

**LUMMI NATION  
PREDATOR  
HUNTING REGULATION # 2023-24  
Hunting Year (HY) 09/01/2023 – 08/31/2024  
Effective 09-01-2023**

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**AUTHORITY** This regulation is issued pursuant to Paragraph 10.17.090, Hunting Regulations of the Lummi Code of Laws, Title 10. Violation of this regulation constitutes a violation of Title 10 Ordinance of the Lummi Code of Laws, 10 is punishable under Chapter 10.06.070, and Chapter 10.17. **Hunters must comply with all requirements of Title 10 and this regulation.**

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**GENERAL CLOSURE** The Lummi Reservation and all other areas within the territory under the Lummi Nation’s hunting jurisdiction are closed to the hunting of predator animals unless those areas are specifically opened by regulation. Areas opened by regulation are only open to hunting of predator animals in accordance with Title 10 of the Lummi Code of Laws, and all applicable regulations. Any animals found to have been taken in violation of this regulation are subject to confiscation from, and forfeiture by, the hunter.

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**PERMIT / IDENTIFICATION** All persons hunting under the authority of the Lummi Nation must comply with Title 10 of the Lummi Code of Laws. The following are authorized to issue and validate permits: 1) Lummi Fisheries and Natural Resources Commission Officers, 2) Director of Natural Resources, 3) Deputy Director of Natural Resources and,4) Natural Resources Administrative Assistant, 5) Wildlife Program Manager and 6) Wildlife Technician. Permits shall be issued to eligible members of the Lummi Nation upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of \$10.00. **(This fee is waived for elder hunters)**

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**PREDATOR TAGS** A Lummi tribal predator tag is required for hunting under this regulation. Tags are obtained from the Natural Resources Department and must be validated at the time of purchase by an individual authorized in paragraph 3 of these regulations. Each tag consists of two parts: the carcass tag and the harvest reporting form tag. They are issued as a joined pair and are required for black bear, cougar, coyote, and bobcat. Designated hunters are allowed only 1 designated hunt at a time. It shall be unlawful for a hunter to hunt more than one designated hunt at a time. Permits and tags shall be valid from the first day of issue or the start of the hunting year, whichever is later, and, unless otherwise specified, shall expire one half hour after sunset on August 31<sup>st</sup> of the hunting year.

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**BAG LIMITS** The permit is limited to a maximum of two (2) bear, one (1) cougar, and one (1) bobcat per hunting year. There is no bag limit for coyotes, see below for additional information.

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**CARCASS TAGS & HARVEST REPORTING FORM TAGS TO BE RETURNED**

Successful hunters must immediately remove from the tag the designated notches corresponding to the month and day of the kill. Predator tags with the harvest report filled in by the hunter, and the date of the kill notched out must be returned to the Natural Resources Department main office before another tag will be issued. All tags, whether an animal was bagged or not, must be returned within 30 days of the expiration date of the tag. Failure to return tags is subject to a fine of not less than \$50 and will jeopardize the ability of the permittee to obtain tags the following hunting season. A permittee who loses a tag will be relieved of a monetary penalty if they timely file an affidavit of tag loss, including a harvest report within 30 thirty days of the date of expiration of the tag loss. Failure to report a lost tag in a timely manner will result in withholding further issuance of tags to the permittee until all applicable fines are paid, affidavits of loss are completed, and harvest reports are filed.

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**TRANSPORTING PREDATORS** A valid Lummi Tribal predator hunting tag, with the date of the kill notched out, must be attached to the animal prior to and during transport. The head of the animal must accompany the carcass during transportation.

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**HUNTERS UNDER AGE 18** Persons under the age of 12 may accompany a hunter but are not allowed to carry or use a weapon of any kind. Persons 12 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older while hunting. **All hunters under the age of 18 must provide proof of successful completion of an approved hunters / firearm safety course prior to obtaining a hunting permit or tags.**

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**AREAS OPEN** Hunting under these regulations is allowed within the boundaries of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Game Management Units (GMUs) listed in this section except on lands within those units which are: a) conspicuously posted “NO HUNTING”; or, b) within 1,000 feet of an occupied building or area; or, c) national, state, county, or municipal parks or national monuments; or, d) closed due to extreme fire danger. Hunting on small private lands is prohibited unless the hunter has prior written permission from the landowner granting access to hunt predators and these lands are within the areas open by the Lummi Nation Predator Hunting Regulations. Any violation of these conditions will be considered a violation of Title 10 Ordinance sections 10.17.140 and 10.06.080.

