

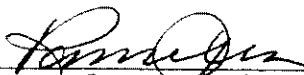
RESOLUTION OF THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE TRIBE OF THE
FORT APACHE INDIAN RESERVATION

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip Stago, Jr., General Manager of the White Mountain Apache Game and Fish Department has presented to the Tribal Council for its review and approval Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for FY 91-92 in the form attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference herein; and

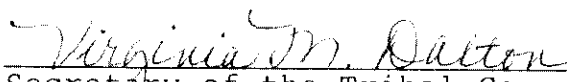
WHEREAS, after review, the Tribal Council concludes that approval should be granted for same.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe that it hereby approves and authorizes the implementation of the Tribal Member Hunting Regulations for FY 91-92 in the form and content attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

The foregoing resolution was on July 03, 1991, duly adopted by a vote of eight for and zero against by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe, pursuant to authority vested in it by Article V, Section 1 (f) (h) (i) of the Amended Constitution and Bylaws of the Tribe, ratified by the Tribe June 27, 1958, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on May 29, 1958, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984).



Chairman of the Tribal Council



Secretary of the Tribal Council

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WHITERIVER, ARIZONA

TRIBAL MEMBER HUNTING REGULATIONS 1991-92

All Tags will be Issued BEGINNING OCTOBER 14, 1991.

1. DEER

A. WHITETAIL DEER

SEASON DATES: Dec. 7, 1991 thru Dec. 31, 1991
Bag Limit: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL DEER: Antlered Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow
as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00

B. MULEDEER

SEASON DATES: Nov. 9 thru Dec. 1, 1991
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL DEER: Antlered Mule Deer Only
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 400 (Bonafide Tribal Members
Only)
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow
as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: ~~\$50.00~~ *less rebate*

Beginning in 1991, for game management purposes, all Mule Deer permits will be issued by Zone. The attached map illustrates the Zones. The following permit quotas have been established for Mule Deer. All Mule Deer permits will be issued by drawing.

Zone 1 - 100 permits
Zone 2 - 150 permits
Zone 3 - 150 permits

Applications for the Mule Deer drawing will be accepted beginning August 26, 1991. Deadline for Mule Deer drawing applications is close of business, September 27, 1991. Drawing for permits will be held on October 2, 1991. Successful applicants must pick up their tags beginning October 7, 1991 through November 1, 1991. Any tags remaining on November 4, 1991 will be sold on a first come basis. All drawing applications must be accompanied with a \$5.00 non-refundable application fee.

** SPECIAL DEER REGULATIONS: Management Unit 8 will be closed to all deer hunting (includes Mule Deer and Whitetail Deer).

2. TURKEY

A. FALL TURKEY SEASON

SEASON DATES: Nov. 9 thru Dec. 1, 1991
BAG LIMIT: Two (2) per tag holder per year

LEGAL TURKEY: Any Turkey, either sex
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00 per tag

B. SPRING GOBBLER

SEASON DATES: April 4 thru April 19, 1992
BAG LIMIT: One (1) Bearded Turkey
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 150 will be issued on a first come first serve basis.
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00 per tag

****Permits will be issued beginning March 2, 1992.****

3. ELK

A. GENERAL ELK SEASON

ZONE 1

SEASON DATES: Nov. 2 thru Dec. 1, 1991
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL ELK: Cow, calf or SPIKES
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 1000 (first come, first serve basis)
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00

ZONE 2

SEASON DATES: Nov. 9 thru Dec. 1, 1991
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
LEGAL ELK: Cow, calf or SPIKES
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 1000 (first come, first serve basis)
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00

ZONE 3

SEASON DATES: Nov. 9 thru Dec. 1, 1991
BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year

LEGAL ELK: Any elk
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 125
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow
 as described in 1.
 PERMIT COST: \$1.00

**** Special Regulations****

Zone 1 - Unit 8 will be CLOSED to general ELK HUNTING
 Zone 2 - NONE
 Zone 3 - Permits will be issued by drawing. Applications for the drawing will be accepted beginning August 26, 1991. Deadline for drawing applications is close of business September 27, 1991. Drawing will be held on October 2, 1991.

