

Why Do We have All these Rules to hunt and fish?

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Wildlife Conservation

Safety

Ethics

North American Model for Wildlife Conservation

- Wildlife is held in public trust
- Wildlife Trade Must Be Regulated
- Hunting and fishing laws enacted through a public process
- Equal Opportunity to hunt and fish
- Users fund conservation
- Wildlife is an international resource
- Science is the basis for wildlife policy

Wildlife is Held in Public Trust

Wildlife belongs to everyone

Not a Chapter

Not a grazing permittee

Wildlife Trade Must Be Regulated

Banning Commercial Hunting and regulating commerce in wildlife ensures Sustainability of wildlife resources

Hunting and Fishing Laws Enacted Through a Public Process

Hunting seasons, limits, penalties for violations are established through laws and regulations through a legislative process

Equal Opportunity to hunt and fish

The opportunity to participate in hunting and fishing is
guaranteed for all in good standing

Users fund conservation

Hunting and fishing license sales and
excise taxes fund wildlife
management

Self-sustaining

Wildlife is an International Resource

Conservation of some species requires national and international cooperation

You cannot conserve waterfowl if they fly south for the winter and the Mexicans kill them all or they fly north for the summer and the Canadians kill them all

Science is the basis for wildlife policy

Conservation, which is the limited use of wildlife resources, is based on science

Adaptive management approach means that we learn as we go and we make adjustments as we learn

Hunting and fishing is the basis of the
North American Wildlife Model

These activities are the primary
source of funding for conservation
efforts

If hunting were to end, funding for
wildlife conservation would be lost

Fair Chase Hunting - Boone and Crockett Club

Fair Chase Hunting is the fair, ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild, native North American big game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper advantage over such animals

Hunter Ethics

- Obey all applicable laws and regulations
- Respect the customs of the locale where the hunting occurs
- Exercise a personal code of behavior that reflects favorably on your abilities and sensibilities as a hunter
- Attain and maintain the skills necessary to make a kill as certain and quick as possible
- Behave in a way that will bring no dishonor to either the hunter, the hunted or the environment

These rules are intended to enhance the hunting experience and the relationship between the hunter and the hunted

Fair Chase Hunting allows for
more public participation in
hunting

A deer permit allows an individual the opportunity to hunt for a deer

It does not guarantee the permit holder a deer

That is why monitoring hunter success rates through the survey cards are so important

That is why it is mandatory to turn in a survey card

If we want to harvest 25 deer from a unit on a particular hunt, and we know the success rate is 25% for that particular hunt, how many permits do we offer for that hunt?

Laws Pertaining to Fair Chase and Conservation

- Taking wildlife out of season or without a permit
- Use of aircraft
- Taking wildlife with another person's permit
- Spotlighting
- Failure to tag
- Bag and Possession Limits
- Legal firearms and Firearm Capacity
- Shooting from a motor vehicle
- Proof of Sex
- Tagging Requirements
- # of rods to fish
- Seigning and dynamite are not allowed for fishing

Regulations that are for Safety Purposes

- Shoot from or across a graded or paved road
- Shoot within a half mile of a residence
- Hunter Orange Requirements
- Possessing alcoholic beverages while hunting

Rules and Regs for Safety Purposes Continued

- Exceeding weight limits on watercraft
- Life Jacket Requirements
- Careless operation of a watercraft
- DWI in a boat
- Ice fishing hole restrictions
- Having an open fire on the ice

Rules and Regs for Ethical Purposes

- Waste of game or fish
- Littering
- Damaging Property while taking wildlife
- Off-road vehicle travel
- Relocating fish or using live fish for bait

Ethics

You should always assume that somebody may be witnessing your hunting or fishing adventure

Therefore you are representing all hunters and fishermen whenever you hunt or fish

There are people who are opposed to hunting and fishing

Some Ethics Decisions are Personal Choices

- Fly fishing or Archery only hunters and anglers
- Using dogs for hunting
- Participating in Hunting and Angling Contests
- How you Transport your Big Game Harvest

Wildlife Regs that May Conflict with Traditional Hunting

Proof of sex

Leaving head and reproductive organs at the site of the kill

Have Wildlife Officer or check station staff validate the harvest