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**DLNR ANNOUNCES GOAT HUNTING TO OPEN ON KAUA‘I**

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The Department of Land and Natural Resources is pleased to announce the opening of archery, muzzleloader, and regular rifle hunting seasons for feral goats on the island of Kaua‘i. Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123, “Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting,” the following rules and conditions will be in effect for the hunt:

| 2025 KAUAI GOAT HUNTING SEASON |          |          |                         |  |   |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------------|--|---|
| Hunting Season                 | Fees     |          | Unit(s) Open to Hunting | Season Duration  | Bag Limits                                      |
|                                | Resident | Non-Res. |                         |  |   |
| Archery Season                 | \$5.00   | \$25.00  | Units F                 | July through August; daily                             | Two goat and one pig per archer per hunting day |
|                                |          |          | Unit K                  | July through August; Saturday, Sunday & State Holidays |   |
|                                |          |          | Unit A                  | June 7-8, 2025 ONLY                                    | Two goats per tag issued and one pig per archer |
|                                |          |          | Units G                 | Year-round; Daily                                      | No limit; goat and pig Permit Required          |

| 2025 KAUAI GOAT HUNTING SEASON  |         |         |                           |  |  |
|---|---------|---------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Youth, Senior Citizens, and disabled hunters<br>Muzzleloaders Only season | \$5.00  | \$25.00 | Unit A                    | June 14-15, 2025 ONLY  | One goat per tag issued and one pig per hunter per hunting day |
| Regular Rifle and Muzzleloader Season                                     | \$15.00 | \$30.00 | Units A Muzzleloader Only | June 21 <sup>st</sup> to August 31, 2025; Saturday and Sunday only (Two weekends/hunter)       | Two (2) goats per permit-tag; Two permits issued/hunter        |
|   |         |         | Units B                   | May 2 <sup>nd</sup> to August 25, 2025: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Two slots/hunter) | Two (2) goats per permit-tag; Two permits issued/hunter        |

Applications can be obtained from the State Building, 3060 Eiwa Street Ste. 306, Lihue, HI 96766, various Kaua'i vendors, as well as at all hunter check stations. Permits can be purchased online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>. For more information on the access, please call the Kaua'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) office at 274-3433

**Payments via mail must be in the form of a personal check or a money order. No cash will be accepted through the mail. All qualified applicants will be issued permits, and all application fees and tag fees are non-refundable.**

**ARCHERY ONLY SEASON:** Unit F and K bow hunters must sign-in and sign-out at either the Waimea Heights, Mango Tree, or the Kōke'e Hunter Checking Station. Unit G bow hunters must obtain a Unit G-Archery Pass from the Lihue DOFAW office. Each pass is good for three (3) consecutive days and is free of charge. Permits are available at the Kaua'i State Building or online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>.

**Unit A Archery Season:** The Unit A archery hunt is only one weekend, **June 7-8, 2025**. **Due to hunter demand and allowing more hunter participation, the archery hunt will be split into two, one-day hunts. To prevent over-crowded hunting conditions, a public lottery will be held to assign 100 permits per day. Hunters must apply using the Unit A Archery application form to be drawn for the hunt.** Applications will be available on April 1, 2025, at various Kaua'i vendors, all hunter check stations, and the Kaua'i State Building. A \$5 non-refundable processing fee will be charged per applicant. The deadline for the application will be on May 2, 2025, and the lottery will be held on May 7, 2025. Not all applicants are guaranteed to be selected. There will be no standby or transferring of tags. **Tags will not be issued over the counter prior to the hunt.** Please call the Lihue DOFAW office at (808)274-3433 for more information.

**Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen, and Disabled Hunter Muzzleloader only season:** The Unit A Youth,

Senior Citizen, and Disabled Hunter Muzzleloader only season is one weekend only, June 14-15, 2025. Permits can be purchased at the Kaua'i State Building or online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>.

**Unit A Muzzleloader Season:** Applications are available at various Kaua'i vendors, all hunter check stations, and the Kaua'i State Building. Muzzleload hunters will be assigned two weekends in the Unit A hunting area through a public lottery. Applications for the Muzzleload season are in conjunction with the rifle season applications. The season duration is June 21<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup>, on Saturday and Sunday only. **The deadline for submitting applications for the muzzleloader hunt is 4:00 p.m., March 28, 2025.** Specific information may be obtained on the application form.

Hunters are allowed limited access to Hunting Unit A using the "water tank valley" access road or the Polihale road junction below Mana Ridge. Hunters must use the access route to go directly into the hunting area. Hunters must first sign-in at the Polihale Beach, Polihale road junction or Mana Tunnels hunter checking station and sign-out after hunting. Hunters must keep their firearms cased and unloaded while driving through the corn fields. Unit A is open to muzzleload firearms only. For more information on the access, please call the Kaua'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) office at 274-3433.

Hunters possessing a 2025 Unit A Goat Muzzleload tag may obtain a rifle permit in the Pu'u 'Opae portion of Hunting Unit A. The permit will be valid only in the Pu'u 'Opae Portion of Hunting Unit A on days assigned by the lottery. Hunters using rifles in the Pu'u 'Opae portion must use the Marine Road access and must sign in and out at the Pu'u 'Opae Hunter Check Station. To obtain the permit, hunters must bring their 2025 Unit A Goat Muzzleload tag to the Lihue State Building (3060 Ewa Street Ste. 325, Lihue, HI 96766). Maps of the Pu'u 'Opae Portion will be available at the Kaua'i State Building.

**REGULAR RIFLE SEASON:** Applications are available at various Kaua'i vendors, all hunter check stations, and at the Kaua'i State Building. Each Hawaii resident hunter will be charged \$15.00, which includes processing the lottery application and rifle tag (\$30.00 for non-resident hunters). A maximum of eight (8) hunters may apply together as a hunting group (no exceptions). Rifle hunters will be assigned two weeks. The season duration is May 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 25<sup>th</sup> on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Specific information may be obtained on the application form. Hunters will have the option of using a conventional rifle, muzzleloader rifle, shotgun, handgun or archery equipment on their assigned hunting week, but may carry only one means of take while actually hunting. **The deadline for submitting applications for the regular rifle hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2025.**

The public drawing to assign hunting dates for Unit A Muzzleload and Unit B Rifle will be held in the Lihue State Office Building Conference Room 209 at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Hunters will also be allowed to take pigs on their assigned hunting weekend, and the bag limit will be one pig per hunter per day. **Permit-tags are non-transferable between hunters. Hunters must immediately tag their animal upon taking it. Boning of game will be permitted, but the unskinned tail must be left attached to the carcass.** Each firearm hunter must wear a blaze-orange shirt or vest, sign-in and out at a hunter checking station, observe legal hunting hours and safety zones, and the lawful carriage of firearms during the goat hunting season. Hunters are reminded to review Title 13, Chapter 123 "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting," prior to hunting.

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Hunting information: <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting>

Game mammal hunting information and rules: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/mammal/>  
Hunt Kaua'i: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/hunting/kauai/>

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