SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS
TRIBAL MEMBERS
2026 HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

SPOKANE TRIBAL RESOLUTION 2026- 453

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RED DENOTES CHANGES FROM 2025 SEASONS – Please be aware there are changes for 2026.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 DEER HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

Spokane Tribal Members (Enrolled)

Mandatory check in for CWD (chronic wasting disease) testing at Department of Natural Resources for all harvested deer (509-626-4405). Failure to report will result in a Resolution Violation ($300)

White-tail Deer:

White-tail Buck	Open July 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
White-tail Antlerless	Open October 1, 2026 through October 31, 2026

Mule Deer:

Mule Deer Buck	**CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON**
Mule Deer Antlerless	**CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON**

Bag Limit: No more than six (6) deer, either sex, either species, per Tribal member during the 2026 hunting season. No more than six (6) deer per household, total combined with Tribal member, spouse, and descendants in a single household. No more than two (2) deer carcasses in any one person's possessions at any one time. Bucks must have visible antlers. Black-tail, including the possibility of White-tail/mule deer hybrid will be considered a mule deer.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 BEAR HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

Spokane Tribal Members (Enrolled)

Season: Open year-round.

Bag Limit: Total of six (6), either sex, per Tribal member per calendar year. No more than two (2) carcasses in any one person's possession at one time. Pursuing bears, using hound dogs, requires an annual special hound permit. The permit is available at DNR. **Please DO NOT harvest collared bears.**

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

Spokane Tribal Members (Enrolled)

Season: Gobbler and hen open year-round.

SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS
DESCENDANT AND SPOUSE
2026 HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

SPOKANE TRIBAL RESOLUTIONS 2026-453

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SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 DEER HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members
Hunting for all species CLOSED from November 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Per Chapter 17 of the Law and Order Code, all persons in a group are deemed to be part of a hunt regardless of the number of weapons.

White-tail Deer:
White-tail Buck: Open **October 1, 2026** through **October 31, 2026**.
Mandatory check in of all deer for CWD (chronic wasting disease) testing at Department of Natural Resources (509-626-4405).

White-tail Antlerless: Open **October 1, 2026** through **October 31, 2026.**
Mandatory check in of all deer for CWD (chronic wasting disease) testing at Department of Natural Resources (509-626-4405).
***Failure to report of harvest will result in loss of Hunting/Fishing Privileges for 1 Season. ***

Mule Deer:
Mule Deer: **CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON**

Mule Deer Antlerless: **CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON**

Bag Limit: **No more than two (2) deer only one (1) of which may be antlerless,** per descendant/spouse of Spokane Tribal Member during the 2026 hunting season. No more than six (6) deer per household, total combined with Tribal member, spouse, and descendants in a single household. Bucks must have visible antlers. Black-tail, including the possibility of White-tail/mule deer hybrid will be considered a mule deer.
Descendants and Spouses: You must first obtain your Courtesy Permit and up to two (2) Hunting Tags (with harvest report cards) from Tribal Headquarters before hunting (please see the Enrollment Officer). Each deer harvested must be tagged immediately and a harvest report card must be returned within ten (10) days of harvest to the Enrollment Office. All tags and report cards must be turned back in whether you're successful or not no later than **DECEMBER 31, 2026.** Failure to comply will result in the loss of hunting privileges and require a **$100.00** reinstatement fee, if the fee is not paid within three years there will be a loss of privileges for 10 years.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
DESCENDANT AND SPOUSE
2026 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members
Hunting for all species closed from November 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Elk

Bulls: CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON

Antlerless CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 MOOSE HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members
Hunting for all species closed from November 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Moose:

Bull: CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON
Antlerless CLOSED FOR 2026 SEASON

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 BEAR HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members
Hunting for all species closed from November 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Season: Open **January 1, 2026** through **October 31, 2026.**

Bag Limit: Total of six (6), either sex, per descendant or spouse per calendar year. No more than two (2) carcasses in any one person's possession at one time.
All bears must be physically checked in at Department of Natural Resources within 72 hours of harvest.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members
Hunting for all species closed from November 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026

Season: Gobbler and hen open **January 1, 2026** through **October 31, 2026.**

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS
GENERAL ELK SEASON 2026: November 4- November 22, 2026

Non-Permit Holders- Season November 4, 2026 through November 22, 2026
Any Bull (North ½) Hunt Area: NORTH of the highway from Little Falls west to Wellpinit west to Peters Road west to highway 25 South.

