

HUNTING MULE AND WHITE-TAILED DEER IN ALASKA



Mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)



Hunters now have the opportunity to harvest mule and white-tailed deer in Alaska. **In order to learn more about mule and white-tailed deer entering the state, the Board of Game made it possible for hunters to harvest those deer in Units 1, 5, 11–13, 20 and 25.** There is no closed season and no bag limit. Hunters who harvest these deer are required to salvage the entire carcass. Hunters do not have to contact an ADF&G office prior to harvest (correction to pg. 28, 2019-2020 Alaska Hunting Regulation booklet), but should understand which samples are requested. **Go online for more information: hunt.alaska.gov.**

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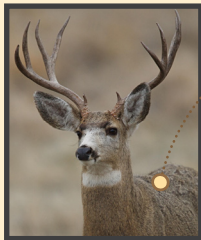
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IDENTIFY DIFFERENT DEER SPECIES

Mule and white-tailed deer use habitat shared by Alaska's Sitka black-tailed deer. Sitka black-tailed deer have a defined season and harvest guidelines.



MULE DEER:

Large body size and ears, which are almost as large as their head.



Hind quarters feature a large white patch. Tail is white and rope-like with a black tip.

SITKA BLACK-TAILED DEER:



Smaller overall body size and antlers, with darker face.



Rump is mostly brown. Tail is dark brown and/or black.

WHITE-TAILED DEER: Have a white, flag-like tail they raise when alarmed. *(Don't confuse with caribou, which share a similar behavior.)*

SUBMITTING SAMPLES FOR TESTING

ADF&G is hoping to learn more about these deer through samples from harvested animals. Hunters may submit the following samples at a local office such as Anchorage, Fairbanks, Douglas, Palmer, Tok and Delta Junction:

- Head with brain, skull plate intact.
- Heart, with lungs attached
- Liver
- Hide
- One hoof
- Pellets (1/4 cup)



Details on sampling information at hunt.alaska.gov.