

# **2016 On-RESERVATION HUNTING SEASON**

**ENROLLED QUINAULT TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY**

## **Quinault Indian Nation**

1214 Aalis Bldg. C Taholah, Wa 98587

QDNR Phone: (360) 276-8215, extension 372

**Fish & Game Office Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 am. Through 4:00 pm.**

**Natural Resource Law Enforcement: (360) 276-4422**

---

**2016 Annual Hunting Regulations & Seasons**



This general regulation provides Quinault hunters with specific information important to the 2016 hunting season. The general regulation also provides information on hunting areas and hunter responsibilities.

These regulations establish season lengths, tag requirements, hunting areas, special restrictions and bag limits regarding general hunting opportunities for cougar, bear, bobcat, coyote, raccoon, Roosevelt elk, black-tailed deer, upland game and waterfowl.

In addition to these annual regulations, the Quinault's Title 51 (Fishing/Hunting/Gathering) contains requirements pertaining to: eligible hunters, permits, firearms restrictions, enforcement, violations and criminal offenses.

**Restricted Hunting Areas: Restricted to all hunters except Elders, disabled and Archery hunters. No designated hunters allowed in these area. Disabled, Elder, and Archery hunters ONLY.**

**Restricted Hunting Areas (Limited Entry):** Restricted Hunting areas are limited to Senior Citizens (Elders 55 years and older), disabled hunters, and Archery hunters only. These areas are closed to all other hunters for the 2015 hunting season, including non-elder designated hunters.. These limited entry areas are designed to provide quality hunts for those allowed to hunt in them, while also providing escape cover and habitat for elk and deer in valuable areas on the QIR.

#### **Restricted Hunting Areas:**

- **F-17 Area (Map 1)**—Those areas that are accessed via the F-17 Road located in close proximity to the Quinault River and that are generally bounded by the Quinault River, and the F-15 Road.
- **Wedge area (Map 2)**— Those areas north of Salmon River that accessed via the Salmon River Hatchery road and the 2130 road and bounded in the north by the QIR boundary (“The Wedge”).

**Elder/Disabled Hunter Cow-tag Drawing:** Elders may participate in a drawing for cow tags, where 5 elders or disabled hunters can receive a tag to harvest a cow elk. The cow tag allows harvest of a cow in addition to the usual bull elk.

#### **AREAS CLOSED TO ALL HUNTING:**

1. **QUINAULT BEACH RESORT & CASINO AREA**
2. **Any incorporated or unincorporated cities: No hunting in city limits**

**SECTION I.**

**Big Game Hunting**

**Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016**

Type of Hunt:	<b>General Hunting Season</b>
Target Species:	<b><u>Roosevelt Elk</u></b>
Bag Limit:	<b>1 Elk Bull (Antlered)</b>
Open Hunting Area:	<b>Quinault Indian Reservation except Restricted Hunting Areas</b>
Bull Season:	<b>August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016</b>
Cow Season:	<b>Limited Draw Tag Only. September 15<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> 2016.</b>
Firearm Restrictions:	<b>Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.</b>
Other Restrictions:	<b>A limited number (10) of cow tags will be drawn this hunting season. There will be a drawing of 5 cow tags for elders or disabled hunters, and a drawing of 5 cow tags for the general hunting population. Designated hunters are NOT eligible for the cow tag drawing. No designated hunters will be issued cow tags. Tags will be distributed between Queets and Taholah Fish &amp; Game Office. Cow's on-reservation may only be harvested with one of these cow draw tags. This is an additional tag; persons who draw cow tags can still be issued an individual bull elk tag.</b>

# **Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016**

Type of Hunt: **General Hunting Season**

Target Species: **Black-tailed deer**

Bag Limit: **1 Buck Only (Antlered)**

Open Hunting Area: **Quinault Indian Nation**

Buck Season: **August 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**

Doe Season: **No Doe Season On-Reservation**

Firearm Restrictions: **Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.**

Other Restrictions:

## Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016

Type of Hunt:	<b>General Hunting Season</b>
Target Species:	<b><u>Cougar</u></b>
Bag Limit:	<b>None</b>
Open Hunting Area:	<b>Quinault Indian Reservation</b>
Open Season:	<b>Open Year Round</b>
Firearm Restrictions:	<b>Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.</b>
Other Restrictions:	<b>All successful hunters must present the pelt and or the skull of the cougar to the Quinault Division of Natural Resources Wildlife Section for examination of age and sex. The use of dogs to hunt cougars is not authorized as stated in title 51, except by special regulations allowing for scientific research.</b>

## Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016

Type of Hunt:	General Hunting Season
Target Species:	<u>Black Bear</u>
Bag Limit:	None
Open Hunting Area:	Quinault Indian Reservation
Open Season:	Spring Season: March 1 <sup>st</sup> through June 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2016 Fall Season: September 12 <sup>th</sup> through December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2016
Firearm Restrictions:	Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.
Other Restrictions:	<b>Baiting of bears is strictly prohibited outside the designated seasons (NO baiting June 27<sup>th</sup> through September 11<sup>th</sup>).</b>  <b>Baiting for personal subsistence is permitted only through use of natural materials. Baiting in drums or barrels is not allowed. Bait sites must be marked with flagging or ribbon.</b>  <b>The use of dogs to hunt bears is not authorized as stated in title 51.</b>

## Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016

Type of Hunt:	<b>General Hunting Season</b>
Target Species:	<b><u>Upland Birds</u></b>
Bag Limit:	<b>Ruffed, Blue or Spruce Grouse (5 per day) Band-Tailed Pigeon (4 per day)</b>
Open Hunting Area:	<b>Quinault Indian Reservation</b>
Open Season:	<b>July 18<sup>st</sup>, 2016 through February 29<sup>th</sup> 2017</b>
Firearm Restrictions:	<b>Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.</b>
Other Restrictions:	<b>Report harvest to the Fish &amp; Game Office.</b>

## Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016

Type of Hunt:	<b>General Hunting Season</b>
Target Species:	<b><u>Small Game</u></b>
Bag Limit:	<b>Rabbit (5 per day) Coyote (No Limit) Bob Cat (No Limit)</b>
Open Hunting Area:	<b>Quinault Indian Reservation</b>
Open Season:	<b>Open Year Round</b>
Firearm Restrictions:	<b>Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.</b>
Other Restrictions:	<b>Use of .22 Caliber Rifles is allowed for small game.  Report harvest to the Fish &amp; Game Office.</b>

## Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016

Type of Hunt:	<b>General Hunting Season</b>
Target Species:	<b><u>Waterfowl</u></b>
Bag Limit:	<b>Ducks (7 per day) Geese (5 per day)</b>
Open Hunting Area:	<b>Quinault Indian Reservation</b>
Open Season:	<b>September 20<sup>th</sup> 2016 through January 29<sup>th</sup> 2017</b>
Firearm Restrictions:	<b>Only shotguns may be used to hunt waterfowl. The use of lead shot is prohibited. Only lead shot substitutes or alternatives are allowed.</b>
Other Restrictions:	<b>Whistling and Trumpeter Swan hunting is CLOSED year round. No use of Lead shot. Report harvest to the Fish &amp; Game Office.</b>

# Quinault On-Reservation Hunting Regulation 2016

Type of Hunt:	<b><u>Designated Hunters</u></b>
Target Species:	<b><u>Roosevelt Elk</u></b>
Bag Limit:	<b>Bull (Spike to 3 point max only)</b>
Open Hunting Area:	<b>Quinault Indian Reservation except Restricted Hunting Areas</b>
Bull Season:	<b>September 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 through November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b>
Firearm Restrictions:	<b>Any legal weapon as described in the Quinault Hunting Regulations.</b>
Other Restrictions:	<b>Must have a DESIGNATED HUNTER TAG from a Tribal elder or approved individual that meets the requirements for needing a designated hunter. Designated hunters must have tag present while hunting. Designated hunters must have no title 51 hunting violations within the past 3 years. Elders will select designated hunters and must supply Fish and Game Office with Designated Hunter's name when tag is issued.</b> <b>Must possess a Designated Hunting Tag. Designated hunters can carry a personal tag and a designated hunting tag at the same time for a total of 2 tags.</b> <b>All of the meat harvested through the Senior Program must be reported to the Fish &amp; Game Office. Meat will be transported immediately to approved locations assigned from the Fish and Game office. Designated hunters for the senior program must be approved by the Senior Program and must have no title 51 violations within the past 3 years</b>

## SECTION II. Special Provisions

1. Enrolled Quinault Tribal Members must apply for and receive a game tag from the FISH AND GAME Office in Taholah or Queets Office prior to hunting big game. You must present a Quinault Tribal Enrollment Card in order to receive a hunting tag. Regular working hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, excluding holidays.
2. All big game killed under these regulations must have a 2016 **game tag tied** to the animal and appropriately punched (notches must be completely cut and removed from tag to make valid) when being transported. The tag must remain with the majority of the animal until the animal is butchered.
  - **Hunting On-Reservation (DH):** Designated hunting is for spike to 3-point bulls only for the 2016 season On-Reservation. The person who needs a DH must contact the FISH AND GAME Office with a justifiable reason why they are unable to hunt for themselves. Persons who do not comply with this process may be cited for Aiding and Abetting.
  - A Designated Hunter Permit is issued to the person qualified to have a Designated Hunter hunt for them. Conditions qualifying a person to have a designated hunter are as follows.
    - a. Quinault Elder;
    - b. Suffered a serious injury that wouldn't allow that person to provide for their family;
    - c. Single parent families
    - d. Person with a disability means:
      - 1) A person who has a permanent disability and is not ambulatory over natural terrain without a lower extremity prosthesis or must permanently use a medically prescribed assistive device for mobility, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, crutch, cane, walker, or oxygen bottle; or
      - 2) A person who has a permanent disability and is physically incapable of holding and safely operating a firearm or other legal hunting device.
      - 3) This definition includes, but is not limited to, persons with a permanent upper or lower extremity impairment who have lost the use of one or both upper or lower extremities, or who have a diagnosed permanent disease or disorder which substantially impairs or severely interferes with mobility or the use of one or both upper or lower extremities for holding and safely operating a firearm or other legal device; or
      - 4) A person who is blind or visually impaired.

