



Division of Forestry and Wildlife

Honolulu Forest Reserve Control Hunt

Oahu Division of Forestry and Wildlife

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Honolulu, HI 96822

Introduction

The program was established in 2006, in response to numerous community complaints regarding increased damage to private property from feral pigs. The Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) established control hunts under the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 123 “Rules Regulating Game Mammals” and Chapter 124 “Indigenous Wildlife, Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, and Introduced Wildbirds”. The permits were issued to lands under the control of DOFAW and the Honolulu Board of Water Supply (BWS) lands within the Honolulu Forest Reserve (HFR), Tantalus and Manoa sections. BWS and DOFAW entered into an agreement to allow permitted hunter to enter BWS lands for control hunting.

The program has been ongoing since 2006, with modifications made over this period. The modifications were in response to several incidents involving illegal hunters and pets of residents in the area.

As a result of the program, complaints and calls regarding feral pig damage has drastically reduced in the area.

The Honolulu Mauka Trail System is extremely popular with hikers, so outreach efforts and conditions were established to reduce conflicts. Hunting days were set so that hikers had knowledge of hunt days.

Methods allowed are: Archery and Dog and Knife

Control Hunt Program Rules and Conditions

Authority to issue Wildlife Control Permits and establish conditions for said permits is given under Sections 183-D-21 and 183-D-61, Hawaii Revised Statutes and in accordance with Title 13, Chapters 123 and 124 of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Rules. Authority to issue wildlife permits is granted to the Board of Land and Natural Resources or its authorized representative.

General Conditions:

All Wildlife Control Permits are subject to the following conditions:

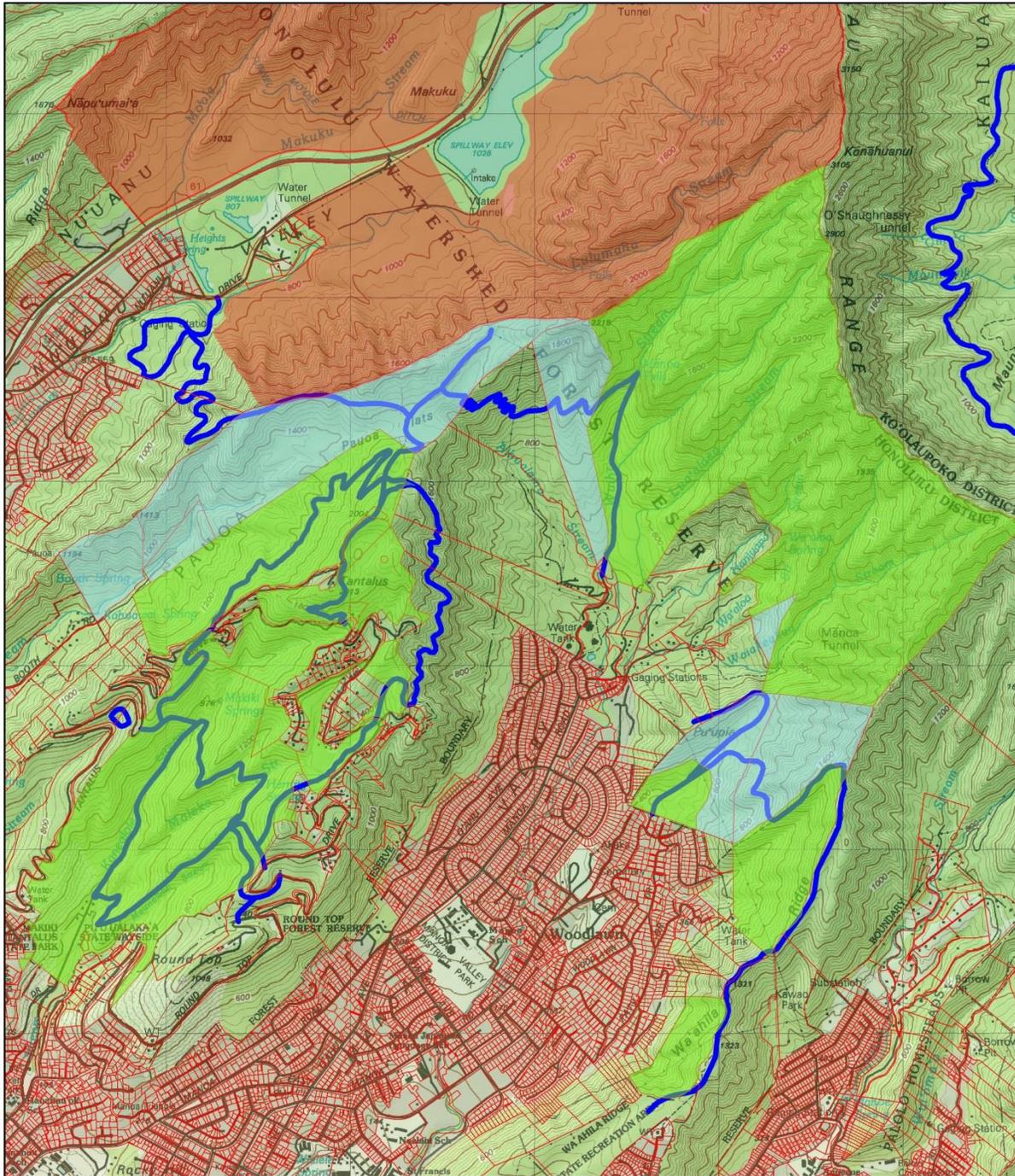
1. This permit is non-transferable or assignable; a copy must be carried by the permittee(s) while engaged in activities permitted under this permit.
2. It is mutually understood that this permit does not by implication mean that the Board of Land and Natural Resources has extended authorization to the permittee(s) to (a) use any method to destroy the above species of birds or mammals if it be in violation of any State or Federal laws or County ordinances or (b) enter upon lands not under its control.
3. This permit does not in any way make the Board of Land and Natural Resources of the State of Hawaii liable for any claims of personal injury or property damage to the permittee(s) or his (their) party which may occur while engaged in activities permitted under this permit; further the permittee(s) agree(s) to hold the State harmless against any claim of personal injury, death or property damage resulting from the activities of the permittee(s) or anyone assisting the permittee(s).

