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**DLNR ANNOUNCES 2009 BLACK-TAILED DEER SEASON ON KAUA'I**

LIHU'E, KAUA'I -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources announces the opening of a black-tailed deer hunting season on the island of Kaua'i for archery-only, muzzleloader-only, and regular rifle

Rules and conditions regulating game mammal hunting in Title 13, Chapter 123 will be in effect. For hunt details go to the DOFAW website at [www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw](http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dofaw)

**Due to the Appellate Court ruling, each hunter will be permitted to take only one (1) antlered buck deer (three inch antler minimum) during the 2009 season; either during the archery, muzzleloader rifle or regular rifle seasons. Both application and tag fees for the 2009 Kaua'i Black-tailed deer season will be waived.**

ARCHERY ONLY SEASON: The deer archery season will be in Hunting Units F and J from September 12 through October 25, 2009 on Saturday and Sundays only. Archery permits are now available in the Lihu'e Division of Forestry and Wildlife office at 3060 'Eiwa St., Room 306. Hunters must present their 2010 Hawai'i Hunting License in order to obtain a deer archery permit.

Another person may pick up your permit, but must present your license for you. Neighbor island archers may pick up an application form at the DOFAW office on their island and mail it in. Specific instructions are on the application form. Validated archery permits will be mailed to each hunter after the application has been received.

MUZZLELOADER ONLY SEASON: The deer muzzleloader tag season will be in Hunting Units A and H on September 12-13, 2009. Kaua'i residents may acquire their permits starting July 13, 2009 at the Lihu'e DOFAW office at 3060 'Eiwa St., Rm. 306, and must present their 2010 Hawai'i Hunting license when obtaining their permit.

Another person may pick up the permit for you, but must present your hunting license to do so. Neighbor island muzzleloader hunters may pick up an application form at the DOFAW office on their island. Validated muzzleloader permits will be mailed to off-island hunters provided their applications are correctly filled out.

Wild pig hunting in Unit A during the deer season is restricted to goat or deer hunters possessing valid muzzleloader goat or deer permit/tags on their assigned hunting date.

Unit A hunters may check-in either at Koke'e, Kekaha, or Mana Tunnels hunter check-in stations. Unit H muzzleloader hunters must sign-in and sign-out at the Makaha Ridge hunter check-in station. A successful muzzleloader hunter who has bagged a deer will have filled their deer season bag limit, but may accompany their hunting group without a firearm for the duration of the muzzleloader season. The use of dogs is prohibited during the deer muzzleloader only season.

**REGULAR RIFLE SEASON:** Applications for the 2009 Kaua'i Deer Rifle season are now available at all Division of Forestry and Wildlife offices and participating hunting license dealers on the island of Kauai.

The regular rifle tag season for deer will be in Hunting Units A and H for six (6) consecutive weekends beginning on September 19 and ending October 25, 2009. Each hunter applicant will be drawn for two (2) weekends; one weekend in Unit A and another weekend in Unit H.

The bag limit will be one (1) antlered deer, three inch antler minimum per hunter per license year. Wild pig hunting in Unit A during the deer season is restricted to goat or deer hunters possessing valid rifle goat or deer permit/tags on their assigned hunting date. Unit A hunters may check-in either at Koke'e, Kekaha, or Mana Tunnels HCS. Unit H hunters must sign-in and sign-out at the Makaha Ridge HCS. A successful hunter who has bagged a deer will have filled their season bag limit, but may accompany their hunting group without a firearm for the duration of the season. The use of dogs is prohibited during the deer rifle season.

**The application deadline for the regular deer rifle tag season is 3:30 p.m. Thursday, August 6, 2009.**

The public drawing will be held at the Lihu'e State Office Building, Second floor Conference room 209 on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Lottery results will not be given over the telephone. Hunters are encouraged to attend the public drawing to determine the results, or wait for their validated tags to be mailed to them. The Lihu'e Division of Forestry and Wildlife office will post the results after the public drawing.

All deer hunters (archery, muzzle-loader and regular rifle) are required to carry their deer tag(s) and valid hunting license on their person at all times while in the hunting area. Deer tags are non-transferable between hunters. There will be no make-up weekends or standby permits. Deer tag(s) must be fastened to the carcass immediately after taking a deer. Successful deer hunters are to bring their animal carcass to the Koke'e Hunter Check Station for weighing and examination. All hunters shall be required to preserve their game in a condition that will enable the identification of sex and species. No skinning or boning of deer carcasses will be permitted in any hunting area. However, hunters will be allowed to half or quarter their animal.

All other requirements contained in Chapter 123, "Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting" apply to the Kaua'i deer hunting season. For more information, please call the nearest Division of Forestry and Wildlife office on your island.

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