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2020 hunting, fishing licenses on sale Dec. 15

lowans can buy 2020 resident hunting, fishing and other licenses on Dec. 15. Licenses purchased for 2019 expire on Jan. 10.

The menu of license options includes the popular Outdoor Combo annual resident hunting/fishing/habitat combo license for \$55; the Angler's Special three-year fishing license for \$62; and the Hunter's Special three-year hunting license with habitat included for \$101.

Also available is the Bonus Line option for \$14 letting resident and nonresident anglers to fish with one more line in addition to the two lines allowed with the regular fishing license.

Upgrade your paper license to a durable hard card with custom art from Iowa artists for only \$5.

The lowa DNR now offers a GoOutdoorslowa mobile app for iPhone and Android devices that allows you to buy and access your license information, no matter where you are. You may download multiple customer licenses to offer one secure digital license document location for families, groups, and more.

Licenses are available at 700 locations across the state, and on the DNR website at www.iowadnr.gov/GoOutdoorslowa.

Hunting and fishing are often enjoyed with family and friends. A fishing or hunting license makes a great stocking stuffer.

DNR conservation officers respond to hunter shot, property damage during opening weekend of shotgun deer season

LOGAN, Iowa—On December 8, 2019, DNR conservation officers were notified about a property damage incident in Logan and later determined a hunter in hunting party was shot during a deer drive.

Chase Maguire, 18, of Logan, was shooting at a deer over a hilltop with a .450 Bushmaster when he missed the deer hitting a house in the distance.

Within the same group, Craig Brenden, 38, of Logan, was shot in the lower leg by another member of his hunting party. While the hunter was shooting a deer that had been wounded by another hunter of the party, Brenden was wounded. Investigators are still trying to determine which hunter fired the shot that hit Brenden.

Brenden was transported to a local hospital and then air lifted to the University of Nebraska Medical Center and is currently in stable condition.

The investigation into this incident is on-going and no charges have been filed at this time.

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Missouri and Big Sioux River paddlefish license on sale Dec. 15

lowa anglers can buy the Missouri and Big Sioux River paddlefish license and tags starting Dec. 15 through Jan. 7.

Buy your special paddlefish license and tags on the Iowa DNR online licenses sales website at https://gooutdoorsiowa.com. A resident license sells for \$25.50. You must also have a valid Iowa fishing license.

You can buy up to two tags – one from Dec. 15 to Dec. 31 and an additional tag from Jan. 1 to Jan. 7, or two tags if you didn't buy one in December.

The license, harvest tag(s), and regulations will be mailed to purchasers in mid-January. Purchasers will be asked to complete an electronic survey that helps the lowa DNR evaluate the success of the paddlefish season. Please complete the survey whether you harvested a paddlefish or not. The lowa DNR is always working to improve the paddlefish season for anglers; any input provided is considered and is greatly appreciated.

The Missouri and Big Sioux River paddlefish season opens Feb. 4 and runs through April 30.

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