

Washington's 2018 Big Game Hunting Seasons & Regulations

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**Special Permit Application Deadline:
May 23, 2018**

Mountain Goat Special Permits

Application Submission Period: April 23 - midnight on May 23, 2018

These hunts are for special permit holders only. See pages 12-13 for instructions on how to apply.

Hunting licenses for mountain goat, moose and bighorn sheep do not have to be purchased unless you are selected for a special hunt permit. Licenses must be purchased by the deadline established (15 day minimum) or the permit will be deemed void and offered to the next ranking applicant. Successful applicants are advised to read their notice of selection carefully and be mindful of the deadline to purchase their licence.

Be advised that goat hunts are physically challenging, often requiring travel to remote areas.

Who May Apply:

Mountain Goat Category: Anyone, except those who have previously harvested a mountain goat in Washington State after 1998

Conflict Reduction Category: Anyone, except those who have previously harvested a mountain goat in Washington State after 1998

Raffle and Auction Permits: Anyone may apply every year

Bag Limit:

One adult goat of either sex with horns 4 inches or longer WDFW strongly encourages hunters to refrain from shooting nannies, except in conflict reduction hunts. Although nannies can be legally taken by permit holders, mountain goat populations are very sensitive to removal of adult females.

Goat hunters: Please review the educational material sent you, and make all efforts to harvest a billy. In the East Olympic Goat-Conflict Reduction hunts the harvesting of any goat is encouraged. There may be relatively few goats in these hunt units.

Mountain Goat Special Permit Hunts:

In addition to the mandatory inspection and marking of your harvested mountain goat, you will owe one hunting activity report for EACH special permit awarded.

Hunt Choice	Goat Hunt Area Name (Number)	Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Permits	2017 Apps/Avg. Points
6000	North Lake Chelan (2-1)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	2	2758/19
6001	South Lake Chelan (2-3)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1	2306/22
6002	Naches Pass (3-6)	Oct. 10 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1	5496/18
6003	Bumping River (3-7)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	3	4863/15
6004	Chowder Ridge (4-3)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1	1521/10
6005	Lincoln Peak (4-4)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	2	1154/19
6006	Avalanche Gorge (4-7)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	3	1743/14
6007	Boulder River North (4-8a)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1	896/20
6008	Goat Rocks West (5-4)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	2	5809/13
6009	Goat Rocks East (5-5)	Sept. 15 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	3	NEW
6010	Mt. Margaret Backcountry (5-6)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1	NEW
6011	Mt. St. Helens South (5-7)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1	NEW
Conflict Reduction					
6012	East Olympic Mountains A (6-1)	Sept. 15-25	Any legal weapon	3	2250/3
6013	East Olympic Mountains B (6-1)	Sept. 26 - Oct. 6	Any legal weapon	3	2169/3

Weapon Restrictions:

Permit holders may use any legal weapon. Archers may begin hunting on September 1 except in East Olympic Mountain, Mt. Margaret Backcountry, Naches Pass and Mt. St. Helens South mountain goat areas.

Hunt Choices:

Up to 4 hunt choices may be selected per category.

Notes: A hunter who kills a mountain goat in Washington MUST present the head with horns attached for inspection within 10 days to a WDFW Regional or District office or a location designated by a Department representative. Call a WDFW Regional or District office to schedule an appointment with a biologist for inspection. Inspection does not substitute for Mandatory Hunter Reporting (see page 6). For mountain goats, both are required. After inspection, the head/horns of a lawfully harvested mountain goat in Washington may be kept for personal use.

Gender Identification Testing: Applicants drawn for a permit may only purchase their license after successfully completing the WDFW online Mountain Goat gender identification training. The training may be completed on paper at WDFW regional offices if internet is unavailable.