**NOTE:** *A designated hunter can only possess two tags at a time (their own and the person they are designated to hunt for). Designated Hunters must register with the Fish and Game office as Designated Hunters and be assigned an approved person to hunt for.*

3. **ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBERS PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING FIREARMS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED FROM HUNTING WITH A FIREARM.** SUCH PERSONS MAY APPOINT A DESIGNATED HUNTER TO HUNT FOR THEM, PROVIDED THAT THE DESIGNATED HUNTER OBTAINS WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE FISH AND GAME OFFICE. NO TAG IS VALID IF YOU ARE PROHIBITED FROM CARRYING A FIREARM, UNLESS HUNTING WITH A BOW. SUCH HUNTERS CAN NOT BE WITH ANOTHER PERSON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM IF THEY ARE NOT HUNTING.
4. It is unlawful to shoot at wildlife with a firearm across or along the maintained portion of a public highway. 51.16.010(d) Firearms carried in vehicles, motor boats or on motorcycles shall not be loaded with live ammunition except for firearms carried by regular law enforcement officers.
5. Hunting is not allowed within city limits.
6. The Fish & Game Office, for special ceremonies, churches or other community functions, may issue ceremonial permits at any time. Ceremonial hunts shall be conducted according to Title 51 Conservation Ordinance.
7. Minors (between the ages of 13-18) must be: 1) accompanied by an adult when hunting, and 2) pass a hunters safety class before they can obtain hunting tags.
8. **HUNTING HOURS** – Authorized hunting hours for big game during established Seasons are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
13. **PROHIBITED HUNTING METHODS**
  - a) Hunting under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs is prohibited.
  - b) Hunting big game with the aid of an artificial light or spotlight is prohibited.
  - c) Using aircraft to spot locate or report the location of wildlife for the purpose of hunting, or hunting of big game on the same day you are airborne is prohibited.
  - d) Hunting with dogs is illegal.
  - e) **Hunting with non-Tribal members is illegal on the Quinault Indian Reservation, except under the Guided Bear Hunting Regulations.**
  - f) **Use of drones or any unmanned aircraft to spot, harass, concentrate, chase or aid in any form of hunting is prohibited.**

**NOTE:** It is illegal to hunt, kill or possess eagles, osprey, swans, seagulls, crows, pelicans and all other migratory birds.

13. **Off Road and Non-Highway Vehicles:** No person shall operate a non-highway vehicle or motor boat in such a way as to run down or harass any wildlife or animal, nor carry, transport, or convey any loaded weapon in or upon, nor hunt from, any non-highway vehicle except by permit issued by the Quinault Nation Division of Natural Resources. Any non-highway vehicle may be used to travel to and from a hunting area and to transport game. VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A GROSS MISDEMEANOR.
14. **Community Cooler:** Game meat stored in the community cooler/freezer shall be hung or stored in the cooler/freezer unattended for a maximum 10 days. Meat not attended or stored longer than 10 days shall be considered abandoned and donated to the Taholah Food Bank. All meat left in the cooler/freezer must be tagged. Any untagged meat will be donated to the food bank immediately.

### **SECTION III. HARVEST MANAGEMENT/DATA COLLECTION**

1. **REPORTING OF ALL BAGGED GAME:** All wild game killed must be reported to the FISH AND GAME Office within 3 business days of the harvest. Reporting can be either in-person, in writing or by telephone: (360) 276-8215 Ext: 372 Please be prepared to provide the following information: Quinault Tribal enrollment number, game tag number, date game taken, game, sex of game, and location. A violation of this Section is a Class "C" Offense in accordance with Title 51 of Q.T.C. laws.
2. **LEGAL AREA TO HUNT:** The area this regulation applies to shall be the designated lands open for hunting by regulation within the Quinault Indian Reservation.
3. **TRANSPORTATION PERMITS:** Upon bagging game in legal areas, the hunter must notch the date on the Quinault Indian Nation Hunting Permit to make a valid Game Transport Permit for transport from the field to desired destination.

