

Frequently Asked Questions

Question:

Can I apply for a Full Price Bighorn Sheep and a Reduced Price Ewe/Lamb Bighorn Sheep? Will I lose my Bighorn Sheep preference points if I draw a Reduced Price Ewe/Lamb Bighorn Sheep.

Answer:

Yes, starting in 2012, you may apply for both a Full Price Bighorn Sheep and a Reduced Price Ewe/Lamb Bighorn Sheep license. You will **NOT** lose your Full Price Bighorn Sheep preference point if you draw a Reduced Price Ewe/Lamb Bighorn Sheep license.

Question:

Can I apply for both a Moose license and purchase a Moose preference point? Can I apply for both a Bighorn Sheep license and purchase a Bighorn Sheep preference point?

Answer:

No. Applicants must either apply for a license or apply to purchase a preference point. Unsuccessful applicants for a license will be awarded a preference point. Applicants are reminded that in order to apply for a license, they must be at least eleven (11) years old at the time of application and at least twelve (12) years old while in the field hunting. Hunters must reach their 12th birthday by December 31st to apply for a preference point.

Question:

How can I hunt Moose every 6-8 years with a five year waiting period?

Answer:

Potentially you can by applying smarter, utilizing Demand Index information and applying for a Cow Moose license.

A common complaint among Moose applicants has been that after applying for the last 15-20 years, even with the onset of the Preference Point system and having maximum or near maximum points, these applicants continue to be unsuccessful. Even with preference points, applicants need to learn to apply with full knowledge of drawing odds, access availability and other information.

Many hunters believe preference points guarantee them a license anywhere. Preference points will if you are fortunate to live long enough. For example, in a hunt area with only one percent chance of drawing, there are 100 applicants for every license being issued. If you are not a lucky person, it would take 100 years to eliminate all of the applicants for a license in this hunt area and this assumes no one else switches hunt areas. The solution is to change hunt areas and possibly sex of the animal being applied for.

A look at the demand index shows there were 10 areas in 2011 requiring 10 points or less to draw a license to hunt antlered moose.

For those willing to hunt a Cow Moose, the drawing odds have become a lot better more quickly. A review of the 2011 Demand Index for the Resident Moose Preference Point Drawing discloses only 3 to 6 points were necessary to draw a Cow Moose license in hunt areas 4, 5, 10, 20, 21, 25, and 44. Several other Cow Moose hunt areas require 7 or 8 points less than the maximum number (16) to draw a license. With the appropriate number of points and by applying in the right hunt area, the applicant can pretty much be assured of drawing a Cow Moose license.

Applicants are cautioned that some of the hunt areas in which Cow Moose licenses are easier to draw may be in wilderness lacking roads, while others are mostly on private lands. Please consider these restrictive circumstances when applying.

Question:

Do I have a better chance of being successful by applying as a single applicant or a party applicant?

Answer:

Your chances are the same whether you apply as an individual or in a party. However, the odds of all members of a party being successful are significantly better if they apply as a party rather than individuals.

Question:

How can I apply risk-free for Reduced Price licenses in the initial draw?

Answer:

Many applicants wait to see if they draw a Full Price Elk, Deer or Antelope license, then attempt to purchase a Reduced Price license using the WGF D website or at automated license selling agents, rather than apply for a Reduced Price license in the initial drawing. These applicants do not want to risk drawing a Reduced Price license without drawing their corresponding Full Price license. Wait no more! If you apply for a Full Price Elk, Deer or Antelope license and want to apply for up to two (2) Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Deer, Reduced Price Doe/Fawn Antelope or one (1) Reduced Price Cow/Calf Elk license without risk, then check the withdrawal block on Forms 17, 18 and 19 for the applicable Reduced Price license(s). This will ensure that if you are unsuccessful in the Full Price license drawing(s), you will be withdrawn from the Reduced Price license drawing(s).