4. The primary permittee(s) hereunder shall submit a report of hunting activities to the Division of Forestry and Wildlife located at 2135 Makiki Heights Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, or by calling the Oahu DOFAW 973-9786. Failure to report shall be cause for revocation of this permit.
5. The primary permittee shall be directly responsible and accountable for all activities under this permit.
6. All persons whose names are listed in Attachment B, which is attached here to and made a part of this permit, have read this permit and acknowledge the understanding and agreement to abide by the conditions by signing (affixing his or her signature) in the space provided on the original and duplicate copies.
7. Any persons violating any of the conditions stipulated under this permit shall be subject to the penalty provisions provided by law. Further, any infraction of this permit may be cause for revocation of this permit and denial of future permits.
8. The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (phone: 643-3567) shall be notified of the proposed hunt schedule.
9. Every effort shall be made to recover game mammals.

Special Conditions HFR Control Hunt:

- A. Hunting will be allowed on Wednesdays and Sundays only, from sun-up to sun-down.
- B. The Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (phone: 643-3567) shall be notified of ingress and egress routes prior to hunt.
- C. This permit is non-transferable or assignable; a copy must be carried by the permittee(s) with valid hunting license(s) and ID while engaged in activities permitted under this permit.
- D. Dogs must be kept on the leash until game mammal is identified. Six (6) dogs per hunting party are allowed, a MAXIMUM of three (3) dogs may be off of a leash to search for game mammals.
- E. The dog's owner shall be held strictly liable for all actions, injuries, or damages caused by the owner's dog(s) while in the hunting area or while hunting under this permit
- F. Vehicle placards must be prominently displayed in vehicle windshield(s).
- G. No firearms use or baiting is allowed.
- H. Absolutely no ingress or egress through Nu`uanu Public Hunting Area (Unit F).
- I. Submitting hunting information is REQUIRED through a simple call-in system, whether animals were captured or not. Information necessary includes: Hunter names, date, hunt duration, location of harvest, number of pigs, sex and weight of each animal. DLNR/DOFAW: 973-9786.

