

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 utmost 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?

- ✓ 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:**
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SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS TRIBAL MEMBERS 2024 HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

SPOKANE TRIBAL RESOLUTION 2024- 253 & 2024-438

Hunting and fishing within the boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation is open only to enrolled members of the Spokane Tribe. As a privilege, spouses of enrolled Spokane Tribal members and first-generation descendants of enrolled Spokane Tribal members are allowed to hunt deer after FIRST obtaining a **Courtesy Permit** and **Hunting Permits** and ONLY during designated seasons. Violations will be subject to confiscation of materials used in an unlawful act and will be prosecuted in Tribal court as a civil or criminal offense. Any question about enforcement should be directed to the Tribal Law Enforcement at (509) 258-4569.

RED DENOTES CHANGES FROM 2023 SEASONS – Please be aware there are changes for 2024.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION 2024 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).

White-tail Deer:

White-tail Buck Open July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

White-tail Antlerless Open October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

Mule Deer:

Limit 1 buck/1 antlerless- No more than 2 mule deer per household.

Mule Deer Buck October 1, 2024 through October 14, 2024-Limit ONE buck

Mule Deer Antlerless October 1, 2024 through October 14, 2024-Limit ONE antlerless

It is MANDATORY that All Mule Deer harvested-are reported to Wildlife dept. for data collection (Derek Abrahamson 626-4405), DO NOT HARVEST COLLARED MULE DEER.

Failure to report will result in a Resolution Violation (\$300)

Bag Limit: No more than six (6) deer, either sex, either species, per Tribal member during the 2024 hunting season. No more than six (6) deer per household, total combined with Tribal member, spouse, and descendants in a single

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION 2024 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 through the Tribal Council. Please DO NOT harvest collared bears.**

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION 2024 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

Spokane Tribal Members (Enrolled)

Season: Gobbler and hen open year-round.

“Preserve, protect, and enhance the fish and wildlife resources of the Spokane Indian Reservation”

**SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS
DESCENDANT AND SPOUSE
2024 HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS**

SPOKANE TRIBAL RESOLUTIONS 2024-253

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**SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION
2024 DEER HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS**

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members
Hunting for all species CLOSED from November 6, 2024 to November 17, 2024.

White-tail Deer:

White-tail Buck: Open **October 1, 2024** through **October 31, 2024**.

Mandatory check in for CWD (chronic wasting disease) testing at Department of Natural Resources (509-626-4405).

White-tail Antlerless: Open **October 1, 2024** through **October 31, 2024**.

Mandatory check in 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 2024 SEASON**

Mule Deer Antlerless: **CLOSED FOR 2024 SEASON**

Bag Limit: No more than two (2) deer only one (1) of which may be antlerless, per household as established for the 2024 season. 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 **JANUARY 3, 2025**. Failure to comply will result in the loss of hunting privileges and require a **\$100.00** reinstatement fee by Tribal Resolution 2006-277, **if the fee is not paid within three years there will be a loss of privileges for 10 years.**

**SPOKANE TRIBE OF INDIANS 2024
GRAY WOLF HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS**

Spokane Tribal Resolution 2024-253

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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 2024 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.
2. Trapping and/or snaring season open **October 1, 2024-February 28, 2025**
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) 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 INDIAN RESERVATIONS 2024 MOOSE HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

Eligibility: Enrolled Spokane Tribal members only.

Regulations:

1. Application period for permit sign-up will be from: **June 1, 2024** to **July 31, 2024**.
2. Drawing will be held on **August 7, 2024** 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, 2023 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: **8 moose permits** (2 Reservation wide bulls, 6 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, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
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.**

Bull Moose Permits: Season October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

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

Sand Creek Special Area Moose Permits: Season October 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

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.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION DESCENDANT AND SPOUSE 2024 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members

Hunting for all species closed from [November 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)

Elk

Bulls: CLOSED FOR 2024 SEASON

Antlerless CLOSED FOR 2024 SEASON

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION 2024 MOOSE HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members

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Moose:

Bull: CLOSED FOR 2024 SEASON

Antlerless CLOSED FOR 2024 SEASON

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION 2024 BEAR HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members

Hunting for all species closed from [November 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)

Season: Open **January 1, 2024** through **October 31, 2024**.

