

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

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, and is punishable under Chapter 10.06.070, and Chapter 10.17. **Hunters must comply with all requirements of Title 10 and this regulation.**

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 big game animals unless those areas are specifically opened by regulation. Areas opened by regulation are only open to hunting of big game 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.

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, 4) Natural Resources Administrative Assistant, 5) Wildlife Program Manager and 6) Wildlife Technician. Permits shall be issued when there is a ceremonial need in the community.

GAME TAGS A Lummi tribal ceremonial tag is required for hunting under this regulation. Tags are obtained from the Natural Resources Department and each tag consists of two parts: the carcass tag and the reporting form tag. They are issued as a joined pair and are required for hunting deer, elk or mountain goat under this regulation.

BAG LIMITS The permit is limited to a maximum of four (4) deer **or** one (1) elk and one (1) deer. Permits shall be good for two days hunting only. The hunting days shall be specified in the permit, but if no days are specified, the permit shall expire one hour after sunset two days after the date the permit is issued.

TAGS/HARVEST REPORTS TO BE RETURNED Successful hunters must immediately remove from the carcass tag the designated notches corresponding to the month and day of the kill. Reporting form 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 tag reports, whether an animal was bagged or not, must be returned within 1 weekday of the expiration date of the hunt. Failure to return tags is subject to a fine of not less than \$100 and will jeopardize the ability of the permittee to obtain ceremonial tags in the future. 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 1 weekday of the expiration date of the hunt. Failure to report a lost tag in a timely manner will result in withholding further issuance of tags to the permittee until the all applicable fines are paid and affidavit(s) of lost tag(s), and harvest reports are filed.

TRANSPORTING BIG GAME A valid Lummi Tribal Ceremonial 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.

HUNTERS UNDER AGE 18 Persons under the age of 12 may accompany a hunter but are not allowed to 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.**

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, d) national monuments; or, e) closed due to extreme fire danger.

AREAS OPEN FOR ELK AND DEER CEREMONIAL USE

REGIONS 4 & 6 ELK

GMU - Name	Opens at 00:00	Closes at 00:00	Allowed Harvest
407 – North Sound	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
418 - Nooksack *	09/01/2023	03/01/2024	CLOSED

426 - Diablo	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
437 - Sauk	Year-Round	Year-Round	Bull Preferred #
448 - Stillaguamish	Year-Round	Year-Round	Bull Only
450 - Cascade	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
460 - Snoqualmie	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
454 - Issaquah	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
466 - Stampede	Year-Round	Year-Round	Bull Preferred #
485 - Green River	Year-Round	Year-Round	Bull Preferred #
490 - Cedar River	Year-Round	Year-Round	Bull Only
653 - White River	Year-Round	Year-Round	Bull Only

* Open by special tag drawing only

GMU 437, 466, and 485 are open, under this regulation, for either sex; hunters are REQUESTED to take bulls

NOTES: Hunters are NOT permitted to shoot or take cows with collars; Eye teeth (front bottom center teeth) of bull elk older than spike taken in GMUs 466, 485, 653 must be turned in to the Lummi Natural Resources Department Wildlife Program.

REGIONS 4 & 6 DEER

GMU - Name	Opens at 00:00	Closed at 00:00	Allowed Harvest
407 - North Sound	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
410 - Island	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
418 - Nooksack	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
426 - Diablo	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
437 - Sauk	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
448 - Stillaguamish	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
450 - Cascade	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
460 - Snoqualmie	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
454 - Issaquah	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
466 - Stampede	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
485 - Green River	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
490 - Cedar River	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex
653 - White River	Year-Round	Year-Round	Either Sex

Some areas of 418 are closed or inaccessible to big game hunting, please see SPI access maps to verify open and closed areas if hunting on SPI lands.

SPECIAL NOTICES: General closure is in effect for mountain goats in all GMUs. General hunting for Mountain Goats is by special request only. For any permitted hunting, the information in the table below NOT withstanding, an emergency conservation closure for all hunting of mountain goats south of I-90 is in effect until further notice.

REGIONS 4 & 6 MOUNTAIN GOAT

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426 - Diablo	09/01/2023	03/01/2024	CLOSED
448 - Stillaguamish	09/01/2023	03/01/2024	CLOSED
450 - Cascade	09/01/2023	03/01/2024	CLOSED
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NOTE: As a herd rebuilding measure, hunters are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** (but not required) to take billies instead of nannies whenever possible to assist in recovery of chronically depressed stocks in all GMUs.

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE The Wildlife Program (WP) is developing a Disease Management Program with increasing concerns about disease presence and spread within wildlife populations. For any deer, elk, or mountain goat harvested, the WP would like to collect organs from the fresh carcasses of harvested animals, especially from the head and neck. Please contact Emily Wirtz at 360-410-1783 after harvest, so that the WP can send staff to collect samples for disease monitoring and surveillance. All parts the hunter would like to preserve for traditional/cultural purposes will be preserved.

HUNTING HOURS Except for hunts for funerals, ceremonial 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>
Ceremonial hunting for funerals is allowed 24 hours a day, the use of artificial lighting (“spotlighting”) is allowed for funerals only.

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.

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. Except the use of 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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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 6) is incorporated into this regulation by reference and includes, without limitation, all terms, conditions, and penalties contained therein.

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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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