**AREAS OPEN FOR PREDATOR HUNTS**

**REGIONS 4 & 6 BLACK BEAR**

<b>GMU - Name</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closes</b>	<b>Allowed Harvest</b>
407 - North Sound	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
418 - Nooksack	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
426 - Diablo	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
437 - Sauk	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
448 - Stillaguamish	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
450 - Cascade	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
460 - Snoqualmie	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
454 - Issaquah	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
466 - Stampede	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
472 - White River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
485 - Green River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
490 - Cedar River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
653 - White River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex

**Special notice:** Hunters should avoid shooting sows with cubs

**REGIONS 4 & 6 COUGAR**

<b>GMU - Name</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closes</b>	<b>Allowed Harvest</b>
407 - North Sound	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
418 - Nooksack	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
426 - Diablo	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
437 - Sauk	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
448 - Stillaguamish	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
450 - Cascade	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
460 - Snoqualmie	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
454 - Issaquah	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
466 - Stampede	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
472 - White River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
485 - Green River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
490 - Cedar River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
653 - White River	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex

**Special Notice:** hunters should avoid shooting spotted cougars or adult cougars with spotted kittens

**REGIONS 4 & 6 COYOTE**

<b>GMU - Name</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>Closes</b>	<b>Allowed Harvest</b>
<b>Lummi Reservation*</b>	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex*
407 - North Sound	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
418 - Nooksack	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
426 - Diablo	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex

437 - Sauk	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
448 - Stillaguamish	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
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**Special Opening on Lummi Indian Reservation: Until further notice the Lummi Indian Reservation is open to all eligible Lummi tribal hunters for coyote hunting. There are no daily or season limits for this hunt. No tags are required for coyotes not being transported outside of the Lummi Indian Reservation. For transporting coyotes taken on-reservation elsewhere, hunters shall first obtain an appropriate tag for each coyote from the Lummi Natural Resources Department. All other provisions of Title 10 of the Lummi Code of Laws apply.**

**REGIONS 4 & 6 BOBCAT**

GMU - Name	Opens	Closes	Allowed Harvest
407 - North Sound	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
418 - Nooksack	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
426 - Diablo	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
437 - Sauk	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
448 - Stillaguamish	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
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460 - Snoqualmie	Year-Round	N/A	Either Sex
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**HUNTING HOURS** Hunting is allowed only from thirty minutes before official sunrise until thirty minutes after official sunset daily. The official times are posted daily at <https://sunrise-sunset.org/us/bellingham-wa>  
The use of artificial lighting (“spotlighting”) is prohibited for any predator hunts.

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**FIREARM PROHIBITIONS** The following is a synopsis of firearm prohibitions:

1. Fully automatic weapons are prohibited.
2. Shotguns smaller than 20 gauge or shot sizes smaller than #1 buckshot are prohibited.

3. Rifle bore diameter smaller than .240 or barrel lengths less than 16 inches are prohibited.
  4. Bullets weighing less than 85 grains are prohibited.
  5. Bullets other than mushrooming or expanded type are prohibited.
  6. Muzzle loaders other than those described in the ordinance are prohibited.
  7. Discharge of firearms intended as a hunting activity within 1,000 feet of any building frequented by humans is forbidden, except that a pistol may be used to dispatch a downed animal.
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**BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS** The following regulations apply to hunting big game with bow and arrow.

1. A bow shall have a least 40 pounds of pull measured at 28 inches or less draw length.
  2. Arrows shall have sharp broadhead blade(s) at least  $\frac{7}{8}$  inches wide. The breadth must be barbless and completely closed at the back end of the blade(s) by a smooth line toward the feather end of the shaft and such line shall have no angle toward the point.
  3. An Indian type broadhead made from flint or obsidian (volcanic glass) may be used provided that it does not have a well-defined barb and is slightly sloped or tapered from the widest point toward the feather  $\frac{3}{4}$  to  $\frac{7}{8}$  wide.
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**SAFETY REGULATIONS** The following is a summary of safety regulations and requirements. Other regulations are set out in the text of the Lummi Tribal Off-Reservation Hunting Ordinance.

