Resident and Nonresident Waterfowl Hunting Regulations for the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation









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The Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe maintains exclusive jurisdiction to regulate the hunting and fishing by others. The Tribe and its members retain the right to hunt and fish without state regulation in the total area originally enclosed in the Reservation proclaimed by the President of the United States in 1873. All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish within the Coeur d'Alene Reservation and other areas over which the Tribe exercises authority are the exclusive property of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

This pamphlet contains the waterfowl hunting regulations for the Coeur d'Alene Reservation for all nonresidents and residents of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. The establishment of permitting policies and procedures for persons hunting on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation is pursuant to Coeur d'Alene Tribal Code Chapter 20. It is the responsibility of the hunter to be in compliance with the regulations in this pamphlet. Any violation of these regulations may be subject to criminal and/or civil sanctions under Chapters 3 and 4 of Coeur d'Alene Tribal Code.

The following regulations have been developed with the intent of ensuring the long-term health and stability of the fish and wildlife resources on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. These resources must remain available for subsistence, religious, cultural and recreational purposes.

These regulations were adopted 3/1/2024. To check for recent updates or changes, please see the Tribe's Fish and Wildlife web page at:

https://www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/nr/wildlife/

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Scan the QR code below or go to http://cdatribe.nagfa.net/online to access your account and purchase licenses.

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Contact the Fish & Wildlife Program Office with any questions.
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Section 1. Tribal Permit Requirements and Fees

A. Residents of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation may be allowed to hunt waterfowl on the Reservation upon issuance of a Tribal migratory bird permit provided they have been physically residing on the Reservation for the preceding year. Permits are only valid within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.
B. Nonresidents may be allowed to hunt waterfowl on the Reservation upon issuance of a Tribal migratory bird permit. Permits are only valid within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation.
C. Tribal migratory bird permits are based on a license year from April 1 – March 31.

	Resident Youth	Resident	Resident Senior/Disabled/ Military	Nonresident Youth	Nonresident	Nonresident Senior/Disabled/ Military
Migratory Bird Permit	$25.00	$50.00	$25.00	$75.00	$150.00	$75.00

Section 2. Areas Open to Waterfowl Hunting

A. The Coeur d'Alene Reservation is defined as the total land and water area within the exterior boundaries of the present Reservation, including all waterways.
B. The following areas have been closed or restricted pursuant to Chapter 20-2.01 of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Code:
    1. All lands and waters, except Coeur d'Alene Lake, including contiguous waters (Hepton Lake, Round Lake, Lake Chatcolet, Benewah Lake, and the St. Joe River).
    2. *Trail of the Coeur d'Alene's right-of-way*: Closed to all hunting. This right-of-way does extend out into the Tribe's submerged lands in places and includes no hunting beneath the Lake Chatcolet Trestle.

