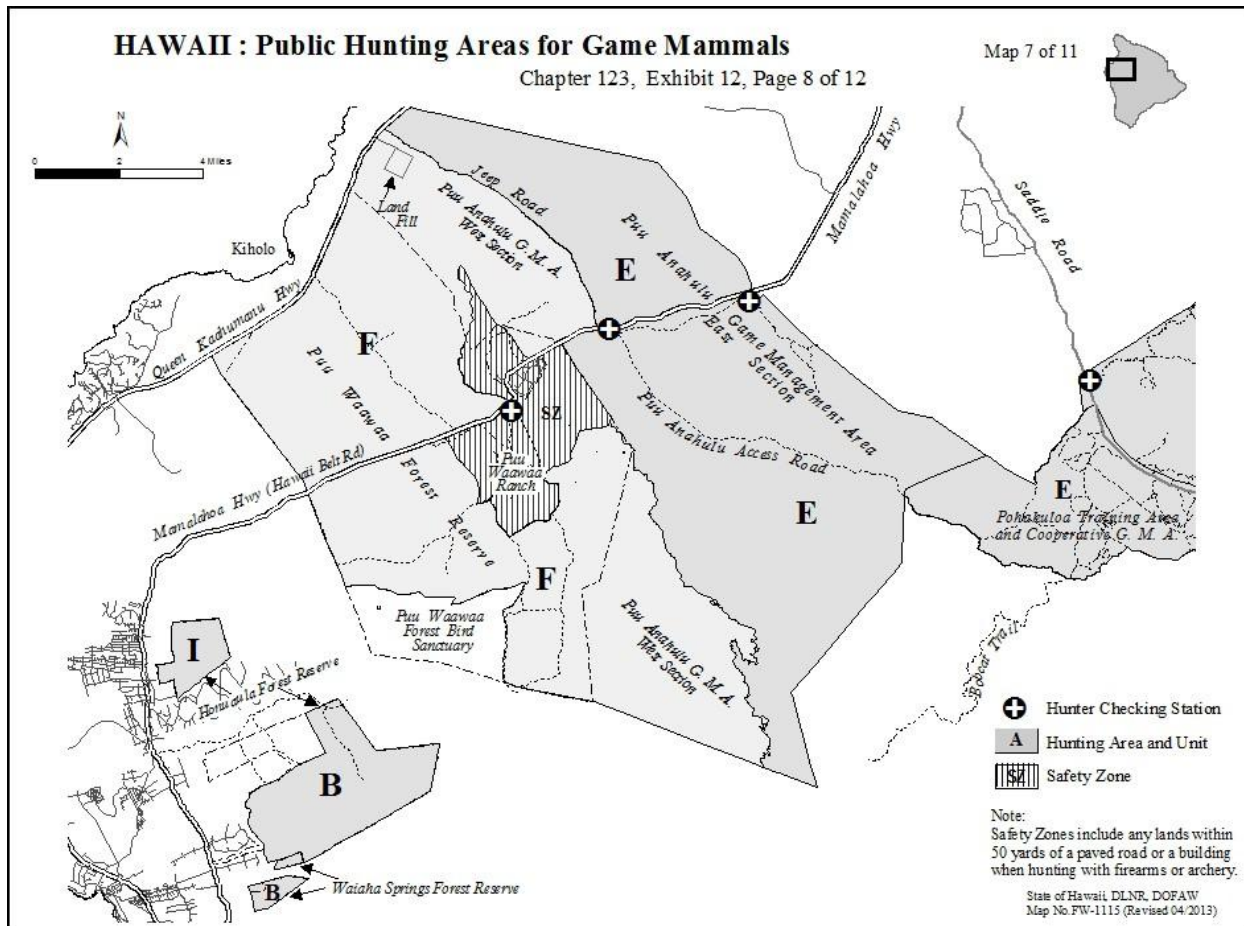


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