



Cocopah Tribal Fish and Game
Rules and Regulations
2012-2013

Cocopah Indian Tribe

Fish and Game Regulations September-August 2012-2013

Hunting and fishing on the Cocopah Indian Reservation are permissible, if you purchase a permit. The Cocopah Indian Tribe correlates with the State of Arizona on Seasonal Hunting and Fishing Regulations except where stated on the permit or in these regulations.

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APPLICABLE US CODES

United States Code Title 18, part 1, Chapter 53 §1165 Hunting Trapping or Fishing on Indian Lands Whoever, without lawful authority or permission, willfully and knowingly goes upon any land that belongs to any Indian or India Tribe, band, or group and either are held by the United States on Trust or are subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, or upon any lands of the United States that are reserved for Indian use, for the purpose of hunting, trapping, or of game, Peltries, or fish there from, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ninety days, or both, and all game, fish, and peltries in his possession shall be forfeited.

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**United States Code Title 18,
Part 1, Chapter 53 1164
Destroying boundary and
warning signs.**

Whoever willfully destroys, defaces, or removes any sign erected by an Indian tribe, or a Government agency (1) to indicated the boundary of an Indian reservation or of any Indian Country as defined in section 1151 of this title or (2) to give notice that hunting, trapping, or fishing is no permitted thereon without lawful authority or permission, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

Hunting and Fishing Regulations Changes for 2012-2013

Hunting Hours

Dove Season:
One half hour before sunrise all day for 1st season (September 1-15, 2012); and one half hour before sunrise until sunset for 2nd season (November 21, 2012- January 4, 2013)

This applies to both adult and junior hunters. The Cocopah Indian Tribe will allow hunting of **Eurasian collard doves only during**

the 1st and 2nd hunting seasons

Hunting of Eurasian dove is not year round on the Cocopah Indian Tribe Reservations.

Quail Season:
Both Gambil and Mearns sunrise to sunset.

Cocopah Ranger and Police will at sunset each day of the 1st Dove season and sunset of the Quail season patrol and clear the Cocopah Indian Tribe's Reservation Lands of all hunters.

Parking and Hunting on the Levee will be permitted. However if you are blocking traffic of causing any disruptions you can be told to leave by either the Cocopah Ranger or Police.

The Cocopah Indian Tribe reserves the right to revoke the Hunting/Fishing permit of any person attempting to use a Cocopah Indian Tribe Hunting/Fishing permit for any other purpose than these regulations. A Hunting/Fishing permit does not authorize a person to enter onto the reservation for any purpose other than those defined in these regulations.

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There is no Fishing on the West or East Cocopah Indian Tribe's Reservation. Fishing is allowed on the North Reservation but is restricted to sunrise to sunset.

There is no Big Game Hunting on any of the Cocopah Indian Tribe's Reservations.

The use of possession of High Powered Rifles or Hand Guns is prohibited. This included 22 caliber on up. Possession of these weapons may result in seizure of the weapons.

The Cocopah Indian Tribe reserves the right to amend or change any of the regulations without notice.

Sale of Permits

Permits for 2012-2013 are \$50.00 for Adults and are valid until the close of Quail Season on Mearns and Gambil. Junior Hunters that are under 14 years of age do not need to purchase a Cocopah Indian Tribe Permit but must be accompanied by a person 18 years or older with a valid Cocopah Indian Tribe permit.

On August 22, 2012 before the beginning of the First Dove Season (Sept, 1, 2012) permits may be obtained in

person at the Cocopah Tribal Administration Office, telephone number (928) 627-2102 ext. 11. Permits are also available at the Cocopah Casino-Gift Shop located on 15268 South Ave. B Suite 1 Somerton, AZ 85350 and at Sprague's Sports & RV Inc. located on 345 West 32nd St. Yuma, AZ 85364

A valid State ID must be presented along with a current address.

They will be available until September 15, 2012 at these locations. After which time they can be obtained at the Cocopah Tribal Administration building on the West Cocopah Reservation.

Required Permits

When Hunting and Fishing on the Cocopah Reservations, you are not required to have an Arizona Hunting or Fishing Permit. All that is required is a Cocopah Tribal Hunting & Fishing Permit.

Alcoholic Beverages

No alcohol of any kind is allowed on the Cocopah Indian Reservation

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Hunting

Restrictions

No Shooting within 1000 ft from the edge of the mesa on the East Cocopah Reservation.

No shooting within 2640 ft of any buildings.

No shooting across any thoroughfare and within 1000 ft of any thoroughfare.

Bag Limits

1st Dove Season Ten Mourning and White Winged Doves per day taken together, of which no more than six may be white doves. 2nd season Ten Mourning Doves only. One feathered wing must be left attached to all doves shot.

No limit on Eurasian collard doves per day. Quail season-fifteen per day. Limits for dove and quail apply to each individual and cannot be donated.

Possession Limits

1st Dove Season Twenty Mourning Doves after opening day. Of which no more than twelve may be White Winged doves. 2nd Dove Season only Mourning Doves possession limit twenty. **No limit on Eurasian collared doves.**

Quail limit of thirty.

Right to Inspect

The Cocopah Game Ranger or Tribal Police have the authority and ability to inspect your vehicle and/or containers for taken over limit; unauthorized game or fish taken; and/or illegal possession of weapons, alcohol and other non-allowed items. Game, fish, alcohol, and other prohibited items are subject to seizure.

Retrieval of Game

Always attempt to retrieve all game you shoot.

Trash and Cleaning

Pick up your trash! Pick up shell casings, boxes, cans, bottles, and any other trash. If you clean your game please place the remains in the trash containers provided.

Wilderness Area

On the Cocopah East Reservation there is a federally designated Wilderness Area. It is below the Mesa and is shown on the map as a blackened out area. There is no hunting allowed in this area.

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No Hunting Areas

Observe all posted No Hunting Area signs.

Fires

No fires, open or camp stoves. The hunting area is extremely dry and wildfires are easily started.

U.S.-Mexico

Border

The middle of the river is the boundary between Mexico and the United States. If you cross you are entering Mexico illegally and are subject to the laws of the country of Mexico. The Cocopah Indian Tribe accepts no liabilities should you accidentally or purposely enter into Mexico, and/or illegally enter or re-enter the United States.