

NEW HUNT CODES: WHAT'S CHANGING AND WHY

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HUNT CODE FORMAT CHANGE

We are changing our hunt codes to make them easier to understand. In the past, hunt codes only represented the species being hunted and a following series of numbers, like JAV-1-100 or ORX-1-120. Those numbers didn't tell you much on their own.

Starting in the 2027-2028 license year, hunt codes will be updated to actually describe the hunt. Each part of the new code tells you something: the species, where the hunt takes place, what type of hunt it is, what you can harvest, and any special conditions. This change matters because hunt codes shift every few years when hunting rules are updated. In the past, that meant a code you applied for one year might describe a completely different hunt the next time around. The new hunt codes are designed to follow the hunt, so you can clearly identify what you are applying for before submitting your application.

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW FORMAT

OLD CODE	OLD DESCRIPTION	NEW CODE	NEW DESCRIPTION
JAV-1-100	Javelina youth hunt, statewide	JAV-STW-R1-ES-YTH	Javelina, statewide, 1 st rifle hunt, either sex, youth
ORX-1-120	Early march rifle, broken horn oryx, GMU 19 (WSMR)	ORX-19W-R9-BHO-PUB	Oryx, GMU 19 (WSMR), 9 th rifle hunt, broken horn oryx, public
ELK-2-264	1 st archery hunt, GMU 15	ELK-15-B1-ES-PUB	Elk, GMU 15, 1 st bow hunt, either sex, public hunt