### **TRADITIONAL USES OF SMALL GAME ANIMALS**

#### **SECTION V.**

1. Trapping or hunting of fur-bearing animals is allowed.
2. Each trap must be plainly marked with the enrollment number of the person operating the trap.

3. Fur-bearing small animals for ceremonial and subsistence use shall be closed from February 20<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
4. Location of trap-line must be registered with the Fish & Game Office.
5. Nuisance animals may be trapped year around with permission of the QIN Business Committee.
6. Trapping of big game animals is unlawful and forbidden, unless authorized as above.

## **SECTION VI.**

### **GUN CALIBER**

**Rifles:** Big game must be hunted with a minimum of .223 caliber (6mm) center fire rifle. Rimfire rifles are not legal for big game harvest. The rifle cartridge bullet must weigh more than 85 grains or develops more than 900 foot pounds of energy at 100 yards. Use of full automatic rifles is forbidden.

**Shotguns:** Must use a 20 gauge or larger using shells loaded with slugs or buckshot size #1 or larger for big game hunting.

**Handguns:** Big game may be hunted with handguns with a minimum barrel length of 4" inches per manufacturer's specification and fire a minimum .24 centerfire cartridge. Rimfire handguns are not legal for big game.

**Loaded Firearms in a Vehicle:** It is illegal to carry, convey, transport, possess or control a loaded shotgun or rifle in any motor vehicle. A rifle or a shotgun containing shells or cartridges in either the chamber or magazine is considered loaded.

### **BOW AND ARROW REGULATIONS**

1. It is unlawful for any person to hunt big game animals with a bow that possess less than 40 pounds of pull measured at 28 inches or less draw length.
3. It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrows other than those having sharp broadhead blade or blades at least 7/8 inches wide and mechanical broad heads. The broadhead must be unbarbed and completely closed at the back end of the blade unbroken surface starting at maximum blade width forming a smooth line toward the feather end of the shaft and such line shall not angle toward the point.

### **MUZZLELOADER REGULATIONS**

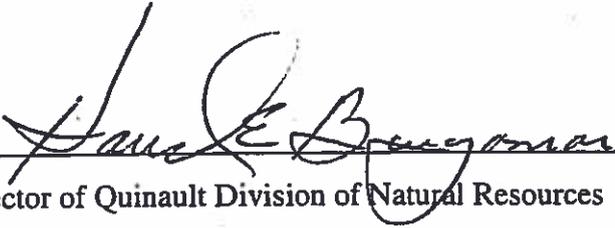
1. Muzzleloader is a firearm that's loaded from the muzzle and uses black powder or substitute.
2. It is unlawful to carry, convey, transport, possess or control a loaded muzzleloader in any motor vehicle. A muzzleloader will be considered loaded if a powder charge and projectile, either shot or single projectile, are in the bar and the breech or pan is capped or primed.
3. It is unlawful to hunt wildlife using a muzzleloader that doesn't meet these specifications:
  - a. Muzzleloader shotgun or rifle used for deer must be .40 caliber or larger to hunt for deer
  - b. Muzzleloader shotgun or rifle used to hunt all other big game must be .45 caliber or larger.

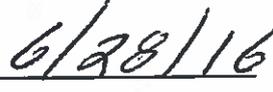
**SECTION VII:**

**DEFINITIONS**

1. **BIG GAME** - shall mean deer, elk, bear, or cougar.
2. **HOUSEHOLD** - a family unit consisting of single adult or a parent or guardian or parents or guardians of children living together.
3. **FIELD** - the place where a game harvest has occurred.
4. **BAITING** - an act to lure or entice animals with food or other lure used to trap animals.
5. **FUR-BEARING ANIMAL** - beaver, raccoon, rabbit, bobcat and other small game.
6. **HUNTING** - to pursue game for food or any effort to possess, kill, injure, capture or disturb any animal or bird.
7. **TITLE 51** -the section of the Quinault Tribal Code of Laws that has been adopted by the Quinault Indian Nation to protect the fish, wildlife and natural resources subject to its jurisdiction and the natural beauty of the Quinault Indian Reservation as amended November, 2003 .
8. **BAG LIMIT** - the maximum number of animals which may be taken, killed or possessed by any person as specified by regulation for any particular period of time and may include limits on size, sex or species.
9. **CLOSED AREA** - any place described or designated by regulation wherein it shall be unlawful to hunt or trap.
10. **CLOSED SEASON** - any time during the entire year except the "open season," as specified by regulation.

11. OPEN SEASON – the time specified by regulation when it shall be lawful to hunt or trap any animal. Each time period specified as an open season shall include the first and last days thereof.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Quinault Division of Natural Resources

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Map 1**  
**(F-17 Restricted Area) Closed to all hunting except Tribal Elders, Disabled & Archery**