Section 3. General Information

A. It shall be unlawful for any Coeur d'Alene Indian to permit a non-member to hunt, fish, or trap on the allotments of such members or other lands within Reservation boundaries without complying with all the provisions of the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Code and accompanying regulations.
B. It shall be unlawful to waste and abandon sizeable, useful and edible portions of game animals, to feed such game to dogs, or other domestic animals, or throw away or dispose of edible portions or quantities of game animals. This includes the abandonment of game animals in the wild or at a meat processing plant. The leaving of edible portions of game animals at a processing plant for more than 30 days shall be considered unlawful. Any game that is considered as abandoned shall become the property of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and shall be disposed of in a manner deemed appropriate by the Tribe. Exceptions to this rule are those species classified as invasive or prohibited.
C. Use of Motorized Vehicles - It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a motorized vehicle for the purpose of chasing or harassing game animals on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation. This prohibition shall not include the use of motorized boats while drifting when the motor has been shut off.
D. Display of Permit – Any person engaging in a permitted activity shall have the permit on his/her person when engaged in such activity, and shall display the permit for inspection upon the request of any commissioned Conservation Officer or other duly commissioned officer.
E. Alteration or Copying of Permits – No permit shall be altered, erased or mutilated except by a duly appointed representative of the Natural Resource Department or by commissioned Conservation Officer(s) to correct errors on the permit, and any such correction shall be signed by the person. Any permit which has been altered, erased or mutilated shall otherwise immediately become invalid. No permit shall be copied nor shall any copy of a permit be displayed, offered for inspection, or otherwise used for any official purpose other than for the purpose for which the permit was issued.
F. It is unlawful for any person:
    1. To refuse to produce a permit, gear, or game animals for inspection upon request of a conservation officer.
    2. To fail to stop and report at any check station established to inspect permits and game animals.
    3. To kill, wound, harvest, or take game animals in excess of the bag limit.
    4. To hunt while under the influence of intoxicating beverages or drugs.
    5. To shoot a firearm from, across, or along the maintained portion of any public road.
    6. To shoot from within a motor vehicle.
    7. To have a shell in the chamber of a shotgun while in a motorized vehicle. (with the exception of authorized disabled hunters)
    8. To hunt or kill any protected species.
    9. To vandalize, shoot at, destroy or deface any signs posted to assist in the enforcement of tribal hunting and/or fishing regulations.
    10. To damage or destroy another person's building, structure, machinery, equipment, timber, agricultural crop or personal property.
    11. To post signs against trespass or otherwise prevent hunting on lands not owned by that person.
    12. To shoot domestic livestock.

13. To permit any edible portions of game species to go to waste after taking possession of the animal.

G. No person is permitted to sell, offer or attempt to sell, or to buy any game animal or any part thereof. These prohibitions shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
   1. Any edible portion of any game animal.
   2. Mounted wildlife illegally taken.

Section 4. General Hunting Information

A. It is unlawful for any person:
   1. To shoot any bird or animal except during the period of one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.
   2. To use aircraft, unmanned aircraft, boats, or motor driven vehicles (including ATVs) to pursue, concentrate, or harass wildlife. Hunting from boats with motors is permitted if the motor is off and it is not contributing to the boat's propulsion.
   3. To hunt game animals with the aid of radio telemetry.
   4. To wound or kill any game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it.
   5. To use aircraft or unmanned aircraft systems (drones) to spot, locate, or report the location of wildlife for the purpose of hunting.
   6. To hunt game animals on the day one has operated an unmanned aircraft.
   7. To import, transport or possess any live wildlife on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation.
   8. To hunt any game animal by means of baiting. Bait is defined as any substance including grain, salt in any form (liquid or solid), or any other substance placed to attract game animals or game birds.

Section 5. Migratory Game Bird Hunting Information, Seasons and Bag Limits



A. A Coeur d'Alene Tribal Migratory Bird Permit must be carried on your person while hunting migratory birds within the Reservation boundary.
B. A Federal Migratory Bird (Duck) Stamp is required to hunt migratory game birds for hunters 16 and older on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. The stamp must be validated by the holder, by signing in ink across the face of the stamp. Proof of purchase of an electronic duck stamp is considered acceptable.
C. Nontoxic shot is required for all waterfowl hunting on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation. Hunters may have in their possession only nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service that is 0.20 inches in diameter (T size) or smaller.
D. No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird.
E. No person shall transport any migratory game bird unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.
F. It is unlawful to take migratory game birds:
    1. With any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
    2. With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than a 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
    3. By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
    4. From a sink box (a low floating device having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
    5. From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance.
    6. From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress there-from has ceased: Provided, that a craft under power may be used to retrieve dead or crippled birds; however, crippled birds may not be shot from such craft under power.
    7. By placing waterfowl decoys prior to 4:00 am; or allowing or permitting waterfowl decoys to be unattended or not in your immediate control for a period of greater than one hour; or failure to remove waterfowl decoys within two hours after the close of hunting hours on Tribal waters.
    8. By use or aid of live birds as decoys.
    9. By means or aid of any motor driven land, water or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.
    10. With the use or aid of battery-powered or other electronic devices as decoys.
    11. By the aid of baiting (placing feed such as corn, wheat, salt or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement), or on or over any baited areas. (A baited area is considered to be

baited for 10 days after removal of the bait, and it is not necessary for the hunter to know an area is baited to be in violation).