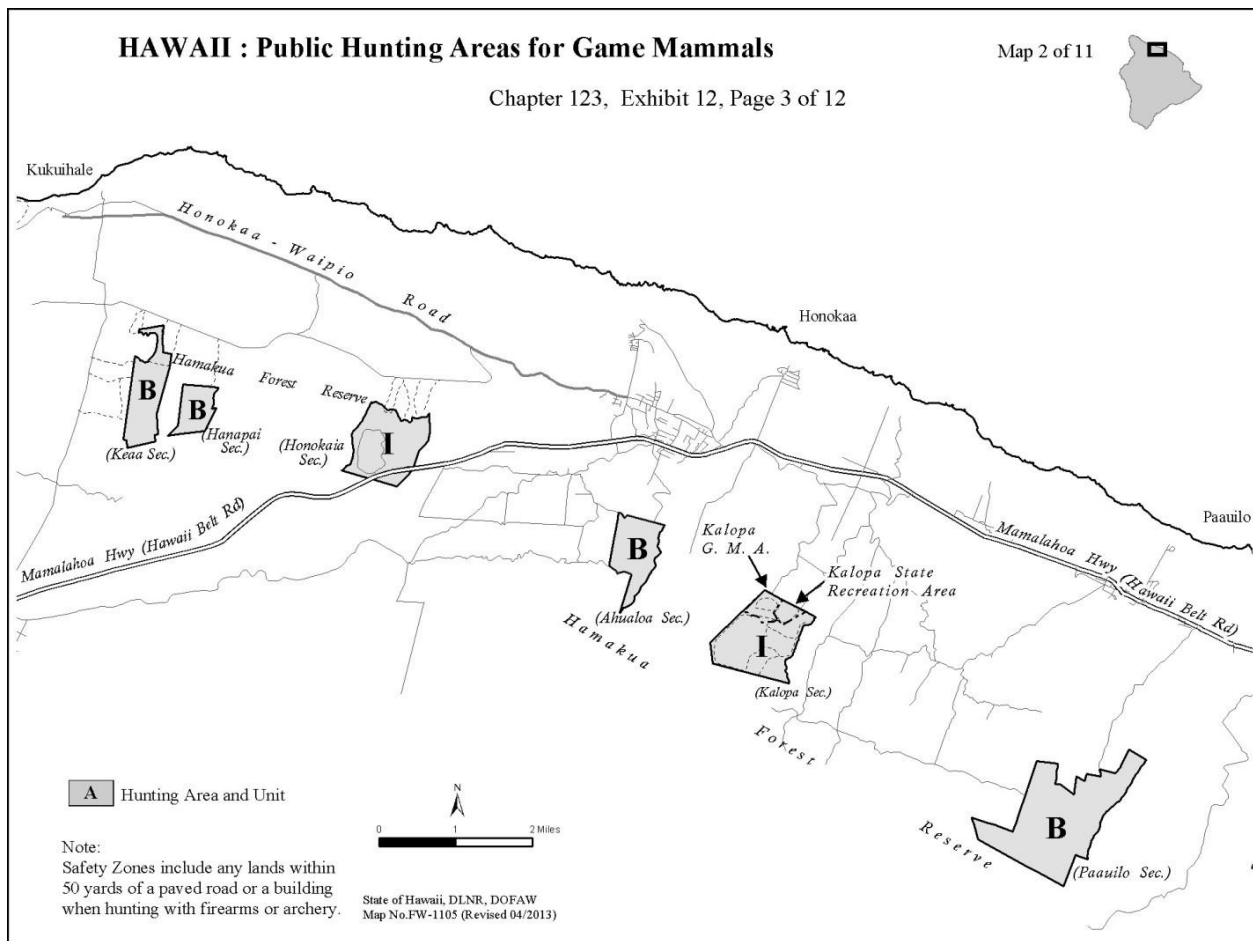


