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13.01.15 – RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF DOGS

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.  
Sections 36-104, 36-409, and 36-1101, Idaho Code, authorize the Commission to adopt rules concerning the use of dogs in taking wildlife, use of game birds in field training, and related permitting. (6-30-19)T

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.  
The title of this chapter for citation is IDAPA 13.01.15, “Rules Governing the Use of Dogs.” These rules govern the use of dogs in taking wildlife and use of game birds in field training dogs in Idaho. (6-30-19)T

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.  
Written interpretation of these rules and compliance documentation are available at the Department’s main office. (6-30-19)T

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.  
“Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General,” IDAPA 04.11.01, govern administrative appeals under this chapter. (6-30-19)T

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.  
This chapter incorporates no documents by reference. (6-30-19)T

005. OFFICE — OFFICE HOURS — MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.  
The main office of the Department and Commission is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturday, Sunday and legal holidays. The mailing address is P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707. The street address is 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho. (6-30-19)T

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.  
The agency promulgates rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code), as provided in Section 36-105, Idaho Code, and they are public records. (6-30-19)T

007. -- 009. (RESERVED)

010. DEFINITIONS.  
IDAPA 13.01.06, “Rules Governing Classification and Protection of Wildlife,” defines upland game animals, upland game birds, and migratory game birds. (6-30-19)T

01. Licensed Outfitter. An outfitter with a valid license issued under Title 36, Chapter 21, Idaho Code. (6-30-19)T

02. Licensed Guide. A guide with a valid license issued under Title 36, Chapter 21, Idaho Code. (6-30-19)T

03. Unarmed Observers. An unarmed person who is not the owner or controller of pursuit dogs and who accompanies a hunt without intent to take or harvest an animal. (6-30-19)T

04. Unqualified Idaho Resident. A person who has moved into Idaho, and by notarized affidavit proves intent to become a bona fide Idaho resident but who is not yet qualified to purchase a resident license. (6-30-19)T

011. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. USE OF HUNTING DOGS.  
The use of dogs for hunting wildlife is prohibited, except for the following wildlife under the following conditions:  

(6-30-19)T
01. **Upland Game Animals, Upland Game Birds, and Migratory Game Birds.** A dog may be used for training on or hunting upland game animals, game birds, and migratory game birds. (6-30-19)

02. **Black Bear, Mountain Lion, Bobcat, and Fox—Taking.** Dogs may be used for taking black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and fox in a take season open for the species, unless the Commission prohibits dog use in the area by proclamation. (6-30-19)

03. **Black Bear, Mountain Lion, Bobcat, and Fox—Training/Pursuit Only.** Dogs may be used for training and pursuit only (no harvest) of black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and fox in a dog training season open for the species, unless the Commission prohibits dog use in the area by proclamation. A big game tag valid for the calendar year that has been filled is still valid for training/pursuit only of the species. (6-30-19)

04. **Blood Trailing of Big Game.** The use of one (1) blood-trailing dog controlled by leash during hunting hours and within seventy-two (72) hours of hitting a big game animal is allowed to track animals and aid in recovery. (6-30-19)

05. **Unprotected and Predatory Wildlife.** A dog may be used for training on or taking unprotected and predatory wildlife. (6-30-19)

101. -- 199. (RESERVED)

200. **HOUND HUNTER PERMIT.**

01. **Hound Hunter Permits.** (6-30-19)

a. The following persons must have a valid hunting license and Hound Hunter Permit in possession when any dog is being used to hunt, including training or pursuit only, black bear, mountain lion, bobcat, and fox: (6-30-19)

i. Anyone who owns the dog. (6-30-19)

ii. Anyone having control of the dog if owned by another person. (6-30-19)

b. A permit is not transferable EXCEPT, a licensed outfitter may convey the authority of his Hound Hunter Permit to a nonresident licensed guide operating for him, provided the nonresident guide has a copy of the outfitter’s Hound Hunter Permit in possession. (6-30-19)

c. A permit is valid from January 1 through December 31 of each year. (6-30-19)

02. **Exceptions.** A person owning or using a dog only for blood trailing does not need a hound hunter permit. An unarmed observer is not required to possess a hunting license or hound hunter permit. (6-30-19)

03. **Limit on Hound Hunter Permits for Nonresidents.** No more than seventy (70) nonresident hound hunter permits will be issued to nonresident hunters. Sales of nonresident Hound Hunter Permits to the following persons are exempt from this limit: (6-30-19)

a. A nonresident licensed outfitter or guide, provided the permit is not used for personal hunting. (6-30-19)

b. An unqualified Idaho resident. (6-30-19)

c. Persons who hound hunt solely in the Middle Fork Zone (Units 20A, 26, and 27). (6-30-19)

d. Persons who hound hunt solely in the Lolo Zone (Units 10 and 12). (6-30-19)

e. Persons who hound hunt solely within the Selway Zone (Units 16A, 17, 19, and 20), for which no
more than forty (40) nonresident permits will be issued for Units 16A, 19, 20, and all of Unit 17, excluding Hunt Area 17-1, for which no more than six (6) nonresident permits will be issued. Hunt Area 17-1 is that portion of Unit 17 south of the following boundary: Beginning at the junction of the Unit 17 boundary and Forest Service Trail 24, then west along Forest Service Trail 24 to the Selway River, then north along the Selway River to Forest Service Trail 40, then southwest along Forest Service Trail 40 to Forest Service Trail 3, then along Forest Service Trail 3 to the Unit 17 boundary.

04. Nonresident Applications.

a. To be eligible for a controlled draw for limited nonresident permits, a nonresident must submit a legible, complete application for a hound hunter permit on the form prescribed by the Department such that it is received at the Department’s main office by no later than December 1 of the year preceding the year in which the permit is to be valid.

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

c. Two nonresidents may apply for two (2) permits on the same application form.

d. If nonresident tags are available after the application period, they will be available for purchase at any Department office on a first-come, first-served basis on or after December 10.

201. -- 299. (RESERVED)

300. BIRD-DOG TRAINING AND FIELD TRIALS BY INDIVIDUALS USING ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED GAME BIRDS.

01. Bird-Dog Training. No person may conduct bird-dog field training with the use of artificially propagated game birds unless the following conditions are met:

a. The owner of any dog being field trained must have a valid Bird-Dog Training Permit (obtainable at Department Offices), and have the permit available for inspection at the training site.

b. Artificially propagated game birds used for training purposes on Wildlife Management Areas must be certified as disease free under the standards set forth by the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP).

c. The permittee must comply with permit terms.

02. Bird-Dog Field Trials. No person may conduct or own a dog participating in a bird-dog field trial using artificially propagated game birds unless the following conditions are met:

a. There must be a valid Bird-Dog Field Trial Permit (obtainable at Department Offices) available for inspection at the field trial site.

b. Artificially propagated game birds used for training purposes must be certified as disease free under the standards set forth by the National Poultry Improvement Program (NPIP).

c. Proof of lawful game-bird origin must be available for inspection at the field trial site.

d. The permittee must comply with permit terms.

301. -- 999. (RESERVED)
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