

# **Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes**

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### **Ferry Basin and Little Money Hunting Permit Applications Available**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Wildlife Management Program announce the availability of the 2010 Ferry Basin elk and Little Money bighorn sheep hunting permit applications. The permit applications are available at the Natural Resources Department, 301 Main Street and Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation office at 406 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue East in Polson and at the Tribal Complex in Pablo.

Hunting elk and bighorn sheep within the Ferry Basin, Little Money and Hog Heaven Wildlife Management Units are restricted by hunting, fishing and recreation regulations for tribal members. The Tribal Council sets these regulations and annual harvest quotas.

Elk hunters in the Ferry Basin Wildlife Management Unit and bighorn sheep hunters in the Little Money Wildlife Management Unit are required to have their permit and their tribal I.D. on their person while hunting. Permits are valid for one elk or one bighorn sheep only, with the exception of female (ewe) bighorn sheep in the Little Money Management Unit.

The 2010 Ferry Basin elk harvest quota is 15 antlered (bull) elk and 40 antlerless (cow or calf) elk. While applications must be turned in for bull elk, cow elk permits will be available for hunters to obtain by mid-August.

Five permits for male bighorn sheep (rams) will be issued and 5 permits for ewes will be issued in the Little Money Wildlife Management Unit. Bighorn sheep hunting at the Hog Heaven Wildlife Management Unit is not planned for 2010 due to lower than in past year's bighorn sheep numbers and limited numbers of mature rams.

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council approved a process of computerized random drawing of applications for hunting permits. The drawing process will include a point system where each applicant's name is entered into a database. For every year that an applicant is not drawn they will receive a point

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which increases their odds of being drawn in the future. For example, if an applicant was not drawn after two years the third year they would have triple the odds of being drawn.

Applications must be received by 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. For more information regarding the Ferry Basin elk and Little Money or Hog Heaven bighorn sheep application process or hunt contact Stephanie Gillin, Tribal Wildlife Management Program or Germaine White, Information and Education Specialist at 883-2888.

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