OREGON APPLICATION PROCESS

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (ODFW) has a computer network with terminals at over 500 stores throughout Oregon. At any of these "Point-Of-Sale" license agents, you can purchase a hunting license, apply for controlled hunts, and buy tags. You can also do this via the internet, through the mail, or by fax; the order form is in the Oregon Big Game Regulations. The fax number for ODFW headquarters in Salem is 503.947.6117. The ODFW website is **www.dfw.state.or.us**.

Along with your name and address, be ready to provide your Driver License number, Social Security number, Hunter/Angler ID number, phone numbers, and birth date. If you've already purchased a hunting license, have that number available as well. When applying for a controlled hunt, you must identify yourself as an individual applicant, party member, or party leader. Party members will need to provide their party leader's full name, birth date, and hunting license number. You can purchase licenses and tags for family members and friends, but be ready with all of the above information.

HUNT SERIES. You can submit one application for each of the seven hunt series: Buck Deer (100 series), Elk (200 series), Pronghorn Antelope (400 series), Bighorn Sheep (500 series), Antlerless Deer (600 series), Black Bear (700 series), and Rocky Mountain Goat (900 series).

PARTY APPLICATIONS. The hunt choices for each member of the party should be the same as those listed on the party leader's application. Residents and non-residents may apply together. No more than two people may apply together for Pronghorn Antelope hunts. No more than six people may apply together for Black Bear hunts. Up to 18 people may apply together for any Deer or Elk hunt. No party applications are accepted for Bighorn Sheep or Rocky Mountain Goat hunts.

The number of preference points assigned to a party application is the average of the party members, rounded to the nearest whole number. If the average is X.51 or greater, it is rounded up; if the average is X.50 or smaller, it is rounded down.

NON-RESIDENTS. For all controlled Black Bear, Pronghorn Antelope, Deer, and Elk hunts, non-residents and residents have the same selection of hunts and compete for the same tags. However, Oregon limits the number of tags that can be issued to non-residents. Black Bear and Pronghorn Antelope hunts have a limit of 3% of the available tags for each hunt; party applications with more than one non-resident will never draw a Black Bear or Pronghorn Antelope hunt offering less than 33 tags. Deer and Elk hunts have a limit of 5% of the available tags for each hunt; party applications with more than one non-resident will never draw a Deer or Elk hunt offering less than 20 tags. For Bighorn Sheep hunts, specific tags are set aside exclusively for non-residents. No Rocky Mountain Goat tags are available to non-residents.

CHOICES. The projected percentages in the guide apply only to your first choice. When making more than one choice, be aware of Oregon's drawing procedure. No second choice tags are issued until everyone's first choice has been processed. See the *Second Choice* pages in the guide for the few hunts that could be expected to have any tags available. Your second choice can be any other hunt that is in the same hunt series.

CHANGES. **The application deadline is May 15th. After you apply, you have until June 1st to make changes** to your application. Want to change your hunt selections? Want to add or subtract members in you party application? If so (or if you have any questions concerning your license or application) call the ODFW headquarters in Salem at **503.947.6101** or **1.800.708.1782**.

FEES. You must purchase a hunting license before applying for a controlled hunt. In addition, there is an $8.00 fee* for each controlled hunt application. If you are successful in the controlled hunt drawing, you are then authorized to buy the tag for that hunt. There are no refunds.

*Fees are subject to change.