Senior 65 and above Antlerless Permits: Season November 4, 2026 through November 22, 2026 **(40 permits)**
Hunt Area: The Senior antlerless elk permit area is within the exterior boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation

Special Spike Only Bull Permits (South ½): Season November 4, 2026 through November 22, 2026 **(30 permits)**
30-Permits, permit valid ONLY in the south half area.
Hunt area: The spike only bull elk permit area includes South of the highway from Little Falls west to Wellpinit west to Peters Road west to highway 25 South.

Special Antlerless Permits: Season November 4, 2026 through November 22, 2026 **(150 permits)**
Hunt area: The cow elk permit area is within the exterior boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation.

Archery Either Sex Permits (North ½): Season September 23, 2026 through September 30, 2026 **(4 permits)**
Hunt Area: The archery either sex permit area includes north of the highway from Little Falls west to Wellpinit West to Peters Road west to Highway 25 South.

Muzzleloader Either Sex Permits (North ½): Season October 1, 2026 through October 8, 2026 **(4 permits)**
Hunt Area: The muzzleloader either sex permit area includes north of the highway from Little Falls west to Wellpinit west to Peters Road west to Highway 25 South.

Youth Antlerless Permits (South ½): Season October 1, 2026 through October 8, 2026 (3 permits)
Hunt Area: The youth antlerless permit area includes South of highway from Little Falls west to Wellpinit west to Peters Road west to highway 25 South.

For map designating the North and South hunting area boundaries see Figure 2 on following page.

Eligibility: Enrolled Spokane members only.
Regulations:

1. Application period for permit sign-up will be from: June 2, 2026 to July 31, 2026 STOI Admin Building Monday-Friday 8-4pm. Applicants can only sign-up once for each category.
2. Drawing will be held on **August 5, 2026** at the Department of Natural Resources
3. Drawing is open to enrolled Spokane Tribal members who are 16 years of age and older on July 31, 2026, or any enrolled youth who has successfully completed a Hunters Safety Course prior to the date of the drawing. Proof of Hunters Safety must be provided to the Wildlife Committee before July 31, 2026.
4. Two (2) Special Elk Permit per household.
5. **One (1) elk per Tribal member, per calendar year.** Applicants awarded a 2026 special antlerless elk permit are able to ONLY hunt antlerless elk. UNLESS, they choose to forfeit their special permit. Please **DO NOT HARVEST COLLARED ELK**
6. Special Permits: 232 elk permits (**40** senior antlerless, **30** South Half Spike Only, **150** antlerless, **1 "Golden Tag", 4** muzzleloader either sex, and **4** archery either sex, 3 youth South antlerless will be determined by special drawing).
7. Special permits will be considered forfeited if the chosen applicant delivers a written statement to the Wildlife Committee Chairman, prior to the start of the season associated with the forfeited permit.
8. Two (2) year moratoriums for permit winners whether successful at filling permits or not. This includes each category (Spike elk, Muzzleloader and Archery Tags) and also applies to future categories if established.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS
GENERAL ELK SEASON 2026: November 4-November 22, 2026

Eligibility: Enrolled Spokane members only.

