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The Fish and Game Commission announces that, pursuant to appropriate sections of the Fish and Game Code and in accordance with appropriate sections of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Fish and Game Commission intends to receive public testimony at its April 2, 2004 public hearing in Sacramento on the proposed mammal hunting and trapping regulations for 20004-2005. Both oral and written comments will be accepted at this hearing, which commences at 8:30 a.m. in the Resources Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento. Written comments on the proposed regulatory changes may also be submitted to the Commission office at 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by e-mail to: fgc@dfg.ca.gov, or by fax to: 916-653-5040. All correspondence must include the commentor's complete name and mailing address.

The Commission also announces that, at its April 22, 2004 meeting in Sacramento, the Commission intends to adopt the 2004-2005 mammal hunting and trapping regulations following certification of the associated environmental documents in accordance with appropriate sections of the Public Resources Code. No public testimony will be received at the April 22, 2004 meeting, which will commence at 10:00 a.m. by conference call from the Department of Fish and Game's 13th Floor Conference Room, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento. Enclosed are the proposed changes for the 2004-2005 mammal hunting and trapping regulations.

Please note that the Department of Fish and Game has withdrawn the Initial Statement of Reasons for Regulatory Action Re: Trapping Furbearers and Nongame Mammals, which proposed to amend sections 465, 465.5, 467, 475 and 478; and add sections 458.1, 459, 459.1, 459.2, 465.6 and 466, Title 14, California Code, due to the need for legal clarifications. The Department of Fish and Game intends to reintroduce these sections under a separate regulatory notice following the Commission's June 25, 2004 hearing, with a discussion hearing scheduled for August 6, 2004 and an adoption hearing scheduled for August 27, 2004.

251. Pursuing or Shooting Birds and Mammals from Motor-Driven Air or Land Vehicles, Motorboats, Airboats, Sailboats or Snowmobiles.

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Amend Section 251, Title 14, CCR, Re: Use of Aircraft to Take Game

Subsection 251 (a) currently states, in general terms, that aircraft may not be used to pursue, drive, herd, or take birds and mammals. However, the section does not adequately address the issue of "fair chase" as it relates to use of aircraft for hunting big game. Information indicates aircraft such as ultra-light personal aircraft have been used to locate or attempt to locate deer and bighorn sheep. The location of big game can then be used to actively hunt the targeted animal. Nevada, Arizona and Utah already have regulations addressing this problem. This methodology may place targeted animal(s) in a situation that is beyond traditional fair chase. Aircraft could establish the location of big game when traditional fair chase methods may fail. This puts additional pressure on targeted animals and constituents using traditional hunting methods could be placed at a disadvantage. Use of aircraft to pursue big game could discredit the sport of hunting. The amendment would further restrict the use of aircraft as it pertains to the take of big game by disallowing the locating of big game by aircraft 48 hours before until 48 hours after a big game hunting season. The amendment also addresses advances in technology by restricting the use of imaging satellite information and software/equipment which could hack /utilize Department telemetry frequencies with the possible result of locating big game mammals wearing Department telemetry equipment.

Subsection (a) Section 251, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§251. Prohibition on Pursuing or Shooting Birds and Mammals from Motor-Driven Air or Land Vehicles, Motorboats, Airboats, Sailboats or Snowmobiles.

(a) General Prohibition: No person shall pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile~~,~~ .~~except:~~ Additionally, no person shall use any motorized, hot-air, or unpowered aircraft or other device capable of flight or any earth orbiting imaging device to locate or assist in locating big game mammals beginning 48 hours before and continuing until 48 hours after any big game hunting season in the same area. No person shall use at any time or place, without Department approval, any computer, telemetry device or other equipment to locate a big game mammal to which a tracking device is attached. For purposes of this subsection "use" includes but is not limited to personal use or intent by another to obtain information from such personal use. Evidence of an act constituting a violation of this section includes but is not limited to flying slowly at low altitudes, hovering, circling or repeatedly flying over any area where big game may be found. Exceptions to this subsection are:

(1) When the motor of such motorboat, airboat, or sailboat has been shut off and/or the sails furled and its progress therefrom has ceased, and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(2) When used by the landowner or tenant of private property to drive or herd game mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private property.

(3) Pursuant to a license from the department issued under such regulations as the commission may prescribe (see subsection 251(b) below).