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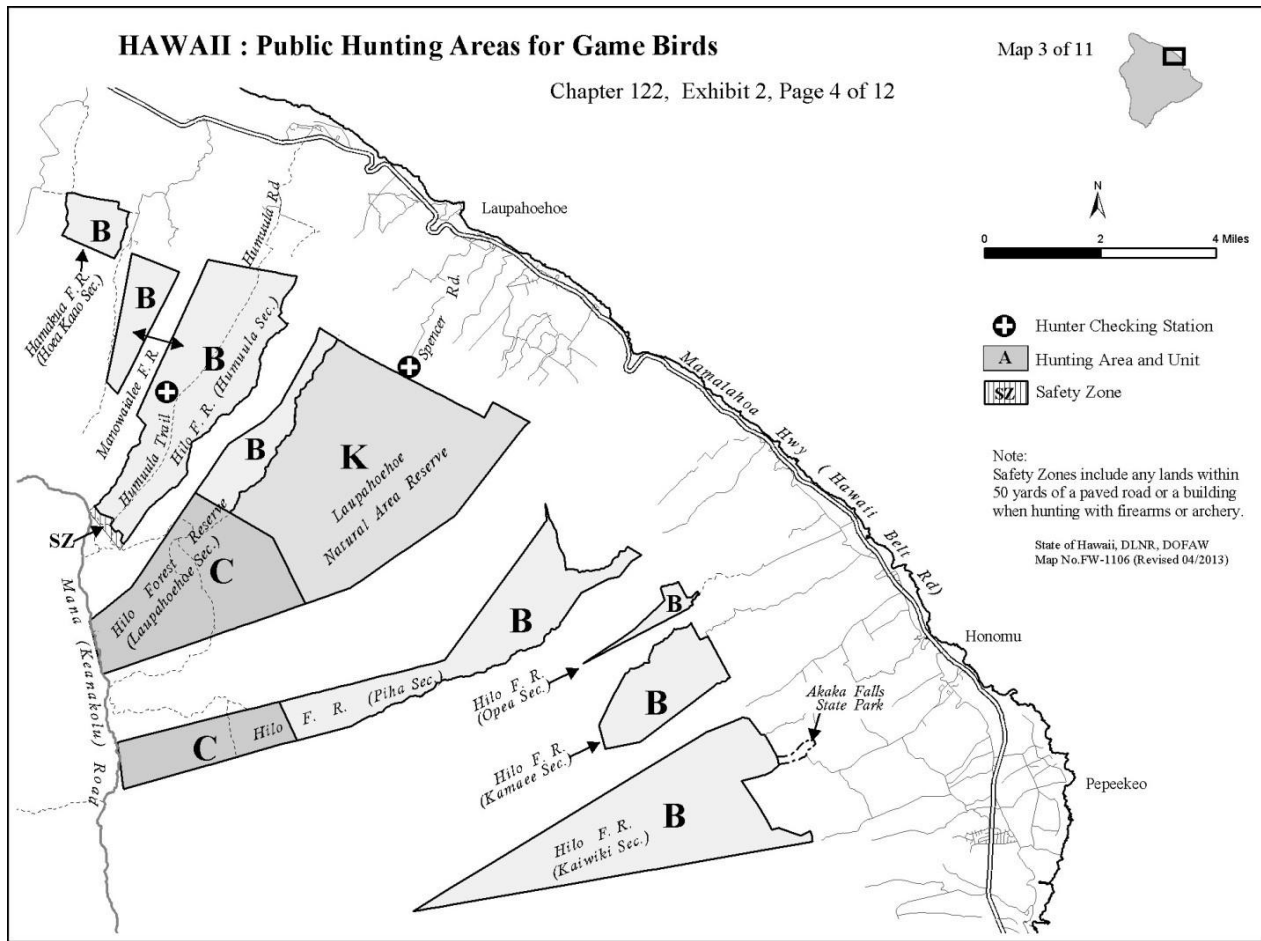


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The final proposed adaptive management rule changes are to be incorporated in Exhibit 11 of Chapter 13-123, HAR, and Exhibit 1 of Chapter 13-122.

For their validity, proposed adaptive management rules will be posted on DOFAW's website (at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dofaw/rules/>).

These rules are subject to administrative penalties as provided by section 183D-12, HRS.

**Revised Exhibit 11 effective on (05/18/2026)**

| Hunting Unit  | Game Mammals To Be Taken   | Means of Take  | Bag Limits  | Open Hunting Periods                                | Open Hunting Days   | Special Conditions and Restrictions                     |
|---|----------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| A<br>Mauna Kea Game Management Area (GMA) and Forest Reserve  | Feral pigs                 | Rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, shotgun, archery.<br>Dogs not permitted. | Four pigs per hunter per day.<br>No season limit. | Year-round, except on legal game bird hunting days. | Daily, except on legal fall game bird hunting days, and during spring turkey season (Mar 1-Apr 15), when firearm mammal hunting is restricted to elevations above treeline.** | Evidence of sex and species waived for sheep and goats. |
|   | Wild sheep and feral goats |  | No bag limit. No season limit.                    | Year-round  |   |   |
| Section of Unit A directly across Daniel K. Inouye Highway from Gil Kahele Recreation Area, commonly referred to as "the slice" |                            | Archery only.  |   |   |   |   |

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|--------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| D<br>Hilo Restricted Watershed | Feral pigs, wild sheep and feral goats | Rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, shotgun, spears, knives, archery.<br>Dogs permitted. | Four pigs, two goats, and two sheep per hunter per day. No season limit. | Year-round           | Daily.                                |                                     |
| Kohala Restricted Watershed    |  |  |  |                      | Saturday, Sunday, and State Holidays. |                                     |