1. No loaded weapons in or on the vehicle.
  2. No shooting from vehicles except as allowed for senior or disabled hunters in Title 10.
  3. No hunting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
  4. No shooting along or across public roadways.
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**ASSISTANCE FORBIDDEN** Pursuant to section 10.17.100, it is a violation of this regulation for any member of the Lummi Nation to be accompanied or assisted by any other person while hunting unless that person is also an enrolled member of a federally-recognized treaty tribe with hunting rights in the hunting area and whose hunting rights in that tribe are in good standing.

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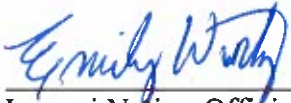
**WASTAGE PROHIBITED** Pursuant to section 10.17.180, it is unlawful for any citizen of the Lummi Nation, or other member of a federally-recognized tribe, who kills or otherwise possesses, any game or predator animal covered under the Lummi Nation's

hunting regulations, to leave any portion of the meat, or other part of the animal customarily retained for use, in the field or otherwise allow wastage or spoilage thereof.

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**KEY USE POLICY** Hunters are advised that pursuant to section 10.06.080 of Title 10 of the Lummi Nation Code of Laws, the “LNR Proprietary Key Check Out Policy” (page 7) is incorporated into this regulation by reference and includes, without limitation, all terms, conditions, and penalties contained therein.

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Lummi Nation Official



Date



# Lummi Indian Business Council

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*'Working together as one to Preserve, Promote and Protect our Sche Lang en'*

## **LNR Proprietary Key Check-Out Policy, Revised 08-15-2018**

### **Purpose**

It is the policy of the Lummi Indian Business Council to support Lummi tribal members in the pursuit of their activities intended to preserve, promote, and protect the Lummi Sche Lang en' at all levels in the community. This support includes facilitating, where possible, the continuation of traditional practices both on and off of the Lummi Reservation. In furtherance of that policy, the LBC Natural Resources Department works together with other Point Elliott Treaty Area tribes, federal, state, and local agencies, and private landowners to secure access to lands where tribal members can continue the practices of their Sche Lang en' handed down from one generation to the next since time immemorial.

This policy covers the check-out and use of proprietary keys held by LBC, et al. for short-term loan and use by eligible persons. Eligible persons include Lummi tribal members in good standing with LBC and also other LBC staff working under LBC auspices in the management of treaty-reserved natural resources. The intent of this policy is to facilitate the loaning, use, and timely return or recovery of loaned keys. Allowable uses include natural resources management activities by LNR staff and also hunting, gathering, and other cultural activities and uses by Lummi tribal members on state-regulated public and private industrial forestlands. Specific terms and conditions governing the possession and use of keys are covered on the permit issued to the user / permittee at the time the key(s) are checked out to the permittee.

Upon receipt of a key(s) use permit, the eligible person becomes the Permittee. It is the responsibility of the Permittee to fully abide by all terms, limitations and conditions of the permit, including, but not limited to, assuring that all keys checked out to them are returned to the LNR department by 4:30 p.m. on the date scheduled for their return. Key(s) checked out to hunters must be picked-up and returned by the hunter in person and must be returned no later than the first business day after the tag is filled, or the tag expires, or as specified on the use permit, whichever occurs first.

Failure to return the key(s) will result in forfeiture of deposit, in suspension of hunting privileges, (if applicable), and checkout privileges until the key(s) are returned or full restitution covering all costs of replacing unreturned keys is made to the NR department, and any relevant fines and/or penalties are paid in full. Additional penalties for misuse of the keys and/or deviation from the conditions for possession and use of the keys may also be applied.

### **Penalties**

**Loss of key(s): forfeiture of deposit**

**Returned (Bounced) check: suspended hunting privileges until all fines are paid in cash**

**Late return: \$25 per day and suspension of hunting privileges until key(s) are returned and fines are paid**

**Violation (s) of permit conditions and depending upon the severity of the violation:**

- **First offense: loss of key check-out privileges for 30 calendar days**
- **Second offence: loss of key check-out privileges for 1 year**
- **Third offence: permanent loss of key check-out privileges**

**Possession and/or use of key(s) without a valid permit: permanent loss of key check-out privileges and suspension of hunting privilege for 1 year**

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# Game Management Units