(b) Mobility Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle License

(1) Applications: Applications for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License for mobility disabled persons shall be on a form supplied by the Department (Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License Application, FG1460-10/95). The application shall include the applicant's name, address, physical description, a description of the qualifying disability, and a certified statement from a licensed physician describing the applicant's permanent disability. It shall be unlawful for any person to falsify an application for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License.

(2) Terms of the License: The Motor Vehicle Hunting License shall specify conditions under which said license shall be used and shall include but not be limited to the following provisions:

(A) The licensee shall be accompanied by an able bodied assistant who shall immediately retrieve, and tag if necessary, all game taken. (Possession of the licensee's tag, required in this subsection, shall not be considered an unlawful possession of a tag or license issued to another person).

(B) The assistant shall not possess a firearm, crossbow or archery equipment unless he/she is a licensed hunter and possesses any necessary license or tag for the area being hunted. The assistant shall not discharge a firearm or release a bolt or an arrow from the vehicle. If licensed, the assistant may dispatch wounded game which has moved out of range of the licensee.

(C) The vehicle must be stopped and the engine must be shut off prior to the licensee discharging firearm or releaseing a bolt from a crossbow or an arrow from archery equipment.

(D) The licensee shall notify the Department, at the regional office having responsibility for the area where the licensee intends to hunt, at least 48 hours prior to hunting or contact the department's 24-hour dispatcher at the number indicated on the license. The licensee shall specify the locality, vehicle description, and the approximate time frame during which such hunt shall take place.

(E) The licensee or assistant shall not pursue any animal or drive or herd animals to any other hunters with a motor vehicle.

(F) This license does not grant permission to trespass on private property or permission to use a motor vehicle while in any area where the use of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited.

(G) This license does not grant permission to discharge a firearm in any place or manner that would otherwise be unlawful, or to possess a loaded firearm in violation of any other city, county or state law.

(H) The licensee shall have the license in possession while hunting from a motor vehicle.

(3) License Fee: A license fee of $25.00, as adjusted annually pursuant to Section 713 of the Fish and Game Code, shall be charged for processing and issuing the Mobility Impaired Disabled Person Motor Vehicle Hunting License. Licenses shall be issued only by the Director or his/her designee. Licenses shall be permanent and have no expiration date.

NOTE:

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Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 355, 3003.5, 3800, and 4150, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 355, 356, 711, 3003.5, 3800, and 4150, Fish and Game Code.

1. 311. Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game.

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Amend Section 311, Title 14, CCR, Re: Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game

Section 311 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations lists methods authorized for taking resident small game. Subsection 311(g) provides for the use of box traps to take rabbits, but restricts this method of take to San Diego County. The proposed change would extend the use of box traps for taking rabbits to Orange County. This change was requested by members of an association of homeowners to provide hunting opportunity for rabbits in an area where the use of firearms and air rifles is prohibited, and to help alleviate damage caused by a large population of cottontails to ornamental plants.

Section 311, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§311. Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game.

Only the following may be used to take resident small game:

(a) Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun;

(b) Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than No. BB, except that shot size larger than No. 2 may not be used or possessed when taking wild turkey. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

(c) Muzzle-loading shotguns;

(d) Falconry;

(e) Bow and arrow (see Section 354 for archery equipment regulations);

(f) Air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum for taking wild turkey); and firearm rifles and pistols for taking rabbits and squirrels, except in Los Angeles County, in addition to the methods listed in (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above;

(g) In San Diego <u>and Orange</u> ~~County~~ <u>counties</u> only, rabbits may be taken at any time during the open season by means of box traps. Such traps shall not exceed 24 inches in any dimension, shall be tended at least once every 24 hours, and shall show the name and address of the trap owner. All rabbits taken under this section shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit;

(h) Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(i) Coursing dogs may be used to take rabbits;

(j) Archers hunting during any archery season may not possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting during an archery season;

(k) The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(l) Pistols and revolvers may be used to take blue and ruffed grouse in those counties only and for the season described in Section 300(a)(1)(E).

(m) Crossbows, except for provisions of Section 354(d) and (g).

(n) Dogs may be used to take and retrieve resident small game.

NOTE Authority cited: Sections 200, 202 and 203, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200 and 203, Fish and Game Code.

2. 353. Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game.