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|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| E<br>Pohakuloa Cooperative Game Management and Training Area | Feral pigs, wild sheep and Feral goats | Archery only. Dogs not permitted.  | Limits set by the PTA Commander.  | Year-round  | Daily, subject to training.   | Entry permit to PTA Unit E required from PTA Commander.                                     |
| Puu Anahulu Game Management Area (GMA), East Section         |  |  | Four pigs, one typical ram, one non-typical ram, two goats.<br>This is the season limit for sheep.<br>There is no season limit for goats or pigs. | First Friday of March through the last Sunday of July | Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays   | Tags required for typical rams and non-typical rams.<br>No tags required for pigs or goats. |
|  |  | Muzzleloader rifles and shotgun with slug (makai only).<br>Dogs not permitted. | First Friday of September through the last Sunday of October  |   | Tags required for typical rams and non-typical rams.<br>No tags required for pigs or goats. |   |

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|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| F<br>Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve (makai) and Puu Anahulu Game Management Area, West Section | Feral pigs, wild sheep and Feral goats | Special Disabled Archery (Puu Lani and Puu Waawaa Safety Zone) Dogs not permitted****. | Three non-typical rams and one typical ram per hunter per day. This is also the season limit. Two pigs and two goats per hunter per day. There is no season limit for pigs and goats. | April  | Fraturdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays | Tags required for rams and non-typical rams. No tags required for pigs and goats. |
|   |  | Special Youth Archery (Puu Lani and Puu Waawaa Safety Zone) Dogs not permitted****.    |   | August   | Fraturdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays | -   |
|   |  | General Archery (makai only) Dogs not permitted.                                       | Two pigs and two goats per hunter, per day. There is no season limit for pigs or goats. One non-typical ram per hunter per day. This is also the season limit.                        | First Friday of March through the last Sunday of July        | Fraturdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays | Tags for non-typical rams required.   |
|   |  | Muzzle loader rifles and shotgun with slug (makai only). Dogs not permitted.           |   | First Friday of September through the last Sunday of October |  |   |

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|----------------|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| G<br>Kaohe GMA | Feral pigs                 | Archery, muzzleloader, and shotgun with slugs. Dogs not permitted. | Four pigs per hunter per day.  | Year-round. Muzzleloading rifle and shotgun with slug: July-August | Daily             | Hunters must check in and out at Kilohana, Gil Kahele Recreation Area, or Puu Huluhulu Checking Stations. |
|                | Feral goats and wild sheep |  | No bag limit. No season limit. |  |                   |   |

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|---|-----------------------------|--|---|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| I<br>Kalopa, Honokaia, Makaula Ooma tract of Honuauula Forest Reserve | Feral pigs, and feral goats | Archery or spears and knives only. Dogs permitted. | Four pigs and one goat. No season limit | Year-round           | Daily             |                                     |

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|--|--|--|---------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| K<br>Natural Area Reserves: Puu O Umi, Waiakea, 1942 Lava Flow, Kahaualea, Kipahoehoe, Laupahoehoe, Manuka, and Puu Maka'ala and unencumbered portions of Manuka, Kaulanamauna, and Kipahoehoe | Feral pigs, feral goats and wild sheep | Rifle, muzzleloader, handgun, shotgun, archery. Dogs permitted*. | No daily or season limit. | Year-round           | Daily.  |                                     |
| Mauna Kea Ice Age  |  |  |                           |                      | Daily, except on legal fall game bird hunting days. |                                     |

\*Dogs must be kept under control at all times except when actively pursuing game.

**Revised Exhibit 1 effective on (05/18/2026).**

| Game Birds to be Taken         | Daily Bag Limits                    | Open Hunting Periods   | Open Hunting Days   | Special Conditions and Restrictions  |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <b>SPECIAL BIRD SEASONS</b>    |                                     |  |   |  |
| Wild Turkey (Spring Hunt Only) | Three bearded turkeys per season*** | March 1 through March 31, Kipuka Ainahou**                           | Daily   | *Permit and tag required for public and private areas. No dogs allowed.  |
|                                |                                     | March 1 through April 15, Units A, C, E, F, and G, and private lands | Daily and concurrent with mammal hunting days at Unit F, Puu Waawaa Forest Reserve (makai) and Unit E, Puu Anahulu Game Management Area (GMA), East Section | *Permit and tag required for public and private areas. No dogs allowed.<br><br>Units E & F – Archery only, to run concurrently during mammal archery only season. No firearms. |

\* Hunters may be assigned permits by public drawing.

\*\* Archery only.

\*\*\* Distinct feathering characteristics unique to the male turkey are located on the upper breast. Male breast feathers are black tipped while females are brown or buff tipped.

\*\*\*\*Units J and PTA are managed by cooperators. Access and public use conditions are subject to cooperator review. Confirm with the Hilo or Kamuela office of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife before hunting.