Regulations:

9. Designated hunters will be allowed for seniors or disabled individuals **(65 years and older, or disabled with doctor documentation)**, if they are special permit holders, they are eligible for the designated hunter program in 2026. **Designated hunters must be identified prior to the start of the general elk hunt.** Only one designated hunter can be named, and the named designated hunter must be an enrolled Tribal member **Designated hunter permits have an antler restriction of SPIKE ONLY (North half Spike or South half special Spike tag).** The designated hunters for elders with special antlerless tags may ONLY harvest cows for tag holders. Individuals may only act as a designated hunter for one individual. Designated hunter permits are non-transferable. A formal designated hunter policy is available at the Department of Natural Resources front desk, which must be filled out by October 30 at 4 p.m. (No exceptions).
10. Caliber restriction: Firearms with a caliber of less than .243 will not be allowed.
11. Vehicle travel is permitted on **main roads ONLY, including ATV's**, unless retrieving game. **(Sect. 15-6.01**
12. **All harvested elk** must be checked in within 24 hours to one of the two (2) designated check stations for CWD. One at the Department of Natural Resources (Wellpinit: 6:30-6), and the second at Anderson field station (West-End: 7-5:30). **Failure to do so will result in a Resolution Violation and a fine of $300.**
13. Bulls must have visible antlers. Spikes must have at least one (1) visible antler with no branches originating more than 4 inches from where the antler attaches the head. An elk that is a 1x2 is a legal spike, figure 1.
14. Either sex permit holders are allowed to harvest one animal either a bull or a cow during the designated season
15. Senior special permits are open to enrolled Tribal members **65** years of age or older.
16. Youth south half antlerless permits are open to enrolled Tribal members 17 or younger as of July 31, 2026 who have successfully completed a Hunters Safety course within the year of application.
17. Proficiency test for muzzleloader and archery special permits will be held on May 30th and June 20th at 9 am 12 pm at the Gun range. Individuals will not be eligible for muzzleloader or archery special permits unless they have successfully passed one of the aforementioned proficiency tests. **REMINDER** in 2026 everyone is required to requalify to be eligible in 2026 for archery and muzzleloader tags. Information on 2026 proficiency test can be found at DNR and will be provided at the testing location.
18. Archery restrictions: 40lbs of draw. Crossbow use is not allowed.
19. Archery and muzzleloader special permit holders are **not eligible** to hunt elk during the general elk hunt.
20. The woods are **CLOSED** to **ALL NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS** during the general elk hunt.

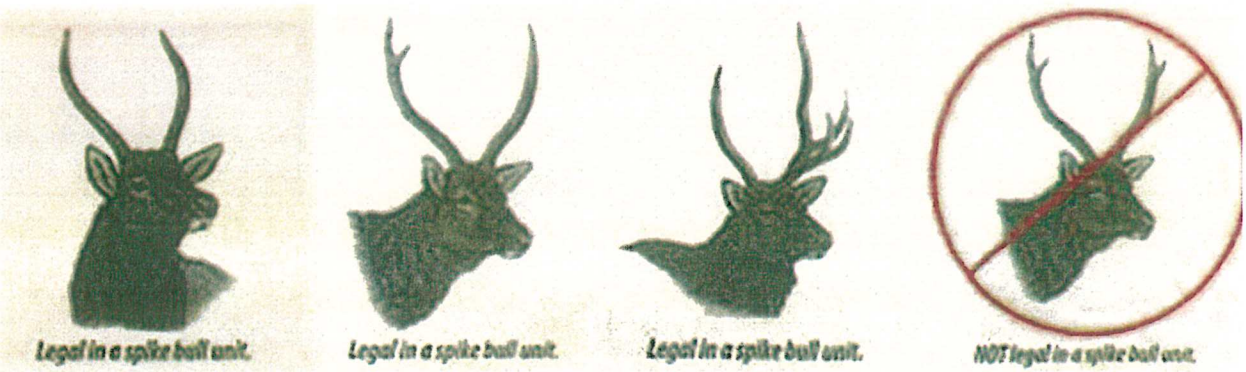


Figure 1. Legal and illegal spike elk diagram. Photo courtesy of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2026 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS
GENERAL ELK SEASON 2026: November 4-November 22,