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Amend Section 353, Title 14, CCR, Re: Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game

The existing regulations provide for methods to be used to take big game. In recent years, new technology has resulted in new types of muzzleloading rifles, types of muzzleloading powders and advanced sighting methods. The existing regulations do not clearly address these new technologies including advances in muzzleloading rifle types, ignition sources, powders, and advanced sighting devices . This has caused difficulty for hunters and law enforcement personnel when trying to determine lawful and illegal methods of taking big game. The proposed regulation change clarifies the new types of muzzleloading rifles, types of muzzleloading powders and advanced sighting methods which are legal for taking big game. The proposed change will reduce confusion by hunters and law enforcement personnel who need clear definitions of which of the new technologies are legal and which are not for the purpose of taking big game.

The Department has received numerous requests from disabled hunters to allow the use of cross bows and/or other devices to assist in drawing and holding the bow string (for example, mouth-tab, body-brace, and draw-loc) during the archery only and additional archery hunt seasons as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Based on information currently available, the Department does not believe that allowing use of cross bows or the other devices identified above for accommodation purposes during the archery only and additional hunt archery seasons will cause any fundamental changes to the operation of the Department's Wildlife Programs. The proposed regulation change would allow disabled archers that have, and can provide upon request by law enforcement personnel, written medical documentation attesting to their inability to use conventional archery equipment to use a cross-bow and/or the other devices identified above during the archery only season and/or during the special archery hunts.

Section 353, Title 14, CCR is amended as follows:

§353. Methods Authorized for Taking Big Game.
(a) Except for the provisions of subsections 353(b) through (g), Title 14, CCR, big game (as defined by Section 350, title 14, CCR) may only be taken by rifles using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding bullets; bow and arrow (see Section 354, Title 14, CCR, for archery equipment regulations); or wheellock, matchlock, flintlock or percussion type, including "in-line" muzzleloading rifles using black powder or ~~pyrodex~~ equivalent black powder substitute, including pellets, with single ball or bullet loaded from the muzzle and at least .40 caliber in designation.
(b) Shotguns capable of holding not more than three shells firing single slugs may be used for the taking of deer, bear and wild pigs. In areas where the discharge of rifles or shotguns with slugs is prohibited by county ordinance, shotguns capable of holding not more than three shells firing size 0 or 00 buckshot may be used for the taking of deer only.
(c) Pistols and revolvers using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding bullets may be used to take deer, bear, and wild pigs.
(d) Pistols and revolvers with minimum barrel lengths of 4 inches, using centerfire cartridges with softnose or expanding bullets may be used to take elk and bighorn sheep.
(e) Except as provided in subsection 354 (j), c~~C~~rossbows may be used to take deer and wild pigs only during the regular seasons.
(f) ~~Muzzleloading rifle~~Under the provisions of a muzzleloading rifle only tag, hunters may ~~not~~only possess ~~other firearms or archery equipment authorized for taking big game, pursuant to subsections 353 (a) through (d), and shall possess muzzleloading rifles equipped with iron sights only, while hunting under the provisions of a muzzleloading rifle only tag~~.muzzleloading rifles as described in subsection 353(a) equipped with open or "peep" type sights only.
(g) Under the provisions of a muzzleloading rifle/archery tag, hunters may only possess muzzleloading rifles with sights as described in subsection 353(~~a~~f) ~~equipped with iron sights only~~; archery equipment as described in Section 354; or both. For purposes of this subsection, archery equipment does not include crossbows, except as provided in subsection 354(j).

(h) Except as otherwise provided, while taking or attempting to take big game under the provisions of Section 353 or Section 354, Title 14, CCR, it is unlawful to use any device or devices which: 1) throw, cast or project an artificial light or electronically alter or intensify a light source for the purpose of visibly enhancing an animal; or 2) throw, cast or project an artificial light or electronically alter or intensify a light source for the purpose of providing a visible point of aim directly on a animal. Devices commonly referred to as "sniperscopes", night vision scopes or binoculars, or those utilizing infra-red, heat sensing or other non-visible spectrum light technology used for the purpose of visibly enhancing an animal or providing a visible point of aim directly on a animal are prohibited and may not be possessed while taking or attempting to take big game. Devices commonly referred to as laser rangefinders, "red-dot" scopes with self-illuminating reticles, and fiberoptic sights with self illuminating sight or pins which do not throw, cast or project a visible light onto an animal are permitted.
NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202 and 203, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 23, 203.1, 207, 2005 and 3950, Fish and Game Code.