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.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION 2024 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON AND REGULATIONS

First Generation Spokane Descendants and Spouses of Enrolled Spokane Tribal Members

Hunting for all species closed from [November 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)

Season: Gobbler and hen open **January 1, 2024** through **October 31, 2024**.

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION

2024 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL ELK SEASON 2024: November 6- November 17, 2024

Non-Permit Holders- Season [November 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)

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 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)

Hunt Area: The Senior antlerless elk permit area is within the boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation.

Special **Spike Only Bull Permits (South ½): Season [November 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)**

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 6, 2024 through November 17, 2024](#)

Hunt area: The cow elk permit area is within the boundaries of the Spokane Indian Reservation.

Archery Either Sex Permits (North ½): Season [September 23, 2024 through September 30, 2024](#)

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, 2024 through October 7, 2024](#)

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.

****Permits for approved Spouses and Descendants to accompany a Tribal hunter must be approved no later than November 4th, 2024****

Elk Hoof Disease in Washington State (TAHD)

Hoof Lesions



- 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.

Han, S., K. Mansfield, et al. (2013 in draft)

SPOKANE INDIAN RESERVATION

2024 ELK HUNTING SEASONS AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL ELK SEASON 2024: November 6-November 17, 2024

Eligibility: Enrolled Spokane members only.

Regulations:

1. Application period for permit sign-up will be from: June 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024 **STOI Admin Building.**
2. Drawing will be held on **August 7, 2024** 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, 2024, or any enrolled youth who has successfully completed a Hunters Safety Course prior to the date of the drawing.
4. **Two (2) Special Elk Permit per household.**
5. **One (1) elk per Tribal member, per calendar year. Applicants awarded a 2024 special antlerless elk permit are able to ONLY hunt antlerless elk. UNLESS, they choose to forfeit their special permit. DO NOT HARVEST COLLARED ELK**
6. Special Permits: **219** elk permits (**30** senior antlerless, **30 South Half Spike Only**, **150** antlerless, **1 “Golden Tag”, 4** muzzleloader either sex, and **4** archery either sex 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. Applicants can sign-up at STOI Admin Building, Monday-Friday 8-4pm. Applicants can only sign-up once for each category.
9. 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.
10. 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 2024. **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. Designated hunters for elders with cow tags may ONLY harvest cows. 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 November 5 at 4 p.m (No exceptions).**
11. Caliber restriction: Firearms with a caliber of less than .243 will not be allowed.
12. Vehicle travel is permitted on **main roads ONLY, including ATV's, unless retrieving game. (Sect. 15-6.01)**
13. **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: 7-4:30). Failure to do so will result in a Resolution Violation and a fine of \$300.**
14. Bulls must have visible antlers. Spikes must have one (1) visible antler on either side.
15. Either sex permit holders are allowed to harvest one animal either a bull or a cow during the designated season.
16. Senior special permits are open to enrolled Tribal members **65** years of age or older.
17. Proficiency test for muzzleloader and archery special permits will be held on **June 15th at 8 am-12pm 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.
18. Archery restriction: 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. The allowable exemptions are as follows, permit must be completed by November 4th, 2024:
 - **17 & under first generation descendants who are accompanied by their Spokane Tribal member parent or guardian. They are not permitted to carry or discharge a firearm.**
 - **Legally married spouses may be allowed to ride and assist with gutting/loading a harvested animal, upon Council approval. For a non-member spouse to be considered, they must have a valid courtesy permit through the Spokane Tribal Enrollment Office and be in good standing.**