

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-33. Taking Bear.

R657-33-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under authority of Sections 23A-2-304 and 23A-2-305, the Wildlife Board has established this rule for taking and pursuing bear.

(2) Specific dates, areas, number of permits, limits and other administrative details which may change annually are published in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking and pursuing bear.

R657-33-3. Permits for Taking Bear.

(1)(a) To harvest a bear, a person must first obtain a valid limited entry bear permit, a harvest objective bear permit, a spot-and-stalk permit, or a bear control permit for a specified hunt unit as provided in the guidebook of the Wildlife Board for taking bear.

(b) Any person who obtains a limited entry bear permit or a harvest objective bear permit which allows the use of dogs may pursue bear without a pursuit permit while hunting during the season and on the unit for which the take permit is valid, provided the person is the dog handler.

(2)(a) A person may not apply for or obtain more than one bear permit per year, except:

(b) if the person is unsuccessful in the drawing administered by the division under Rule R657-62, the person may purchase a permit available outside of the drawing; and

(c) a person may acquire more than one bear control permit as described in Subsection R657-33-23(4).

(3) Any bear permit purchased after the season opens is not valid until three days after the date of purchase.

(4) Residents and nonresidents may apply for and receive limited entry bear permits, and may purchase harvest objective bear permits and bear pursuit permits.

(5)(a) A person must complete a mandatory orientation course before ~~[applying for or obtaining]~~ [hunting in](#) a limited entry, harvest objective [season](#), or [pursuing a bear using a](#) bear pursuit permit.

(b) ~~[The]~~ [A person must possess a certificate of completion of the mandatory orientation course while hunting of pursuing black bear.](#)

~~(c)~~ [The orientation course](#) is not required to receive a bear control permit under Subsection R657-33-23(4).

~~(e]~~ [d](#) The orientation course shall include training on hunter ethics.

(6) To obtain a limited entry, harvest objective, spot-and-stalk permit, or bear pursuit permit, a person must possess a valid Utah hunting or combination license.

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