3. 354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations.

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Amend Section 354, Title 14, CCR, Re: Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations

The proposed regulation change eliminates the conflict between subsection 353(g) and 354(h) by making an exception in 354(h) to allow the use of a muzzleloading rifle during hunts designated as muzzleloading rifle/archery hunts. The existing regulations specify that archers may not possess a firearm while hunting in the field during any archery season, or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag. While subsection 354(g) specifies that hunters who possess a muzzleloading rifle/archery tag may possess a muzzleloading rifle. The proposed change will eliminate this conflict in regulations and reduce confusion by hunters and law enforcement personnel.

The Department has received numerous requests from disabled hunters to allow the use of cross bows and/or other devices to assist in drawing and holding the bow string (for example, mouth-tab, body-brace, and draw-loc) under the conditions of an archery tag, archery season, or general season as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). Based on information currently available, the Department does not believe that allowing use of cross bows or the other devices identified above for accommodation purposes during the archery only and additional hunt archery seasons will cause any fundamental changes to the operation of the Department's Wildlife Programs. The proposed regulation change would allow disabled archers that have, and can provide upon request by law enforcement personnel, written medical documentation attesting to their inability to use conventional archery equipment to use a cross-bow and/or the other devices identified above during the archery only season and/or during the special archery hunts.

Section 354, Title 14, CCR is amended as follows:

§354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations.
(a) Bow, as used in these regulations, means any device consisting of a flexible material having a string connecting its two ends and used to propel an arrow held in a firing position by hand only. Bow, includes long bow, recurve or compound bow.
(b) Crossbow, as used in these regulations means any device consisting of a bow or cured latex band or other flexible material (commonly referred to as a linear bow) affixed to a stock, or any bow that utilizes any device attached directly or indirectly to the bow for the purpose of keeping a crossbow bolt, an arrow or the string in a firing position. Except as provided in subsection 354(j), a~~A~~ crossbow is not archery equipment and cannot be used during the archery deer season.
(c) For the taking of big game, hunting arrows and crossbow bolts with a broad head type blade which will not pass through a hole seven-eighths inch in diameter shall be used. Mechanical/retractable broad

heads shall be measured in the open position. For the taking of migratory game birds, resident small game, furbearers and nongame mammals and birds any arrow or crossbow bolt may be used except as prohibited by subsection (d) below.
(d) No arrows or crossbow bolt with an explosive head or with any substance which would tranquilize or poison any animal may be used. No arrows or crossbow bolt without flu-flu fletching may be used for the take of pheasants and migratory game birds, except for provisions of section 507(a)(2).
(e) No arrow or crossbow bolt may be released from a bow or crossbow upon or across any highway, road or other way open to vehicular traffic.
(f) No bow or crossbow may be used which will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards.
(g) Except as described in subsection 354(j), c~~C~~rossbows may not be used to take game birds and game mammals during archery seasons.
(h) ~~Archers~~ Except as provided in subsection 353(g), archers may not possess a firearm while hunting in the field during any archery season, or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag.
(i) No person may nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle.
(j) Any person with a physical disability which prevents him/her from being able to draw and hold a bow in a firing position, may use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag, archery season, or general season. Under these conditions, archers must provide to the Department and retain in his/her immediate possession while taking or attempting to take big game written verification of the disability, including: the person's name and signature, address, date of birth, driver's license or DMV number; physician's name and signature, physician's license number and address; and a description of the disability.
NOTE Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203 and 240, Fish and Game Code.
Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203 and 203.1, Fish and Game Code.

4. 360(a)

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Amend Subsection 360(a), Title 14, CCR, Re: Deer: A, B, C and D Zone Hunts

Existing regulations provide an area description, season and tag quota for Zone A. However, under current Deer Assessment Unit (DAU) management strategies, Zone A is divided into two distinct DAUs: the south A Zone (DAU 1-Unit 110) and the north A Zone (DAU 2-Unit 160). For management purposes, it is necessary to split Zone A along DAU boundaries, to allow for the more effective collection of harvest and herd data. The proposal will split Zone A into two distinct units; the Zone A-South Unit 110 and Zone A-North Unit 160, and provide clarification of season and valid hunting areas. Hunters will still purchase a single A Zone tag, however they will need to indicate the appropriate unit in which the deer was harvested. The tag will be valid in both units and no reduction in hunter opportunity will occur.

