

What to get for the big game hunter? Game raffle tickets on sale

What better holiday gift for the hunters in the family than a handful of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Big Game Raffle Hunt tickets and the chance to win a special hunt?

Raffle tickets went on sale December 1 at hunting/fishing license sales agents, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters in Salem, and many regional and district ODFW offices.



The raffle hunts offered for 2006 include statewide combination deer and elk, statewide deer, statewide elk, northeast Oregon deer, southeast Oregon deer, central Oregon deer, northeast Oregon elk, central/southeast Oregon elk, western Oregon elk, bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, and pronghorn.

Deer and elk raffle winners will be licensed to hunt a 91-day season, from September 1 to November 30, 2006, across multiple management units. The winner of the Bighorn sheep raffle will be able to hunt from August 12 to November 19, anywhere there are authorized tags and seasons. The Rocky Mountain goat raffle winner will be able to hunt from September 1 to October 31 anywhere there are authorized seasons and tags. The pronghorn raffle winner will be able to hunt from August 1 to October 31 anywhere there are authorized seasons and tags. All big game raffle tags are in addition to general season and controlled hunt tags.

Ticket prices for deer hunts are \$4 for one ticket, \$11 for six, \$21 for 15, \$51 for 40 and \$101 for 100. Elk raffle tickets are \$6 for one, \$21 for six, \$41 for 15 and \$101 for 40. Combination deer and elk hunt tickets are one for \$11, six for \$31, 15 for \$61 and 40 for \$151. Bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, and pronghorn raffle tickets are \$11 for one, \$51 for six, and \$101 for 13.

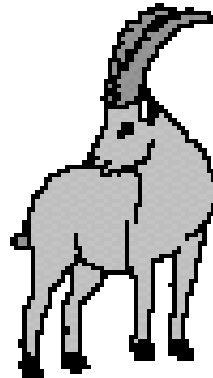


Packages of up to 15 tickets may be purchased at any ODFW point-of-sale license vendor through May 10, 2006. Access and Habitat Program Deer and Elk Raffle Ticket packages of 40 and 100 must be purchased by mail or fax through ODFW's Salem office, 3406 Cherry Ave. NE, Salem, OR 97303 by May 5, 2006. The fax number is 503-947-6117 or 503-947-6113.

Order forms are available from point-of-sale agents, on page 31 of the 2006 big game regulations or by calling 503-947-6300. Order forms, current raffle ticket sales numbers, and further information are available on the Auction and Raffle Program Web site at <www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunt-

ing/auctions_raffles/>.

Purchased tickets must be filled out and returned to ODFW to be officially entered in the drawing. The point-of-sale deadline for purchasing tickets is May 5, 2006. Mail orders must be postmarked no later than May 13, 2006. Raffle



tickets may also be hand-delivered to ODFW's Salem headquarters by 5:00 p.m., May 18, 2006, or to the drawing location by 7:00 p.m., May 20, 2006.

The winning tickets will be drawn at the 23rd Annual Oregon Hunters Association State Convention, to be held in Lincoln City on May 20, 2006. Raffle tickets will also be on sale at the convention from 5:00 p.m.

to 6:30 p.m.

Funds from the deer and elk raffle are distributed through Access and Habitat Program grants to individual and corporate landowners, sport/conservation organizations and others to fund wildlife habitat improve-

ment and hunter access projects throughout Oregon. Money raised from the bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, and pronghorn raffle is used for the research and management of those species.

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