



Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission

2020 Bighorn Sheep Hunting Season Closure

Closure area Asotin Creek as described in this regulation NPTFWC#20-167

Pursuant to the Nez Perce Tribal Code Section 3-1-11, the Nez Perce Tribe Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to promulgate annual and seasonal hunting and fishing regulations and prescribe the manner and methods which may be used in taking fish and wildlife. Pursuant to that authority, the Nez Perce Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following fishing regulation for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Nez Perce Tribe

Hunting Season Regulation #NPTFWC 20-167

Closure of Asotin Creek Bighorn Sheep Hunting within Specific Closure Areas as Described Below.

Effective 6AM, June 16 through, 11:59:59 p.m. December 31, 2020

Areas of Closure: GMU 175-LICK CREEK (Garfield & Asotin cos): Beginning at the intersection of US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) and the elk drift fence on the Umatilla National Forest's northern boundary; East along the elk drift fence to its end at the eastern border section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E; due South from the end to the elk drift fence on section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E to Charley Creek; East down Charley Creek to Asotin Creek; South down Asotin Creek to the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd; South up the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd to Campbell Grade Rd; East on the Campbell Grade Rd to Back Rd; South on Back Rd to the Cloverland Rd; South on Cloverland Rd to its junction with the Umatilla National Forest's eastern boundary fence; East and South on the USFS boundary fence past Big Butte to USFS Rd 4303 (Big Butte Rd-Mount Misery Rd); West on USFS Rd 4304 to USFS Rd 43; W on USFS Rd 43 to USFS Rd 44; W on USFS Rd 44 to USFS Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) at Misery junction; Northwest on USFS Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) to the intersection with the elk drift fence on the Umatilla National Forest's northern boundary and the point of beginning

GMU 178-PEOLA (Garfield & Asotin cos): Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 12 and Tatman Mountain Rd at Zumwalt; East on US 12 to bridge near the mouth of Alpowa Creek; North down Alpowa Creek to the Snake River; East and South along the Snake River (Asotin-Whitman county line, Washington-Idaho state line) to the mouth of Asotin Creek; West along Asotin Creek to Charley Creek; West along Charley Creek to the unit boundary marker at the eastern border section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E; North on eastern border section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E to end of the elk drift fence; West along the elk drift fence to the boundary of the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area; Northwest and West along the elk drift fence to the Tucannon Rd; North on the Tucannon Rd to Blind Grade Rd; Northeast up Blind Grade Rd to the Linville Gulch Rd; North on the Linville Gulch Rd to Tatman Mountain Rd; Northwest up Tatman Mountain Rd to US 12 at Zumwalt and the point of beginning.

Justification: Closure of conservation and scientific purposes. The Asotin Creek bighorn sheep population has been diminished from diseases transmitted by domestic sheep and goats. This population is likely not that of viability and will require some stringent conservation efforts to restore to a sustainable level suitable for tribal harvest.

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All Nez Perce regulations and sections of the Nez Perce Tribal Code pertaining to this hunting remain in effect. Not complying with these regulations may be cause for civil or criminal penalties per the Nez Perce Tribal Code. For more information regarding this regulation, please contact the NPTFWC office at 208-843-9376.

If you have any **enforcement problems** or need information, please contact the NPT Department of Fisheries Resources Management Conservation Enforcement at 208-843-7143 or toll free at 1-877-790-3474.