Some minor editorial changes are necessary for consistency in subsection numbering, spelling, grammar, and clarification.

Existing regulations provide for the number of license tags available for the A, B, C, and D Zones. This regulatory proposal changes the number of tags for all existing zones to a series of ranges presented in the following table. These ranges are necessary, as the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because severe winter conditions can have an adverse effect on herd recruitment and overwinter adult survival, final tag quotas may fall below the proposed range.

Deer: A, B, C, and D Zone Hunts
Tag Allocations

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Zone	Current	Proposed
A	65,000	30,000-65,000
B	55,500	35,000-65,000
C	11,000	8,000-20,000
D3-5	33,000	30,000-40,000
D-6	10,000	6,000-16,000
D-7	9,000	4,000-10,000
D-8	8,000	5,000-10,000
D-9	2,000	1,000-2,500
D-10	700	400-800
D-11	5,500	2,500-6,000
D-12	950	100-1,500
D-13	4,000	2,000-5,000
D-14	3,000	2,000-3,500
D-15	1,500	500-2,000
D-16	3,000	1,000-3,500
D-17	500	100-800
D-19	1,500	500-2,000

Subsection 360(a), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

§360. Deer.
Except as otherwise provided in this Title 14, deer may be taken only as follows:
(a) A, B, C, and D Zone Hunts.
(1) Zone A.
(A) Area: ~~In the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Kings, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, and Sonoma; and those portions of the counties of Colusa, Fresno, Kern, Lake, Mendocino, Los Angeles, Madera, Merced, Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tulare, Ventura and Yolo lying south and west of a line beginning at the junction of the mouth of Hardy Creek (Mendocino County) and the Pacific Ocean; east along Hardy Creek to Highway 1; north along Highway 1 to Highway 101; south along Highway 101 to Commercial Avenue in the town of Willits; east on Commercial Avenue to the Hearst-Willits Road (County Road 306); north and east on the Hearst Willits Road to the Main Eel River; southeast on the Main Eel River to Lake Pillsbury at Scott Dam; southeast along the west shore of Lake Pillsbury and the Rice Fork of the Eel River to Forest Service Road M-10; east on Forest Service Road M-10 to Forest Service Road 17N16; east on Forest Service Road 17N16 to Forest Service Road M-10; east on Forest Service Road M-10 to Letts Valley-Fouts Spring Road; east on the Letts Valley-Fouts Spring Road to the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road (County Road 306); north on the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road to the Glenn-Colusa county line; east along the Glenn-Colusa County line to Interstate 5; Interstate 5 south to Highway 99 in the City of Sacramento; Highway 99 south to Highway 166 in Kern County; west on Highway 166 to Highway 33; south on Highway 33 to Sespe Creek; east and south along Sespe Creek to Highway 126; east on~~

~~Highway 126 to Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 and 405 to Interstate 10; west on Interstate 10 to the Pacific Ocean.~~ Shall include all of Zone A-South Unit 110 and Zone A-North Unit 160 (see subsections 360(a)(1)(A)1. through 2.).

1. South Unit 110. In those portions of Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Monterey, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus and Ventura counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the San Joaquin-Sacramento county line at Dry Creek; south on Highway 99 to Highway 166 in Kern County; west on Highway 166 to Highway 33; south on Highway 33 to Sespe Creek; east and south along Sespe Creek to Highway 126; east on Highway 126 to Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 and 405 to Interstate 10; west on Interstate 10 to the Pacific Ocean; north on the Pacific Ocean coastline to the San Mateo-San Francisco county line; east on the San Mateo-San Francisco county line to the Alameda county line; north on the Alameda-San Francisco county line to the Contra Costa-San Francisco county line: northwest on Contra Costa-San Francisco county line to the Contra Costa-Marin county line; northeast on the Contra Costa-Marin county line to the Contra Costa-Solano county line in San Pablo Bay; east on the Contra Costa-Solano county line and the Sacramento River to the confluence of the San Joaquin River and Sacramento-Contra Costa county line; east on the Sacramento-Contra Costa county line and San Joaquin River to the confluence of the Mokelumne River and San Joaquin-Sacramento county line; northeast on the San Joaquin-Sacramento county line and Mokelumne River to the confluence of Dry Creek; east on the San Joaquin-Sacramento county line and Dry Creek to the point of beginning at Highway 99.