G. It is unlawful to construct permanent blinds within Tribal waters or within the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes right-of-way.

Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons
Please refer to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe's Wildlife Division website for updated migratory bird hunting seasons and bag limits. www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/n/wildlife/

Section 6. Definitions

Artificial light: Any light produced by other than natural sources; including but not limited to spotlights, flashlights, and vehicular headlights.

Bag limit: The maximum number of animals, birds or fish which may be taken, caught, killed or possessed by any person, specified and fixed by regulation of the Tribal Council for the period of one day, or as specified and fixed as to length, weight, sex or species.

Baiting: Any substance including grain, salt in any form (liquid or solid), or any other substance placed to attract game animals, with the exception of synthetic liquid scent for deer and elk.

Closed waters: Any lake, river, stream, body of water, or any part thereof within the Reservation described or designated by regulation of the Council wherein it shall be unlawful to hunt or fish.

Council: The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council.

Disabled: A person who has a permanent physical or developmental disability which substantially impairs their ability to participate in recreational activities.

Game animal: Wild animals including birds and fish that are usually pursued for food or sport.

Game bird: Wild birds that are usually hunted for food or sport. Includes both migratory game birds and upland game birds.

Harassment of wildlife: Engaging in any act that demonstrates a disregard for the well-being of wildlife, or which creates the likelihood of injury, disrupts normal behavioral patterns including feeding, watering, resting and/or breeding. Such acts include but are not limited to chasing, pursuing, herding or attempting to take wildlife.

Hunting: Any attempt to kill, injure, capture or disturb any wildlife.

Invasive and prohibited species: Species that are not indigenous to the Reservation area, and are considered to have severe and deleterious impacts on resources that are important to the Tribe. This includes northern pike, muskellunge, and any hybrids of these species.

Migratory game birds: All species of geese, dabbling ducks, diving ducks, sea ducks, mergansers, coots, snipes and doves.

Military: A member of the military service of the United States, state National Guard or Air National Guard that are permanently stationed at a military installation.

Motorized vehicle: Any water, land or air vehicle propelled by means of steam, petroleum products, electricity or other mechanical power.

Nonresident: A person who has not maintained permanent residency within the boundary of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation for at least one year prior to applying for a permit and has not established by formal evidence an intent to continue residing within the Reservation boundaries.

Open season: The time specified by regulation of the Tribal Council when it shall be lawful to hunt, trap or fish for any animals, birds or fish. Each period of time specified as an open season shall include the first and last days thereof.

Possession limit: The maximum amount of live or dead fish, small game, upland game birds and migratory game birds which can be held in possession at any one time regardless of the number of days hunting or fishing.

Protected species: All species in which hunting and fishing seasons are closed by regulation to all harvest and hunting and fishing are not legal. This list includes bull trout, gray wolves, grizzly bears, fisher, wolverine, species protected by federal law, and all other wildlife species not designated as game species, invasive and prohibited species, or unprotected wildlife.

Public road: Any roadway, regardless of surface, maintained by any governmental entity.

Reservation: The Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

Resident: A person who has maintained permanent residency within the boundary of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation for at least one year prior to applying for a permit and has established by formal evidence an intent to continue residing within the Reservation boundaries.

Vendor: Any person or entity authorized by the Department to sell Tribal hunting or fishing permits.
Waste: The abandonment or deterioration of those portions of fish or game normally utilized for human consumption.
Waterfowl: All geese, dabbling ducks, diving ducks, sea ducks, mergansers and coots.
Wildlife: All fish, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, designated aquatic invertebrates and insects located on the Coeur d'Alene Reservation or migrating to the Coeur d'Alene Reservation excluding domestic animals.
Youth: A person who is from the age of 10 to 17.

For updates to the regulations and more information, please visit our websites at:
www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/fisheries.shtml
www.cdatribe-nsn.gov/wildlife.shtml