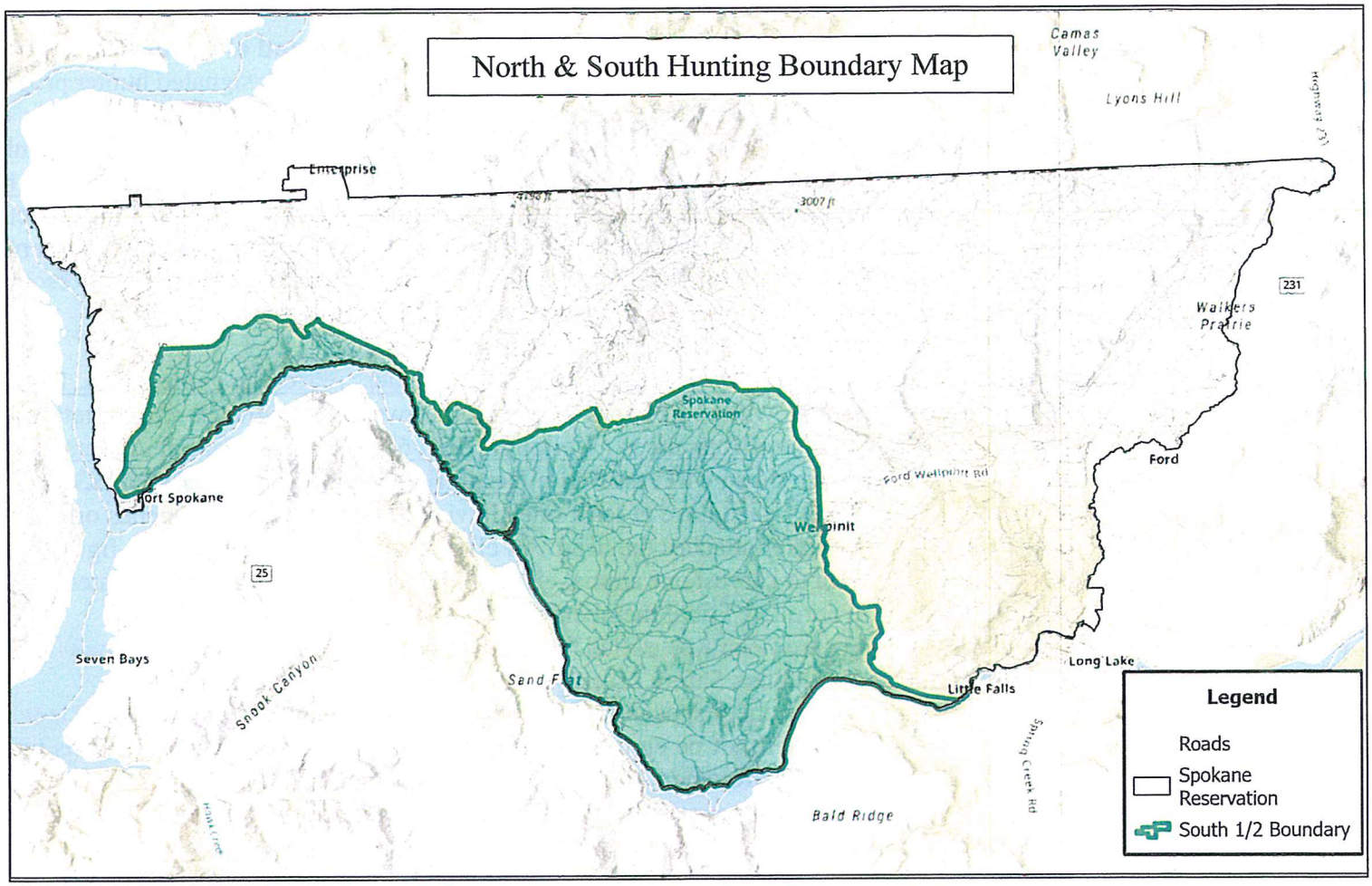
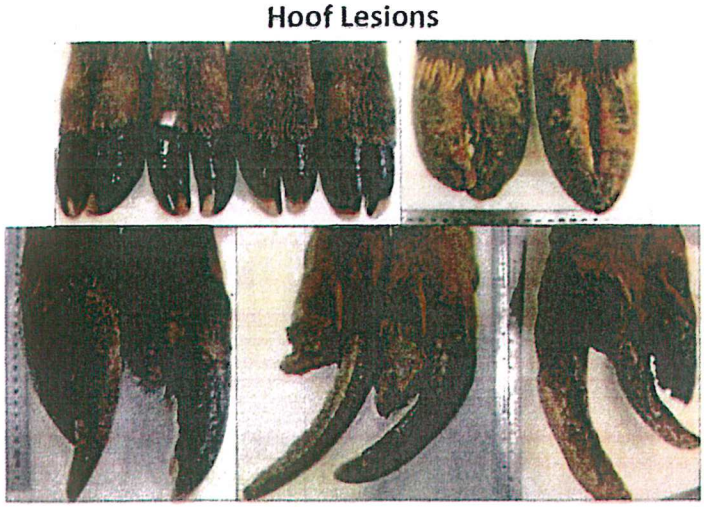


