

Get WILD with Ted Sandbar: Episode 1 - Multi-season vs. Special hunt - Transcript

Welcome to Get WILD with TED Sandbar.

I'm WDFW news reporter Ted... Sandbar.

The purpose of this program is to explain both the differences and similarities between multi-season and special hunt, as well as how the two interplay.

For multi-season, multi-season tags are designed for hunters of deer and elk. Both the multi-season deer and multi-season elk tags allow the holder of either or both tags to hunt during each of the 3 legal weapon seasons. That's modern firearm, archery and muzzle loader. It differs from a general season deer or elk transport tag, which restricts the hunter to only participate in one weapon type per season. And is designated by the hunter at the time of purchase.

Another benefit to a multi-season tag is that it allows the multi-season elk tag holders to hunt on either side of the state. Either Western Washington or Eastern Washington. Unlike the general season elk tag, which restricts the hunter to one side of the state that the hunter designates when purchasing the tag.

Now, hunters can purchase multi-season tags via a drawing process.

To enter the multi-season drawing, follow these steps.

First, you'll need to go to recreational login at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov and log into your account using your username and password. Once you are logged in to your account, you'll need to go to purchase a special hunt application at the top of the screen and click on that. You'll also need to make sure, of course, that you're selecting hunting year 2022. Then select your multi-season deer and/or multi-season elk application, then proceed to checkout. On this screen, you'll go ahead and agree to the above terms and select pay now. Purchase a multi-season deer or elk application between December 1 and March 31. Hunters are not required to have a valid license or transport tag to purchase an application. Once an application is purchased, the hunter is entered into the respective drawing at the time of the drawing execution automatically.

Now for special hunts. Special hunt permits conceptually work differently than multi-season tags.

Special hunt permits are available for deer, elk, moose, mountain goat, bighorn sheep, and turkey, allowing for hunting opportunities for species, species type or gender, and in some cases, hunting locations that are unavailable during the general hunting seasons. Hunters are awarded special hunt permits via a drawing process.

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To enter the special hunt drawing, follow these steps.

First, you'll go to recreational login and log in to your profile. Once you're logged in, go to the purchase a special hunt application tile and select. You'll also need to make sure, of course, that you're selecting hunting year 2022.

Now, scroll down to the special hunt application or applications you wish to select. Make sure you have your license. Select your license of choice. Select proceed to checkout. Complete any surveys that are required. In this case, forest grouse. Select the attestation box and then select pay now.

Now, how do these two concepts interplay?

Multi-season tag holders have the ability to apply for special hunt permits for any weapon type and in the case of elk hunters anywhere in Washington state. Remember, you can apply for multi-season or special hunt opportunities online by going to fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov. Signing into your account and selecting the purchase a special hunt application tile at the top of the page.

Remember, applying for a special hunt opportunity is a two step process. The purchase of special hunt applications and the submission of your hunt choices.

Applications become available for purchase on December 1 and hunt choices can be submitted between mid-April and mid-May.

In the next episode of Get WILD with Ted Sandbar, we will walk you through the specifics of applying for and submitting special hunts within your customer account.

For additional information on multi-season and special hunt options and opportunities and procedures, visit mywdfw.com or consult the current WDFW Big Game regulations.

For Get WILD with Ted Sandbar. This has been Ted... Sandbar.

Thank you.