

***Soggy Bottoms Hunting Club
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Mike Darr – President

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Rules and Regulations for 2025/2026. (The following list is a combination of Potlatch Corp. and Soggy Bottoms H.C. policies and regulations to be followed on this Potlatch Timber Corp. lease).

-- All AG&F rules and regulations will be followed at all times --

1. Membership fees: Membership fees for the following year will be set at the membership meeting which is typically in February or March. Membership fees for 2025 will be \$1150. There is a one-time joining fee for all new members of \$400.
2. Family Members: Membership fees cover 2 personal stands and full membership for the paying member and their family. A family member is defined as a partner, child (under 16 years of age), or grandchild. Members' children/grandchildren under the age of 16 will be allowed to hunt for free and must be accompanied by an adult member. Once the member's child reaches age 16, he/she can become a partial member for \$300.00 per year. This will give the member's family an additional stand and covers children between the ages of 16-18 (or until the child leaves home or gets out of college). Then they will be on their own and be expected to pay full price for membership like everyone else. This partial membership does not increase the 3 bucks per membership limit.
3. Guest Policy: No guests are allowed prior to the 2nd Saturday of each season, i.e. bow, muzzleload, modern gun, turkey, etc. Any member leaving the lease will have a 2-year probation period before being allowed to hunt as a guest. Members are allowed to bring 1 guest per day to hunt for a Maximum of 3 days per year. Cost will be \$50.00 per day, which must be paid on or before the day they plan to hunt. Members that wish to bring a guest must notify a member of the board before hunting and can mail guest dues to the address at the top of this document. All guests must be accompanied by a lease member and are responsible for their actions. A guest is allowed to kill only one buck deer or one turkey on the lease, which will in effect count toward the member's seasonal bag limit within the confines of the lease as defined in paragraph 4. (This does not apply to member's children under the age of 16).
4. Buck Restriction: 3 ½ year old bucks MINIMUM based on main beam length, antler mass and body characteristics. Quality bucks harvested will meet the following minimum antler restrictions: 14-inch inside

spread **OR** 16-inch main beam length. Members' children under age 16 may shoot any buck for their first buck of the season but their 2nd buck should be a 3 ½ or older buck and meet the above noted minimum antler restrictions.

A maximum of three bucks may be harvested per membership per season including family members. No more than two bucks per season may be harvested by a primary member and his/her guests. Members (or their family and guests) that harvest a buck that does not meet the minimum antler restrictions will not be allowed to harvest another buck that season. If the small buck is their second buck of the season they will be allowed only one buck the following season. Multiple infractions of this rule will be reviewed by the board and could result in immediate dismissal from the lease with cause (no refund).

5. Doe Restrictions: Doe may be harvested using a DMAP tag using a modern gun any time after October 15. To legally use a DMAP tag you must check the DMAP option when purchasing your license. Please do not use DMAP tags unless you are harvesting a doe with a modern gun during bow or muzzleloader season. Shoot only Big Does - NO FAWNS, NO BUTTON BUCKS. Make sure the doe you shoot is a mature doe. Per the DMAP Program the following guidelines should be utilized:
 - A. Harvest does early. Use discrepancy of size between mother and offspring.
 - B. Never shoot a lone "antlerless" deer.
 - C. Examine deer behavior. Adult does are much more cautious than their offspring.Button bucks shall count towards a member' two buck limit.
6. Turkey Restrictions: Do not shoot a Jake. Our turkey season policy is to protect the Jakes and allow them to reach maturity (a 2-year old Longbeard). A child under the age of 16 will be the only exception to this rule. No calling of turkeys prior to opening day of season, i.e. no mouth calls, box calls, or friction calls.
7. Check Station: ALL bear, deer and turkey killed on the lease MUST be checked on the lease. A photo of the head of all bucks must be taken at the lease and sent to one or more board members within 24 hours. Deer will be weighed, jawbone removed and an AGFC data card must be filled out and attached to the jawbone. Scales, a tape measure and jawbone tool are kept at the cabin. (It is critical that jawbones be turned in – if you take your deer to a taxidermist be sure and get the jawbone back as soon as possible and attach the data card). While "live-weight" is preferred, if necessary in order to get out of the woods, the deer can be "field-dressed" and the weighed at the check station. AGFC has a formula to figure the weight after removing the entrails and we are no longer required to weigh them twice. Turkeys must be weighed, beards and spurs will be measured and a AGFC data card must be filled out as well.
8. Vehicular Traffic – Truck and 4-wheeler traffic is limited to daylight hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Vehicles will only be allowed outside these hours to retrieve a harvested bear or deer. 4-wheelers will be allowed during turkey season at any time. Please be respectful of those hunting in your area. Refer to the stand map and membership contact list located on the Members Only page of the club website www.soggybottomshuntingclub.com to locate other hunters in your area and communicate with them to avoid conflicts.
9. Deer Stands: In order to ensure everyone has equal access to hunting, members are limited to flagging no more than 2 deer stands. If a member would like a 3rd stand he may purchase one for an extra \$300. Personal stands must be 300 yards from other members' stands in wooded areas or 400 yards apart in clear cuts, open areas and down roads. Personal stands should identify the owner of the stand by flagging with a ribbon on the bottom step of the stand (Include your name, the year and phone number). There is no limit

on the number of deer stands any one member can put up in their area, however, if any of these “satellite stands” become in conflict with another member’s primary stand it must be removed. The location marked on the stand map must be the actual location of the member’s primary stand. The member is responsible for verifying that their primary stands are marked correctly on the stand map. If you have a stand down a road it is suggested that you erect a small sign of some sort in order to alert other members. Members can’t be within 150yds. of another member’s stand during deer/bear season excluding traveling the roads. Members may hunt unclaimed locations. However, be aware that if it comes into conflict with another member that moves their marked stand within the area, it must be removed immediately.

Dusty Darr darrdusty10@yahoo.com 479-477-2734 will be the contact for personal stands. He will log GPS coordinates and post them on a map in the cabin which will also identify stands that are available for hunting as “community” use. The current stand map is also posted on the Members Only page of the club website www.soggybottomshuntingclub.com.

Stand locations that have been given up by members that have left the lease will become available May 25. Contact Dusty if you are interested between May 25 and June 1. He will assign the locations on June 1. If more than one member wants a location the member that has been in the lease the longest will get the location.

10. No trespassing on other landowners or leases.
11. Per Potlatch/Deltec rules members cannot have a stand within 50 yards of a company-maintained road which is defined as any road that has culverts.
12. No alcohol or drugs allowed.
13. No littering. Keep camp area clean by burning trash before leaving or taking it home for disposal. Please don’t leave trash out in the open area.
14. Keep Potlatch Timber lease gates shut and locked at all times.
15. No metal objects (nails, spikes or wire) may be imbedded in any living tree.
16. Make every attempt to kill or trap all raccoons, skunks & opossum in accordance with AGFC regulations as they harm and destroy turkey nests and eat the deer corn put out by members. Members are also encouraged to shoot all bobcats, fox and coyotes.
17. Any gross violation of these rules or of any state game and fish regulations will result in immediate dismissal from the lease with cause (no refund).
18. No Clearing of timber company trees for any reason (refer to lease agreement for any questions).

Members acknowledgement