Figure 2. Map designating the North and South hunting area boundaries.

Elk Hoof Disease in Washington State (TAHD)



- The disease appears to be highly infectious among elk, however there is no evidence that it affects humans. TAHD can affect hooves of any elk, young or old, male or female.
- Disease is limited to animals' hooves, and does not affect their meat or organs.
- Currently there is no vaccine or proven options of treatment.
- Most cases in Washington have been primarily reported in Southwest corner of the state.
- Please report any observations of healthy elk limping or any elk harvested or found dead with hoof abnormalities

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATIONS
2026 MOOSE HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility: Enrolled Spokane Tribal members only.

Regulations:

1. Application period for permit sign-up will be from: **June 1, 2026** to **July 31, 2026.**
2. Drawing will be held on **August 5, 2026** at Department of Natural Resources.
3. Drawing is open to enrolled Spokane Tribal members who are 16 years of age and older on July 31, 2026 or any enrolled youth who has successfully completed a Hunters Safety Course prior to the date of the drawing.
4. One (1) special moose permit per household.
5. Special Permits: **6 moose permits** (2 Reservation wide bulls, 4 Sand Creek Bulls) will be determined by special drawing.
6. Bulls must have visible antlers.
7. Special permits will be considered forfeited if the chosen applicant delivers a written statement to the Wildlife Committee Chairman, prior to the start of the season associated with the forfeited permit
8. Special permit season will be from October 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
9. Applicants can apply by signing-up at Spokane Tribal Admin Building. Applicants can only sign-up once for each category.
10. Five (5) year moratoriums for permit winners whether successful at filling permits or not. This includes each category (bull, antlerless, etc.) and also applies to future categories if established.
11. Harvested moose must be reported to Tribal Park Rangers and/or Law Enforcement Officers to validate the harvest site within 24 hours.
12. All moose harvested must be checked in at Department of Natural Resources within 72 Hours for CWD testing.

Bull Moose Permits: Season October 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Hunt Area: The bull moose permit area is within the boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation.

Sand Creek Bull Special Area Moose Permits: Season October 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Hunt Area: The Sand Creek special area moose permit area starts at the North Boundary (48th Parallel) commences south on Orzada Mine Road (West Boundary) to the intersection of Upper Sand Creek (East Boundary) then north to the North Boundary (48th Parallel) then west to the point of origin (requests for maps of the Sand Creek special area should be made to the Wildlife Program. See Figure 3.