**** Once elk tags are issued for a specific zone, change in zones will not be permitted.

B. SPECIAL SECOND COW ELK TAG

During the 1991 hunting season tribal members may purchase a special second elk tag. These special tags will be valid only for the area located north of highway 260.

BAG LIMIT: one (1) per tag holder
 LEGAL ELK: Cow or calf only, NO SPIKES
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 50
 PERMIT COST: \$5.00

C. SPECIAL BULL ELK SEASON

SEASON DATES: Zone 1: Nov. 16 - Dec. 1, 1991
 Zone 2: Nov. 16 - Dec. 1, 1991
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) per tag holder per year
 LEGAL ELK: Any bull
 NUMBER OF PERMITS: 25 in Zone 1
 25 in Zone 2
 LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow as described in 1.
 PERMIT COST: \$50.00 *less rebate*

**** Special Bull Elk permits will be issued on a first come first serve basis.

4. BEAR

SEASON DATES: Year Long
 BAG LIMIT: One (1) Bear per tag, Two (2) Bears per calendar year

LEGAL BEAR: Any Bear except Sow with cubs
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow
as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00

5. LION

SEASON DATES: Year Long
BAG LIMIT: One (1) Lion per tag, Two (2)
Lions per calendar year
LEGAL LION: Any Lion
NUMBER OF PERMITS: Unlimited
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow
as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00

6. ANTELOPE NO SEASON

7. JAVELINA

SEASON DATES: Jan. 18 thru Feb. 2, 1992
BAG LIMIT: One (1) Javelina per tag holder
per year
LEGAL JAVELINA: Any Javelina
NUMBER OF PERMITS: 150
LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any legal firearm or bow and arrow
as described in 1.
PERMIT COST: \$1.00

**** Permits will be available January 6, 1992 on a first come
first serve basis.

8. BIGHORN SHEEP NO SEASON

* Small Game may be hunted without a permit.

9. SMALL GAME

A. COTTONTAIL RABBITS

SEASON DATES: Year Long
BAG LIMIT: Ten (10) per day
POSSESSION LIMIT: Twenty (20) after opening day, of
which no more than 10 may be taken
in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow, shotguns, or rimfire weapons only.

B. TREE SQUIRRELS

SEASON DATES: Nov. 9 thru Dec. 1, 1991

BAG LIMIT: Five (5) per day

POSSESSION LIMIT: Ten (10) after opening day, of which no more than 5 may be taken in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow, shotguns, or rimfire weapons only.

C. QUAIL

SEASON DATES: Nov. 9 thru Feb. 2, 1991

BAG LIMIT: Fifteen (15) quail per day

POSSESSION LIMIT: Thirty (30) after opening day, of which no more than 15 may be taken in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow or shotgun ONLY.

LEGAL QUAIL: Gambel and Mearns quail

D. BLUE GROUSE

SEASON DATES: Nov. 2 thru Nov. 4, 1990

BAG LIMIT: Three (3) grouse per day

POSSESSION LIMIT: Six (6) after opening day, of which no more than 3 may be taken in one day.

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Bow and arrow or shotgun ONLY.

E. PREDATORY AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS

SEASON DATES: Year Long

BAG LIMIT: Unlimited

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any firearm, or bow and arrow as described in 10.

LEGAL ANIMAL: Coyote, skunks, foxes, ringtail cats, raccoon and badgers.

F. BOBCATS

RESERVATION QUOTA: 100 Animals

1. FIREARMS SEASON

SEASON DATES: Nov. 1, 1991 thru April 30, 1992

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any firearm, or bow and arrow as described in 1.