2. North Unit 160. In those portions of Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Sacramento, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo within a line beginning at the junction of the mouth of Hardy Creek (Mendocino County) and the Pacific Ocean; east along Hardy Creek to Highway 1; north along Highway 1 to Highway 101; south along Highway 101 to Commercial Avenue in the town of Willits; east on Commercial Avenue to the Hearst-Willits Road (County Road 306); north and east on the Hearst-Willits Road to the Main Eel River; southeast on the Main Eel River to Lake Pillsbury at Scott Dam; southeast along the west shore of Lake Pillsbury and the Rice Fork of the Eel River to Forest Service Road M-10; east on Forest Service Road M-10 to Forest Service Road 17N16; east on Forest Service Road 17N16 to Forest Service Road M-10; east on Forest Service Road M-10 to Letts Valley-Fouts Spring Road; east on the Letts Valley-Fouts Spring Road to the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road (County Road 306); north on the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road to the Glenn-Colusa county line; east along the Glenn-Colusa County line to Interstate 5; Interstate 5 south to Highway 99 in the City of Sacramento; Highway 99 south to the Sacramento/San Joaquin County line at Dry Creek, west along the Sacramento/San Joaquin County line and Dry Creek to the confluence with the Mokelumne River, southwest on the Sacramento/San Joaquin County line and Mokelumne River to the confluence with the San Joaquin River and Sacramento/Contra Costa County line, west on the Sacramento/Contra Costa County line and San Joaquin River to the confluence of the Sacramento River and Solano/Contra Costa County line, west on the Sacramento River and Solano/Contra Costa County line to the Marin County line in San Pablo Bay, southwest on the Marin/Contra Costa and Marin/San Francisco county lines to the North Peninsula shoreline near the Golden Gate Bridge, west on the shoreline to the Pacific Ocean coastline, northwest on the Pacific Ocean coastline to the point of beginning.

(B) Season: The season in Zone A-South Unit 110 and Zone A-North Unit 160 shall open on the second Saturday in August and extend for 44 consecutive days.

(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.

(D) Number of Tags: 30,000-65,000. Zone A tags are valid in Zone A-South Unit 110 and Zone A-North Unit 160.

(2) Zone B.

(A) Area: Shall include all of Zones B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5 and B-6 (see subsections 360(a)(2)(A) 1-6).

1. Zone B-1.

In the County of Del Norte and those portions of Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Trinity counties within a line: Beginning at the California-Oregon state line and the Pacific Ocean; east along the state line to the point where Cook-Green Pass Road (Forest Service Road 48N20) intersects the California-Oregon state line; south on the Cook-Green Pass Road to Highway 96 near Seiad Valley; west and south along Highway 96 to Highway 299 at Willow Creek; southeast along Highway 299 to the South Fork of the Trinity River; southeast along the South Fork of the Trinity River to the boundary of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness Area; southwest along the boundary of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness

Area to the Four Corners Rock-Washington Rock Trail; south and east on the Four Corners Rock-Washington Rock Trail to the North Fork of Middle Fork Eel River; south on the North Fork of Middle Fork Eel River to Middle Fork Eel River; east on Middle Fork Eel River to confluence with Balm of Gilead Creek; north and east on Balm of Gilead Creek to confluence with Minnie Creek; east and south on Minnie Creek to Soldier Ridge Trail; north on Soldier Ridge Trail to Summit Trail; south on Summit Trail to Green Springs Trail head at Pacific Crest Road (U.S. Forest Service Road M-2); south on the Mendocino Pass Road to the intersection of Forest Highway 7; west on Forest Highway 7 to the Middle Fork of the Eel River near Eel River Work Center; southwest on the Middle Fork of the Eel River to the Black Butte River; Black Butte River to the Glenn-Mendocino county line; south along the Glenn-Mendocino and Lake-Mendocino county lines to the northern boundary of State Game Refuge 2-A; east and south along the northern and eastern boundaries of State Game Refuge 2-A to the Glenn-Lake near Sheetiron Mountain; south along the Glenn-Lake and Colusa-Lake county lines to Forest Service Road 17N16; west on Forest Service Road 17N16 to Forest Service Road M-10; west on Forest Service Road M-10 to the Rice Fork of the Eel River; northwest along the Rice Fork of the Eel River and the shore of Lake Pillsbury to the Main Eel River at Scott Dam; west and north along the Main Eel River to the Hearst-Willits Road; southwest on the Hearst-Willits Road to Commercial Avenue; west on Commercial Avenue to Highway 101; north on Highway 101 to Highway 1 at Leggett; west on Highway 1 to its intersection with the South Fork of the Eel River; north and west along the South Fork of the Eel River to the main Eel River; west and north along the main Eel River to mouth of the Eel River and north along the Pacific coastline to the point of beginning.