- **Shooting out of the designated hunt area will result in forfeiture of animal and tag.**

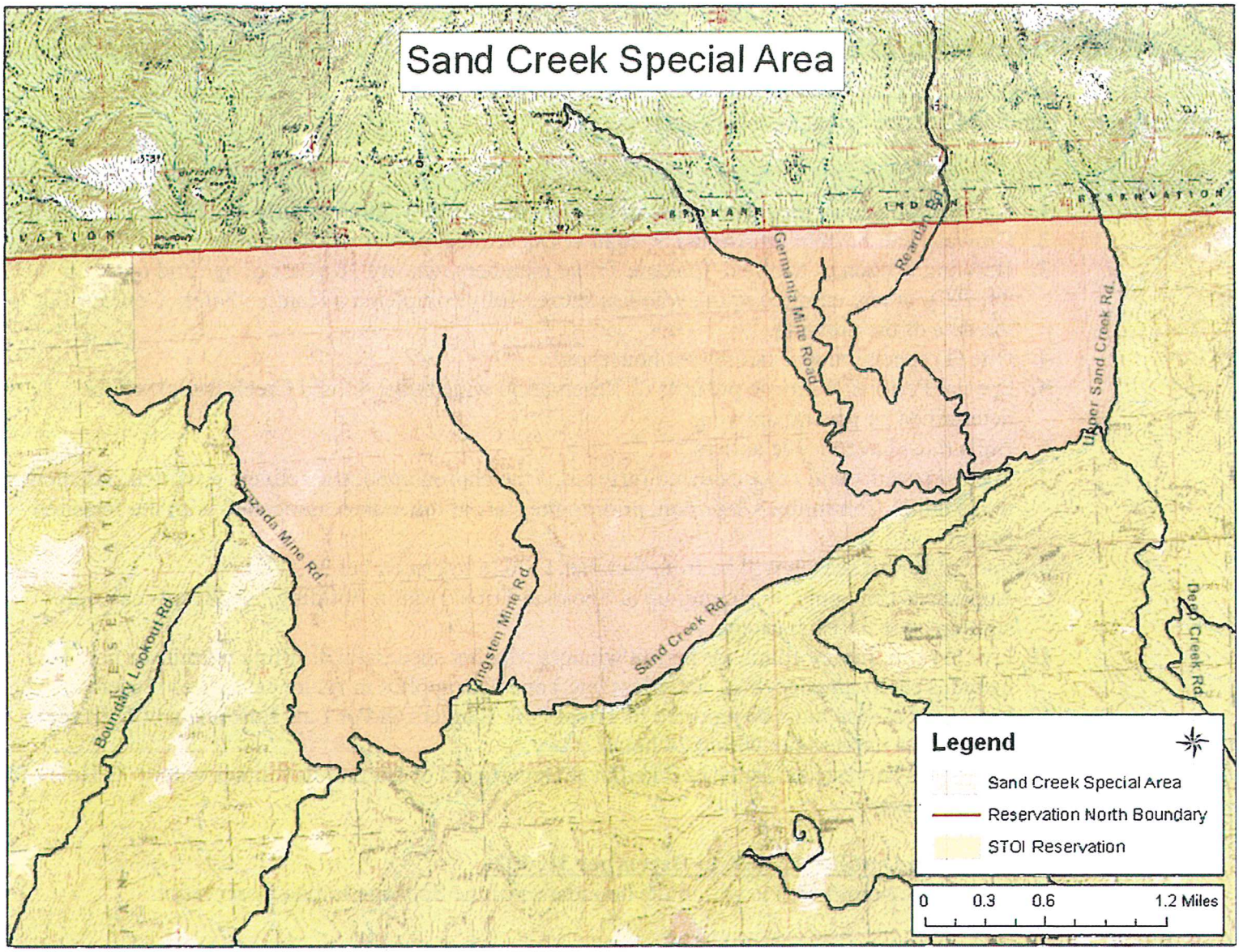


Figure 3. Sandcreek Moose special hunt area

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE
CWD

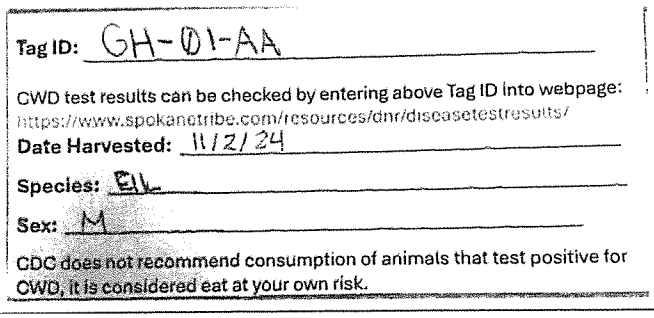
What is it?
- CWD is a fatal central nervous system disease found in cervids: Elk, Deer and Moose.
- It causes proteins to misfold and accumulate in the central nervous system
- Transmitted through direct animal-to-animal contact or indirectly through saliva, urine, feces, blood, or carcass of infected animals
- Recently found in Spokane county, it was the first confirmed case in Washington State.
- It has never been documented to transmit to humans however due to the classification of this disease it does have potential to.

Signs of CWD in Cervids
- ✓ Loss of body condition or emaciation (wasting).
- ✓ Change in behavior such as loss of fear of humans.
- ✓ Loss of bodily control or movements.
- ✓ Excessive drooling and salivating.

What are the Impacts?
- Healthy cervid populations are of the upmost importance to the STOI, established CWD on reservation could significantly reduce cervid populations.
- CWD can spread through all cervid populations.
- All infected animals die from the disease.
- There are currently no vaccines or treatments available.
- Hunting traditions are important to the STOI membership, as is monitoring for the disease.
- Monitoring for the disease will allow the Program to determine the prevalence rate in our population and appropriate management tools to minimize impacts.

What should you do?
- ✓ MANDATORY: Get your harvested animal tested for CWD at DNR or by leaving the head in a drop off bin
- ✓ Should you harvest or observe an animal you suspect of having CWD, contact the STOI Wildlife program or tribal rangers IMMEDIATELY.
- ✓ It is recommended that an animal be tested prior to consumption pending a negative test result
- ✓ The CDC currently recommends not to consume meat from a CWD positive animal
- ✓ Use protective measures when field dressing your animal, dispose of head, spinal cord, and bones in designated disposal sites.