LEGAL ANIMAL: Any Bobcat

****SPECIAL REGULATIONS:

All bobcats taken on the Reservation must have a bobcat export tag locked thru the mouth or eye opening in a manner such that it cannot be removed. See the TRAPPING REGULATIONS SHEET for

further information.

2. FUR BEARER TRAPPING SEASON

SEASON DATES: Nov. 1, 1991 thru April 30, 1992

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: SEE TRAPPING REGULATIONS SHEET

LEGAL ANIMAL: Any Bobcat, Fox, Coyote, Beaver, Raccoon, Ringtail Cat

PERMIT COST: \$-0-

** SPECIAL REGULATIONS: All bobcats trapped on the Reservation must have a bobcat permit tag (export tag) locked thru the mouth or eye opening in a manner such that it cannot be removed. See the Trapping Regulations Sheet for further information.

G. OTHER MAMMALS AND BIRDS

SEASON DATES: Year Long

BAG LIMIT: Unlimited

LEGAL TAKING DEVICE: Any firearm or bow and arrow as described in 1.

LEGAL ANIMAL: Crows, sparrows and all mammals EXCEPT game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, predatory mammals, ferrets, wolves, jaguars and

ocelots.

10. MIGRATORY BIRDS

TO BE ANNOUNCED

ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS MUST HAVE A VALID FEDERAL DUCK STAMP IN POSSESSION.

11. METHODS OF LEGALLY TAKING GAME

A. All big game except elk may be legally taken with the following weapons:

1. Centerfire rifles, muzzleloading rifles, and all other rifles using black powder or Pyrodex.
2. Centerfire handguns and handguns using black powder or Pyrodex.
3. Shotguns shooting slugs.
4. Bows having a standard pull of forty or more

pounds, using arrows with metal broadheads no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.

- B. Elk may be legally taken with the following weapons:
1. Centerfire rifles having a caliber of 270 or greater. (Legal calibers include: 270, 284, 7 Win. Mag., 30-30, 300 savage, 308, 30-06, 300 win. mag.) (Illegal calibers include: 22, 22 mag., 5mm, 222, 22-250, 6mm, 243, 25-06, 264 win. mag.)
 2. Bows having a standard pull of fifty or more pounds, using arrows with metal broadheads no less than 7/8 inch width cutting edges.
- C. Small game (EXCEPT MIGRATORY BIRDS, BLUE GROUSE AND QUAIL) may be legally taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, pneumatic weapon, or sling shot not prohibited in Section G.
- D. Predatory and fur-bearing animals may be legally taken with any firearm, bow and arrow, or trap not prohibited in Section G.
- E. Migratory birds and upland game birds may be taken only with shotguns shooting shot or bow and arrow not prohibited in Section G.
- F. Other mammals and birds may be legally taken during the season by any means not prohibited in Section G except for foothold traps.
- G. The following devices and ammunition are prohibited for the taking of ANY wildlife on the Reservation and may not be possessed in the field while hunting:
1. Fully automatic firearms, including firearms capable of selective automatic fire.
 2. Tracer ammunition and full metal jacketed bullets other than those designed for hunting.
 3. Shotguns larger than 10 gauge; or shotguns capable of holding more than two shells in the magazine, unless plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
 4. Semi-automatic centerfire rifles with a magazine capacity of more than five shells.

5. Contrivances designed to silence, muffle, or minimize the report of a firearm.
6. Poisoned arrows, or arrows with explosive tips.
7. Crossbows and other bows having devices attached to hold the bow in drawn position are prohibited.
8. The use of artificial light to spotlight wild animals or birds is illegal (except for raccoons).
9. Rifles and shotguns less than 24 inches in length.

12. TIME PERIODS FOR THE TAKING OF GAME

1. Big game, wild mammals, and birds may be taken only during daylight hours (sunrise to sunset).
2. Nongame mammals, predatory, and fur-bearing animals may be taken by trap day or night.
3. Migratory game birds may be taken only at such times as authorized by the Tribal Council in the Migratory Game Bird Regulations.

