

SUMMARY OF BARBARY SHEEP, ORYX, AND PERSIAN IBEX PROPOSED CHANGES, 2019-2023

- Adjust seasons for calendar dates for all species

ORYX

- Oryx population data indicates populations (both on and off White Sands Missile Range) are increasing. As a result, the Department is proposing additional oryx hunting opportunities as outlined below.
 - o On White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) hunts
 - Add 4 new on-range hunts to accommodate more hunters
 - Increase once-in-a-lifetime hunt from 270 → 605
 - Increase Iraq/Afghanistan veteran hunts from 25 → 45
 - Eliminate Rhodes/Stallion designation (hunters can still apply for the area they want to hunt)
 - Increase injured veteran hunt from 3 → up to 10
 - o Off range hunts, data suggests oryx numbers are increasing and we can offer more opportunity
 - Increase statewide off range hunts from 600 → 800
 - Increase statewide off range youth hunts from 180 → 200

IBEX

- Ibex population data indicates the ibex population is slightly increasing, resulting in a need for annual female/immature harvest. The Department is proposing to maintain ibex as a quality trophy population.
 - o 4 female/immature hunts of 75 licenses each
 - o Maintain youth, archery, and muzzleloader hunts
 - o Combine once-in-a-lifetime hunters with incentive hunters

BARBARY SHEEP

- Barbary sheep population data suggests numbers are increasing and barbary sheep are expanding into new areas resulting in more hunting opportunity.
 - o Proposing increasing draw licenses from 1,275 → 1,750
 - o Modify description of GMU 34 west side for clarity
 - o Increase McGregor hunts from 15 → 20
 - o Split hunts to distribute hunters (no longer a single month-long season)
 - o Add new archery hunts

Barbary sheep hunt dates	# licenses (GMUs 29/30)	# licenses (GMUs 32/24/36/37)
Late October (5 days)	100	75
Early December (14 days)	250	225
Late January (14 days)	250	225
Mid February (14 days)	250	225
Archery (Jan. 1-15)	75	75
TOTAL	925	825