- ✓ **Wildlife Program Contacts:**
  - Derek Abrahamson (509)626-4405, Savanah Walker: savanah.walker@spokanetribe.com, Payten Brower: payten.brower@spokanetribe.com

Checking CWD Test Results
- CWD Test Results Website URL: https://www.spokanetribe.com/resources/dnr/diseasetestresults/
  - Page is located under the resources tab at the Spokane Tribe of Indians website (spokanetribe.com)
- Enter "Tag ID" exactly as shown on the harvest identification ticket received during sample collection at check station (Tag ID Example: GH-01-AA). See image below.
- Select green "Check Results" bar and receive test results and basic information about the specific harvest.
- Receiving a test result of "Pending" indicates the test result for this sample have not yet been received.
- From the date of submission, results are typically received within 10-12 days.


Tag ID: GH-01-AA

CWD test results can be checked by entering above Tag ID into webpage:
https://www.spokanetribe.com/resources/dnr/diseasetestresults/
Date Harvested: 11/2/24

Species: Elk

Sex: M

CDC does not recommend consumption of animals that test positive for CWD, it is considered eat at your own risk.

CWD RELATED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2024-415: Restrictions on importing and possessing game meat harvested off the reservation due to chronic wasting disease

- All wild game harvested or salvaged outside of the exterior boundaries of the reservation may only be imported or possessed if the meat has been deboned in the state, province, or area it was harvested/salvaged and is imported as boned-out meat. No person may bring or import the bones, spinal cord tissue, and/or brain matter of wild game meat harvested/salvaged beyond the exterior boundaries of the reservation onto the reservation.
- Skulls and antlers, antlers attached to the skull plate or whole skull may only be imported when all soft tissue and brain matter are removed from the skull and/or brain cavity.
- Washington State already enacted a similar law of game transport, for more information see WAC 220-413-030