Map of Control Hunt Area



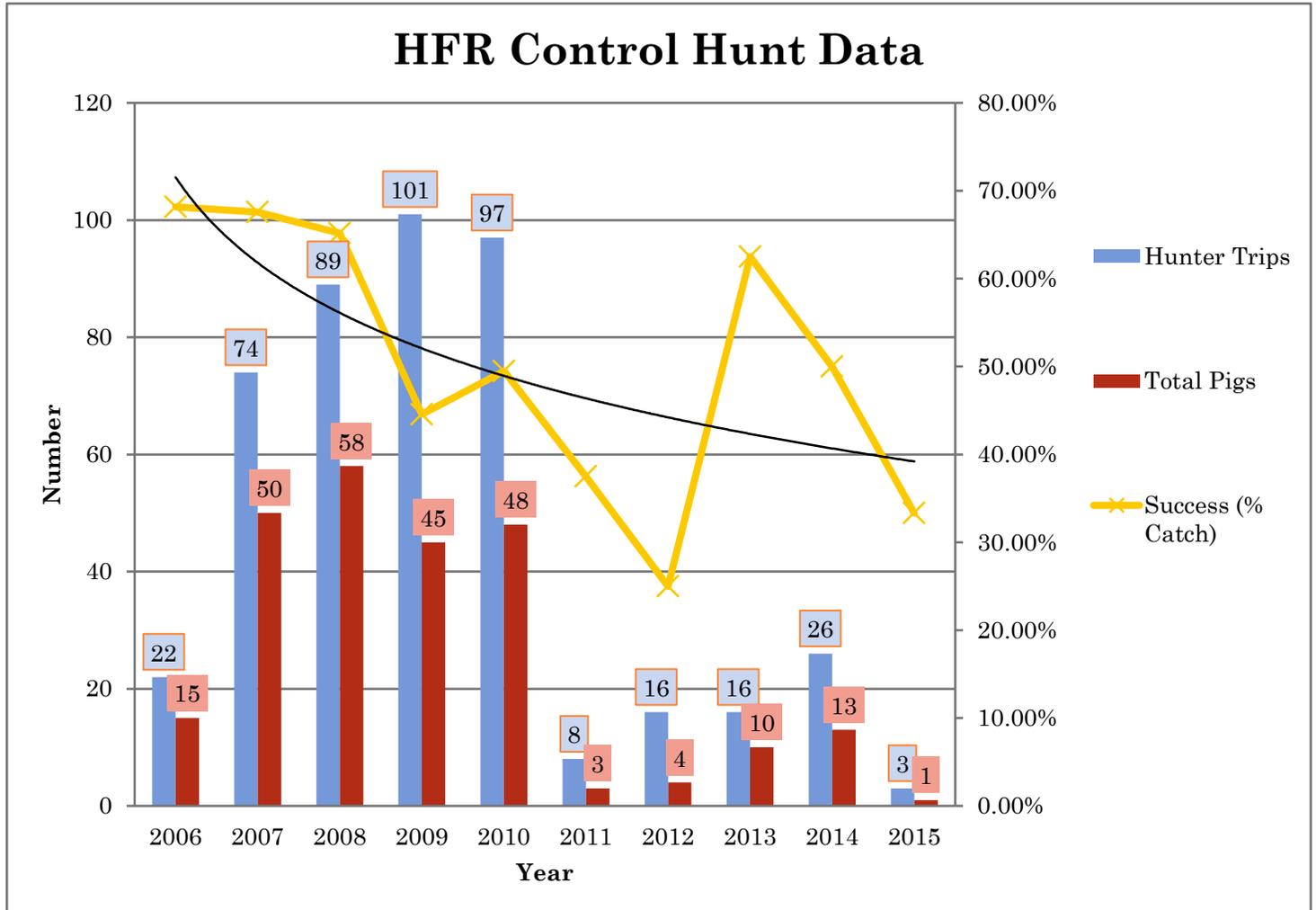
Honolulu Forest Reserve (HFR)
Control Hunt Map



Legend

- Control Hunt HFR-BWS
- Control Hunt HFR-DOFAW
- Nuuanu PHA-
NO HUNTING
- Na Ala Hele Trails

Control Hunt Program Results
 Catch Report Data 2006-2015 (As of 2/12/2015)



Data collected shows a continued presence of pigs in the area. Although hunter trips have reduced significantly since 2010, the effort/catch ratio (25%-60%) indicates there are still a number of pigs in the area. Other Public Hunting Areas (PHA) on Oahu's effort/catch ratios are roughly 14%. In order to reach the goal of reducing pigs in the HFR, biologists monitor the effort/catch ratio. Dog and knife hunting can be an extremely efficient method, as hunter effort/catch decreases, so should the population of pigs in the area. This is one of the measurable statistics we can use to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

Placard issued to Hunters. Placards must be placed on the windshield when accessing the HFR for control hunting.



For questions or more information please contact the Oahu Division of Forestry and Wildlife, District Wildlife Biologist:

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