

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-41. Conservation and Sportsman Permits.

R657-41-1. Purpose and Authority.

(1) Under the authority of Sections 23A-2-304 and 23A-2-305, this rule provides the standards and procedures for issuing:

- (a) conservation permits to conservation organizations for auction to the highest bidder at fundraising events;
- (b) sportsman permits;
- (c) Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permits to a conservation organization for auction to the highest bidder at the annual wildlife exposition held pursuant to Rule R657-55; and
- (d) Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permits to successful applicants through a general drawing conducted by the division.

(2) The division and conservation organizations shall use all revenue derived from conservation permits under Subsections R657-41-9(4) and R657-41-9(5)(b) for the benefit of species for which conservation permits are issued, unless the division and conservation organization mutually agree in writing that there is a higher priority use for other species of protected wildlife.

R657-41-2. Definitions.

- (1) Terms used in this rule are defined in Section 23A-1-101.
 - (2) In addition:
 - (a) "Area Conservation Permit" means a permit issued for a specific unit, subunit or hunt area for a conservation permit species, and may include an extended season, or legal weapon choice, or both, beyond the season.
 - (b) "Conservation Organization" means a nonprofit chartered institution, foundation, or association founded and operated for promoting the protection, preservation, and recreational hunting of one or more conservation permit species and has established tax exempt status under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3), as amended.
 - (c) "Conservation Permit" means any harvest permit authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division for purposes identified in Section R657-41-1.
 - (d) "Conservation Permit Species" means the species for which conservation permits may be issued and includes deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, bison, mountain goat, Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep, desert bighorn sheep, wild turkey, and black bear.
 - (e) "Retained Revenue" means 60% of the revenue raised by a conservation organization from auctioning conservation permits that the organization retains for eligible projects, including interest earned thereon less standard banking fees assessed on the account.
 - (f) "Special Antelope Island State Park Conservation Permit" means a permit authorized by the Wildlife Board to hunt bighorn sheep or mule deer on Antelope Island State Park which is issued pursuant to Section R657-41-12.
 - (g) "Special Antelope Island State Park Limited Entry Permit" means a permit authorized by the Wildlife Board to hunt bighorn sheep or mule deer on Antelope Island State Park which is issued by the division in a general drawing, requiring all applicants to pay an application fee and the successful applicant the cost of the permit.
 - (h) "Sportsman Permit" means a permit which allows a permittee to hunt during the applicable season dates specified in Subsection (i), and which is authorized by the Wildlife Board and issued by the division in a general drawing, requiring all applicants to pay an application fee and the successful applicant the cost of the permit.
 - (i) "Statewide Conservation Permit" means a permit issued for a conservation permit species that allows a permittee to hunt:
 - (i) big game species on any open unit with archery equipment during the general archery season published in the big game guidebooks for the unit beginning before September 1;
 - (ii) big game species on any open unit during the following dates:
 - (A) bison from August 1 through January 31;
 - (B) pronghorn and moose from September 1 through November 15;
 - (C) bighorn sheep and mountain goats from September 1 through December 31; and
 - (D) deer and elk from September 1 through January 15;
 - (iii) two turkeys on any open unit from April 1 through May 31;
 - (iv) bear on any open unit during the season authorized by the Wildlife Board for that unit.
- (v) Hunts that would open on a Sunday in a given year will follow the adjusted dates below:
- (A) April 1 adjusted to March 31
 - (B) Aug 1 adjusted to Aug 2
 - (C) Sept 1 adjusted to Aug 31

| (iv) "Permit voucher" or "voucher" means an authorization issued by the division that entitles the designated holder to purchase the hunting permit specified in the authorization.

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