Resolution 2024-416: Bait ban on the Spokane Indian Reservation due to Chronic Wasting Disease

- It shall be unlawful to bait any wildlife with salt, grain, fruit, hay, or other food-based attractant that could serve as a lure or attractant for deer, elk, and moose.
- It shall be unlawful to use artificial or synthetic scent attractants or other bodily fluid-based scent attractants.
- The following are not valid defenses or exceptions to the ban on baiting wildlife:
    a. Accidental or unintentional spills of bait or attractants
    b. Dumping of bait or attractants
    c. Storage of feed, bait or attractants
    d. Storage of other agricultural produce including hay or minerals which may attract deer, elk, or moose
    e. Any other exception other than those expressly described in this Resolution

SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS 2026
GRAY WOLF HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

Spokane Tribal Resolution 2026-453

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GRAY WOLF

Eligibility: Open to enrolled Spokane Tribal Members only

Season: **Open year-round, Within the Boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation**

Quota: The 2026 gray wolf hunting season will close once ten (10) individuals are harvested.

Regulations:

1. Trapping and/or snaring will be allowed by special permit only. See additional requirements on the next page.
2. Trapping and/or snaring season open **October 1, 2026-February 28, 2027, with valid trapping permit.**
3. Tracking dogs will **not** be allowed.
4. Individuals outfitted with radio-collars are **not** to be harvested.
5. Radio-telemetry may **not** be used to assist in gray wolf harvest.
6. All gray wolf kills are to be reported **IMMEDIATELY upon recovery of animal,** to either the Department of Natural Resources Biologists (Wellpinit) or the Public Safety Building Law Enforcement/Park Ranger (Wellpinit) and physically checked with the Wildlife Program within 72 hours for data collection. Failure to do so will result in a **Resolution Violation and a fine of $300.**
7. Hunters are not required to save the meat from harvested gray wolves.
8. Unintentional takes must be turned into the Spokane Tribe of Indians Department of Natural Resource immediately.

The above seasons and regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the Spokane Tribal Business Council.

SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS 2026
TRAPPING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

Spokane Tribal Resolution 2026-453

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General Trapping

1. Trapping and snaring permits must be obtained on an annual basis. All permits expire on March 1 of each year.
2. **All** traps and snares must have permit holders name and number etched or affixed to them.
3. All cable snares must have a 6-to-7-inch deer stop and 450lb breakaway.
4. No traps can be set closer than 50 feet from exposed bait or carcasses.
   - Cervid carcasses used as bait must have a no detection CWD test result to prevent environmental contamination
5. It is a violation to destroy, disturb, or remove equipment or trapped wildlife belonging to others.
6. Traps and snares shall be checked at least every 48 hours.
7. Traps must be set a minimum of 150 yards away from a residence.
8. All leg-hold traps and snares have an "end swivel" at the point where the trap attaches to the anchor point or snare loop that allows free rotation if the animal twists or rolls.
9. All trappers must have a catchpole in their possession to release non-target species from traps.

Wolf Trapping

Must follow General Trapping guidelines in addition to the following:

1. All leg hold traps must have padded jaws to allow for release of collared wolves with minimal injuries.
2. All trap jaws must be no less than 7 ¼" when trap is open.
3. All snare cables must be 3/32" or larger with a 6-to-7-inch deer stop and 450lb breakaway.
4. All trapping and snaring locations must be reported to the Wildlife Program with reasonable specificity.
5. The Wildlife Program will be notified immediately if a collared wolf is captured so that it can be released.
6. If a collared wolf is killed, the collar must be returned to the Wildlife Program.
7. All gray wolf kills are to be reported **IMMEDIATELY upon recovery of animal,** to either the Department of Natural Resources Biologists (Wellpinit) or the Public Safety Building Law Enforcement/Park Ranger (Wellpinit) and physically checked with the Wildlife Program within 72 hours for data collection.

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