13. TAGGING AND TRANSPORTING OF BIG GAME

1. All hunters shall have in their possession a valid tribal hunting tag prior to going into the field to hunt. NO EXCEPTIONS. Anyone found hunting without a valid tag will be cited.
2. Tags will be properly affixed to the game species immediately after the kill.
3. All game must have head attached during transporting from field.

14. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

1. Non-members (anyone who is not a registered member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe) may not be in the field with Tribal Members during the hunting season. Exempt from this are immediate family members such as husband, wife, children, brothers or sisters.
2. All hunting tags must be picked up in person. A Tribal I.D. card or affidavit of membership (from B.I.A. or Tribal Council Secretary) must be presented at the time tags are purchased. Except for Special drawing hunts, permits will be issued to

physically handicapped and senior citizens (55) free of charge.

3. Duplicate tags will be issued at a cost of \$5.00 per tag. No duplicate tags will be issued for special drawing permits.

4. Beginning in the 1991 hunting season, wearing of blaze hunter orange will be required.

5. Beginning in the 1991 hunting season, juveniles 12 and 13 years old, may obtain a big game hunting permit; following the successful completion of a hunter education course.

WHILE THE TROPHY ELK HUNT IS IN PROGRESS (SEPTEMBER 1 THRU OCTOBER 10, 1991), ALL UNITS EXCEPT UNITS 7 AND 10 ARE CLOSED TO HUNTING.

These regulations shall apply to all tribal members and to those non-members who have been granted hunting rights by the Tribal Council of the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

Tags for hunting and trapping must be obtained from the White Mountain Apache Game & Fish Office in Whiteriver prior to hunting.

Office hours for picking up tags and making applications are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A designated location will be available in the Cibecue area where hunt applications can be filed. Dates, times and locations will be announced on the radio.

PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A QUALITY BIG GAME HUNTING UNIT

JUSIFICATION

In recent years some tribal members have expressed an interest in having opportunities on the reservation to hunt for trophy quality big game, including mule and whitetailed deer and elk. Although tribal members have these opportunities throughout the reservation during the regular big game season, we feel that these type of hunting experiences can best be developed and provided under a Unit Management approach, where a specific Management Unit is Managed specifically for trophy hunting for tribal members. Because we feel we need to refine of management as well as make every effort we possibly can to meet tribal interests and demands we are proposing this on an experimental basis over the next 5 years.

To accomplish our proposed goals and objectives, we are asking for a withdrawal from general hunting of wildlife management unit 8, which is encompassed by the reservation boundry on the north, U.S. Highway 60 on the west and by highway 73 on the east and south side. The area contains approximately 150000 acres of land. It currently has small populations of both mule and whitetail deer and elk. Because the habitat potential for deer are high as well as for elk we feel we can substantially increase big game populations through habitat management and close regulation of hunting.

The hunting seasons we are considering will be fairly restrictive in terms of what tribal members can harvest. The number of permits for this unit will be conservative for all big game. For deer we will also enforce antler restrictions, since this particular hunt will emphasize trophy quality. During the initial year of this hunt the total number of tribal tags which will be available will be 15 for mule deer and 15 for whitetail.

The proposed elk hunting opportunities in the quality unit will take place during the bugling season. At this point we are anticipating an early October hunt. This will provide tribal members the privilage of hunting bull elk during the rut. As with deer the number of permits for elk will be restricted, at least during the initial portion of our 5 year management. We currently feel that, because of the size of the resident elk herd, only 5 permits should be issued.

Since the unit would be providing unique opportunities for tribal member hunting, we would highly recommend establishing a tribal fee structure. We would also highly recommend the use of all fees derived from this hunt to be used for habitat management.

The game and fish department is confident that this program will not affect the overall management of the reservation for hunting but will better serve tribal members by providing new opportunities to exercise their hunting privileges on the reservation.

