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DEFINITIONS.

01. Immediate Family Member. Immediate family member is defined exclusively as the parents, spouse, children, and grandchildren of the Hound Hunting Permit holder, whether by blood or marriage. Immediate family members must be identified by affidavit on an approved form by the Hound Hunting Permit holder, and listed on the Hound Hunter Permit.

02. Licensed Outfitter. Licensed outfitter means the holder of an appropriate outfitter’s license issued by the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board pursuant to Sections 36-2101, et seq., Idaho Code.

03. Licensed Guide. As defined in Idaho Code, Section 36-2102(c), any natural person who is employed by a licensed outfitter to furnish personal services for the conduct of outdoor activities directly related to the conduct of activities for which the employing outfitter is licensed.

USE OF HUNTING DOGS.

Dogs may be used to hunt or pursue ONLY the following wildlife, ONLY under the conditions listed, and ONLY if not prohibited by current rules.

01. Upland Game Animals, Upland Game Birds, and Migratory Game Birds. To train on or hunt upland game animals, game birds, and migratory game birds.

02. Taking With Conditions. To take black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, fox and raccoon, unprotected and predatory wildlife provided that the following conditions are met:

   a. There is an open take season in the area to be hunted.
   b. Use of dogs is allowed during the take season in the area to be hunted.
   c. No firearm season for deer or elk is open in the area to be hunted (EXCLUDING muzzleloader hunts and EXCLUDING controlled hunts during September and from November 25 to December 31).
   d. The following persons must have a valid Hound Hunters Permit in possession when dogs are being used to hunt:
      i. All participants in the hunt who are twelve (12) years old or older are required to have a valid Idaho hunting license and Hound Hunter Permit. Any clients of licensed outfitters when accompanied by that permitted outfitter or his licensed guide, or immediate family members accompanied by a permit holder that are listed by name on the permit holder’s Hound Hunter Permit are exempted from having to have a separate Hound Hunting Permit.

03. To Pursue With Conditions. To hunt or pursue black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and raccoon provided that the following conditions are met:

   a. There is an open dog training season in the area to be hunted.
   b. No firearm season (EXCLUDING muzzleloader hunts and EXCLUDING controlled hunts during September and from November 25 to December 31) for deer or elk is open in the area to be hunted.
c. The following persons must have a valid Hound Hunter Permit in possession when dogs are being used to hunt or pursue black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, fox, or raccoon and unprotected and predatory wildlife:

(3-20-98)

i. All participants in the hunt who are twelve (12) years old or older are required to have a valid Idaho hunting license and Hound Hunter Permit. Any clients of licensed outfitters when accompanied by that permitted outfitter or his licensed guide, or immediate family members accompanied by a permit holder that are listed on the permit holder’s Hound Hunter Permit are exempted from having a separate Hound Hunter Permit. (3-20-98)

101. -- 199. (RESERVED).

200. HOUND HUNTER PERMIT.

01. Use of Hound Hunter Permits.

a. The following persons must have a valid Hound Hunter Permit in possession when dogs are being used to hunt or pursue black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, fox, and raccoon, and unprotected and predatory wildlife:

(3-20-98)

i. All participants in the hunt who are twelve (12) years old or older are required to have a valid Idaho hunting license and Hound Hunter Permit. Any clients of licensed outfitters when accompanied by that permitted outfitter or his licensed guide, or immediate family members accompanied by a permit holder that are listed on the permit holder’s Hound Hunter Permit are exempted from having a separate Hound Hunter Permit. Resident hunters who wish to list exempted family members on their Hound Hunter Permit must sign an affidavit certifying that the names listed on his/her Hound Hunter Permit are immediate family members as defined in this rule. A maximum of four (4) family members may be listed on any single Hound Hunter Permit. (3-20-98)

b. Permits are not transferable EXCEPT, an outfitter licensed pursuant to the authority vested in the Outfitters and Guides Board, Sections 36-2101, et seq., Idaho Code, may convey the authority of his Hound Hunter Permit to a nonresident licensed guide operating for him. A nonresident guide will be deemed to be in compliance with this requirement if the guide has a copy of the above-referenced Hound Hunter Permit in his possession. (3-20-98)

c. Hound Hunter’s Permits are valid from January 1 through December 31 of each year. (7-1-93)

02. Limitation on Hound Hunter Permits for Nonresidents. No more than fifty-five (55) nonresident hound hunter permits will be issued to nonresident hunters who are not licensed outfitters pursuant to the authority vested in the Outfitters and Guides Board, Sections 36-2101, et seq., Idaho Code. A licensed outfitter, who is a nonresident, is exempt from the limitation. Nonresident licensed outfitters and guides who have obtained a hound hunter permit under this exemption shall not use this for personal hunting. Sales of Hound Hunter Permits to the following persons shall not be counted in the quota for nonresidents:

(3-20-98)

a. Unqualified Residents. Persons who have moved into Idaho and by notarized affidavit show proof of their intent to become bona fide Idaho residents but are not yet qualified to purchase a resident license. (7-1-93)

03. Eligibility -- Residents. A Hound Hunter Permit may be obtained by a holder of a resident hunting license by paying the appropriate fee at a license vendor. Resident hunters who wish to list exempted immediate family members on their Hound Hunter Permit must sign an affidavit certifying that the names listed on his/her Hound Hunter Permit are immediate family members as defined by this rule. (3-20-98)

04. Eligibility -- Nonresidents.

(7-1-93)

a. Applications for Hound Hunter Permits shall be made on a form prescribed by the Department and must be received at the Headquarters Office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game or postmarked not later than December 1 of the year preceding the year in which the permit is to be valid. (3-20-98)

b. Any application which is unreadable, or which lacks the required information will be declared void.
and will not be entered in the drawing. All applications will be considered final. They may not be resubmitted after correction.

   c. Applicants must comply with the following requirements:

      i. No person may submit more than one (1) application for a Hound Hunter Permit.

      ii. Group applications will be accepted. A group application for a Hound Hunter Permit is defined as two (2) hunters applying for two (2) permits on the same application form. Nonresidents who wish to list immediate family members on their permit must sign an affidavit certifying that the names listed on his/her Hound Hunter Permit are immediate family members as defined in this rule.

      iii. No applications will be accepted from residents of states or provinces that do not allow Idaho residents reciprocal opportunity to pursue game animals or furbearers with hounds, if such seasons exist.

   d. Hound Hunter Permits that remain unissued after the drawing may be issued by the Department on a first-come, first-served basis at the Regional offices during normal business hours on or after December 10.

  05. Invalidity of Permit. In the event a permit is issued based on erroneous or fraudulent information, the permit is invalid and CANNOT be used. Any permit issued on the basis of fraudulent information is subject to the provisions of Title 36, Idaho Code, and commission rules promulgated thereto, apply.

 201. -- 299. (RESERVED).

300. DOG TRAINING BY INDIVIDUALS USING PRIVATELY-RAISED GAME BIRDS.
The Director is authorized to establish limitations and guidelines as to dates, locations, and conditions where under permits may be issued allowing the party or parties listed thereon to use and kill game birds obtained from a private source for the purpose of dog field trials or field training bird dogs.

301. -- 999. (RESERVED).