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Part 2 Limits on Hunting

23A-11-202 Commencement date of general rifle deer season.

The general rifle deer season may not commence each year before October 1.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 103, 2023 General Session

23A-11-203 Big game baiting prohibited.

(1) As used in this section:

(a)

(i) "Bait" means intentionally placing food or nutrient substances to manipulate the behavior of wildlife for the purpose of taking or attempting to take big game.

(ii) "Bait" does not include:

(A) the use of salt, mineral blocks, or other commonly used types of livestock supplements placed in the field by agricultural producers for normal agricultural purposes; or

(B) standing crops, natural vegetation, harvested croplands, or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or normal soil stabilization practice.

(b) "Baited area" means land within a 50-yard radius of the site where bait is placed, including the site where bait is placed.

(2) Unless authorized by a certificate of registration, a person may not:

(a) bait big game;

(b) take big game in a baited area; or

(c) take big game that has been lured to or is traveling from a baited area.

(3) The division may only issue a certificate of registration to allow for the baiting of big game if the division determines that baiting is necessary to:

(a) alleviate substantial big game depredation on cultivated crops; or

(b) facilitate the removal of deer causing property damage within cities or towns.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 103, 2023 General Session

23A-11-205 Requirement to wear hunter orange -- Exceptions -- Nonhunters.

(1) An individual while hunting a species of big game shall wear, on the exterior so the item can be seen, one or more of the following items that are primarily hunter orange material, except as provided in Subsection (2):

(a) a hat;

(b) a shirt;

(c) a jacket;

(d) a coat;

(e) a vest; or

(f) a sweater.

(2) An individual is not required to wear a hunter orange item described in Subsection (1):

(a) during the following types of hunts, unless a centerfire rifle hunt is in progress in the same area:

(i) archery;

- (ii) muzzle-loader;
 - (iii) mountain goat;
 - (iv) bighorn sheep;
 - (v) bison; or
 - (vi) moose; or
 - (b) as provided by a rule of the Wildlife Board made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
- (3)
- (a) The director may regulate the wearing of hunter orange by an individual who is:
 - (i) not hunting, such as a hiker, camper, or other recreational user; and
 - (ii) accessing a wildlife management area while a centerfire rifle hunt for big game is in progress on the wildlife management area.
 - (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (3)(a), the director may not regulate the wearing of hunter orange under this Subsection (3) by a landowner owning land inside a wildlife management area or by the landowner's immediate family members.
- (4) An individual engaged in agriculture activities is not subject to the requirements to wear hunter orange under this section.

Amended by Chapter 52, 2024 General Session

23A-11-206 Limitations on taking an antler or horn.

- (1) A person may not take an antler or horn, including a shed antler or shed horn, except as provided by this title or rules of the Wildlife Board made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
 - (2) During season dates if established under Subsection (3) and after complying with rules made under Subsection (3), an individual may take an antler or horn, including a shed antler or shed horn.
- (3)
- (a) The Wildlife Board may establish recreational antler or horn gathering season dates and rules for both residents and nonresidents, including for a shed antler or shed horn, by rule made in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
 - (b) The Wildlife Board may, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, establish rules for commercial gathering and selling of an antler or horn, including a shed antler or shed horn, to establish:
 - (i) rules in general concerning commercial gathering and selling;
 - (ii) license or permit requirements; and
 - (iii) fees.
- (4) A suspension for a violation of this section or rules by the Wildlife Board under Section 23A-4-1106, may include all privileges related to big game, including privileges under a shed antler or horn gathering permit.
- (5) Notwithstanding whether the Wildlife Board establishes season dates under this section, a private landowner or a guest of a private landowner may take an antler or horn on the private land, including a shed antler or shed horn, year round for the use of the landowner or guest.

Enacted by Chapter 347, 2024 General Session