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January 10, 2024

Dear DHHL Maui Lessees and Applicants:

Due to the increase in axis deer population and its detrimental effects, the Governor of the State of Hawaii has issued multiple emergency and supplemental proclamations that provides emergency relief and engages emergency management functions that allow immediate, preemptive and proactive actions for controlling axis deer population within the County of Maui.

The increase in axis deer population coupled with current drought conditions has caused axis deer to migrate into homestead parcels, pastures, and agriculture lands in search of food and water thus resulting in loss of pasture forage and homestead agricultural crops.

In response to the negative impacts caused by axis deer, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) in collaboration with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) will be exercising axis deer control measures on unencumbered Hawaiian home lands located in Waiohuli, Maui (TMK: 22002014) through a control hunt program administered by DOFAW in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 13, Chapters 122, 123 and any general conditions and restrictions set forth by the DLNR DOFAW and DHHL. The control hunt program will be held on specific dates, with preferential registration opportunities available to DHHL Maui lessees and applicants before opening to the public.

For more information, see reverse page for the program fact sheet or visit DHHL's website address: dhhl.hawaii.gov/category/fact/

Aloha,

Kali Watson, Chairman Hawaiian Homes Commission

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Governor, State of Hawai'i

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## Wildlife Control Program for Axis Deer

## **Factsheet**

Is the axis deer control program approved by the Hawaiian Homes Commission (HHC) and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLRN)?

- Yes, at its meeting of August 15, 2022, the HHC approved the issuance of a Right of Entry (ROE) to Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for implementing the axis deer control program in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) and the DLNR.
- Yes, at its meeting of October 28, 2022, the BLNR authorized the Chairperson to negotiate and enter an ROE and MOU with DHHL for the control of axis deer at DHHL lands in Waiohuli.

## When does the program begin? What are the program dates and how do I register?

- The program is scheduled to begin on January 22, 2024.
- The program is open Wednesday through Sunday, one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise until one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
- Program registration will be through a call in process held on Mondays. If Monday is a holiday, call in will be taken on the next available business day. <u>Call in will be taken at the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW)</u> Office at (808) 359-0604.
- A maximum of ten (10) hunters per day, with five (5) hunters being reserved for Maui island DHHL beneficiaries and five (5) hunters from the public. Call ins are available to individuals or a group. Group size is limited to five (5) individuals.
- Each hunter or group of hunters is allowed to reserve one (1) day for the upcoming week.
- For Maui island DHHL beneficiaries, call in will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- For general public, call in will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The general public call in time is also available to DHHL Maui island beneficiaries.
- At the time of call in, provide a valid State of Hawaii hunting license number for all individual or group members.
- Hunters must abide by Hawaii Administrative rules Title 13, Chapters 122, 123 and any general conditions and restrictions set forth by DLNR DOFAW.
- Only hunters listed on the DLNR check sheet will be allowed in the control areas.
- Prior to checking in and entering the control area, hunters must read the posted Waiohuli wildlife control permit located at each hunter check station.
- The use of ATV's, UTV's will be allowed in accordance with posted restrictions and instructions.

For more information on program registration call Shane De Mattos, Department of Land & Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Wildlife at (808) 984-8113 or (808) 984-8100.