



2020 Bighorn Sheep Hunter:

Congratulations on being drawn for a coveted Arizona Bighorn Sheep Permit.

During these trying times of Covid-19, the Arizona Game and Fish Department continues to develop alternative methods to perform essential projects. The mandatory physical check-in process of all harvested bighorn sheep has been identified as one of those essential duties in order to gather biological information, as well as installing the horn plugs to satisfy legal requirements.

In anticipation of the current CDC, State, and Department guidelines that will likely continue through the bighorn sheep hunting seasons, all Department offices will remain closed to the public except to allow specific tasks to be performed by appointment only.

All bighorn sheep hunters who have harvested a ram will need to contact the Department office of your choice in advance to schedule the check-in of your animal, as staff typically available to perform big game check-ins are working remotely and will not be available for walk-in customers. Hunters that do not harvest a ram will need to check-in by telephone.

Contact information for the Department's six Regional offices and the Phoenix Headquarters are listed below for your convenience.

Another consequence of the restrictions placed on the Department this year, in regards to Covid-19, is that this year's aerial population surveys were not able to be performed. We are asking hunters to record, to the best of your ability, the age and classification of bighorn sheep seen while scouting and hunting on the enclosed data sheet and submit those observations during your scheduled check-in appointment. Feel free to share this request with any family, friends, guides, or outfitter that may be assisting with your hunt.

Thank you for your help and have an enjoyable hunt.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amber Munig".

Amber Munig
Big Game Management Program Supervisor

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Bighorn Sheep Age and Classification

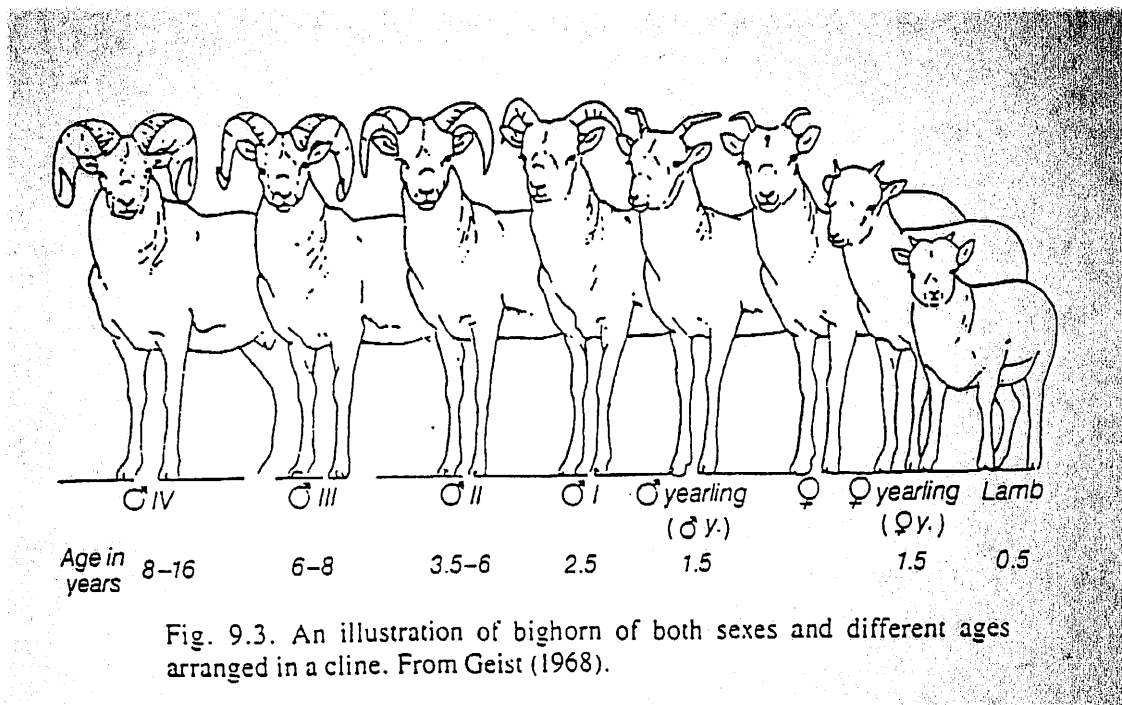


Fig. 9.3. An illustration of bighorn of both sexes and different ages arranged in a cline. From Geist (1968).