

2009 Wolf Hunting Seasons and Rules

General Rules

Wolf Harvest Limits: Harvest limits are established for each management zone. The wolf take season will close immediately upon notification the wolf harvest limit has been met.

To report a wolf harvest, call: 1-877-872-3190.

To find out which hunt zones are closed, call: 1-877-872-3190, or visit <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/>.

For more specific information about the number of wolves harvested and reported for each management unit, call an Idaho Fish and Game regional office, the headquarters office in Boise, or the Website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/hunt/>

Harvest limits may be reached quickly, and hunters are encouraged to check the status the day they plan to hunt.

Evidence of Sex: Must be left attached to the hide of any wolf taken. External evidence of sex (scrotum, penis, or testicles for males, or vulva for females) must be left naturally attached to the hide until the mandatory check requirement has been satisfied. Either sex may be taken.

Bag Limit: No person may take more wolves than the number for which he or she possesses legal tags. In 2009, hunters may not be issued more than one wolf tag. Tag must be validated and securely attached immediately upon the kill.

Mandatory Report and Check: Any hunter killing a wolf must report the harvest within 24 hours by calling the Wolf Reporting Number at **1-877-872-3190**. Consideration will be given to those hunting in backcountry units. Additionally, any hunter killing a wolf must, within 5 days of the date of kill, present the skull and hide to a Fish and Game regional office or conservation officer for removal and retention of a premolar tooth and to have the hide tagged with an official state export tag. No person who does not have a fur buyer or taxidermist license or appropriate import documentation may have in their possession, except during the open season and for five days after the close of the season, any raw wolf hide without an Idaho or another state's official export tag attached.

A hunter may authorize another person to comply with the above requirements if that person possesses enough information to accurately complete the necessary form. Please thaw your wolf hide and skull before bringing it in for tagging.

Capturing Wolves: No person may trap, snare or otherwise capture or hold any wolf. Trapping seasons will be considered in future years.

Big Game Feeding Sites: It is unlawful to hunt or pursue wolves within a half mile of any active Idaho Fish and Game big game feeding site.

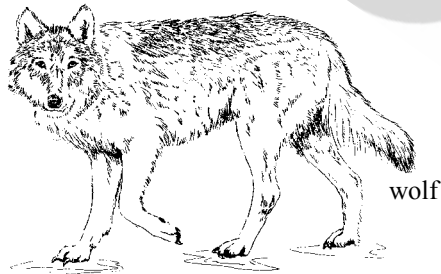
Weapons Restrictions: Same as for other big game animals, see Page 65 in the 2009 big game rules.

Electronic calls: No electronic calls may be used to attract wolves for the purpose of harvest.

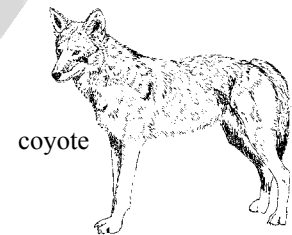
Bait: Baiting or hunting over bait for wolves is not allowed. It is unlawful to hunt wolves within 200 yards of the perimeter of any designated dump or sanitary landfill.

Dogs: Use of dogs to attract or pursue wolves is prohibited.

Retrieving meat: Hunters are not required to



wolf



coyote

retrieve meat from a harvested wolf. Hide and skull must be physically presented to a Fish and Game regional office within 5 days of kill.

Incidental Wolf Take: Trappers who accidentally capture a wolf must release the wolf uninjured and must report the capture to an Idaho Fish and Game employee within 5 days of release. They are also encouraged to contact the nearest Fish and Game regional office immediately to allow a determination of whether to attach a radio collar to assist wolf management.

Trappers who accidentally capture a wolf that cannot be released uninjured must notify a Fish and Game employee immediately to collect the animal. No one may keep an incidentally taken wolf.

Wolves with Radio Collars: Hunters may encounter wolves with radio collars. These radio collars allow Idaho Fish and Game personnel to monitor wolf activity, assess population status, and help determine future hunting opportunity. Though it is legal to do so, Fish and Game encourages hunters to avoid harvesting radio-collared wolves. Hunters are required to return any radio collars when they check in their wolf.

For general hunting rules and license requirements, please consult the 2009 Big Game Seasons and Rules.

SPECIES	WOLF	COYOTE
Weight (lbs)	70-120	20-35
Height at Shoulder	26-34 in.	16-20 in.
Color	black, white, all shades of gray & tan, grizzled, never spotted.	all shades of gray & tan, white or black is very rare, never spotted
Tail Carriage	hangs down or straight out, never curls	hangs down or straight out, never curls
General Appearance	massive, long legged, first impression at long distance is often calf or deer	delicate, medium size, dog-like proportions with fox-like face.
Ears	rounded, relatively short, never hang down	pointed, relatively long, never hang down
Muzzle	large and blocky	long and pointed
Track	4 1/2 - 5 in. long with claws	2-3 inches long with claws

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Zone	Season Dates	Limits ¹	Notes
Panhandle (1-7, 9)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	30	
Palouse-Hells Canyon (8, 8A, 11, 11A, 13, 18)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	5	
Lolo (10, 12)	Sep 1 - Mar 31	27	
Dworshak-Elk City (10A, 14-16)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	18	
Selway (16A, 17, 19, 20)	Sep 15 - Dec 31	17	
Middle Fork (20A, 26, 27)	Sep 15 - Dec 31	17	
Salmon (21, 21A, 28, 36B)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	16	
McCall-Weiser (19A, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 32, 32A)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	15	<i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction in Units 32 and 32A, See note 2.</i>
Sawtooth (Units 33, 34, 35, 36, 39)	Sep 1 - Mar 31	55	<i>Motorized Vehicle Restriction in Unit 39, Sep 8 - Sep 30</i>
Southern Mountains (29, 36A, 37, 37A, 43, 44, 48-51, 30, 30A, 58-59A)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	10	<i>Motor Vehicle Restrictions Unit 29, 30, 30A, 36A, 37, 37A, 48, 49, 50, 51, 58, 59, 59A.</i>
Upper Snake (60-62A, 64, 65, 67)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	5	
South Idaho (38, 40-42, 45-47, 52-57, 63, 63A, 66, 66A, 68-78)	Oct 1 - Dec 31	5	<i>Motor Vehicle Restrictions Units 45, 47, 52, 53, 56, 57, 66, 69, 70, 73, 75, 77, 78.</i>

¹ Hunting is closed when harvest limits are reached.

² See motor vehicle rule on Page 68 of the 2009 Big Game Seasons and Rules.

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To find out whether a wolf hunt zone is closed, call **1-877-872-3190**

Within 24 hours of harvesting a wolf, hunters must report it at **1-877-872-3190**.

Hunters must present hide and skull to a Fish and Game regional office within five days.

Wolf tags, \$11.50 for residents and \$186 for nonresidents (includes \$1.75 vendor fee), are available at all Idaho license vendors.

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