2. Zone B-2.

In those portions of Humboldt, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 299 in Redding; west on Highway 299 to the Bully Choop Mountain Road at the Shasta-Trinity county line and Buckhorn Summit; south on the Bully Choop Mountain Road to a point where this road leaves the Shasta-Trinity county line at Mud Springs; southwest along the Shasta-Trinity county line to the Browns Creek-Harrison Gulch Road; south on the Browns Creek-Harrison Gulch Road to Highway 36; east on Highway 36 (200 yards) to Forest Service Arterial Road 41; south on Forest Service Arterial Road 41 to Stuart Gap at the Tehama-Trinity county line; south on the Tehama-Trinity county line to the north boundary of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness Area; west and south on the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness boundary to the South Fork of the Trinity River; north and west along the South Fork of the Trinity River to Highway 299; west and north on Highway 299 to Highway 96 at Willow Creek; north on Highway 96 to the Cecilville-Salmon River Road (Forest Service Road 93) at Somes Bar; east along the Cecilville-Salmon River Road to Highway 3 at Callahan; east along Highway 3 to the Gazelle-Callahan Road (Forest Service Road 1219); east along the Gazelle-Callahan Road to Highway 99; north along Highway 99 to Louie Road; east along Louie Road to Interstate 5; south along Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

3. Zone B-3.

In those portions of Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, and Tehama counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Black Butte Reservoir Road; south on Interstate 5 to the Glenn-Colusa county line; west along the Glenn-Colusa county line to the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road (County Road 306); south on the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road to the Letts Valley-Fouts Spring Road; west on the Letts Valley-Fouts Spring Road through Fouts Spring to Forest Service Road M-10; west on Forest Service Road M-10 to the Colusa-Lake county line; north along the Colusa-Lake and Glenn-Lake county lines to the eastern boundary of State Game Refuge 2-A, near Sheetiron Mountain; north and west along the eastern and northern boundaries of State Game Refuge 2-A to the Lake-Mendocino county line; north on the Lake-Mendocino and Glenn-Mendocino county lines to the Black Butte River; northwest along the Black Butte River to the Middle Fork of the Eel River; east and north along the Middle Fork of the Eel River to Forest Highway 7 near the Eel River Work Center; east on Forest Highway 7 to the Low Gap-Government Flat Road; north on the Low Gap-Government Flat Road to the Round Valley-Paskenta Road at Government Flat; east on the Round Valley-Paskenta Road to the Black Butte Lake-Newville Road; south and east on the Black Butte Lake-Newville Road to Interstate 5 at the point of beginning.

4. Zone B-4.

In those portions of Mendocino and Humboldt counties within a line beginning at the mouth of Hardy Creek and the Pacific Ocean; north along the Pacific coastline to the mouth of the Eel River; east and

south along the main Eel River to the South Fork of the Eel River; south along the South Fork of the Eel River to state Highway 1 at Leggett; west on state Highway 1 to Hardy Creek; west along Hardy Creek to the point of beginning.
5. Zone B-5.
In those portions of Glenn, Mendocino, Shasta, Tehama and Trinity counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 299 and Interstate 5 in Redding; south along Interstate 5 to the Black Butte Lake-Newville Road near Orland; west and north on the Black Butte Lake-Newville Road to the Round Valley-Paskenta Road; west on the Round Valley-Paskenta Road to the Pacific Crest Road (U.S. Forest Service Road M-2) near Government Flat; north on the Pacific Crest Road to the Summit Trailhead at Green Springs; north along Summit Trail to Soldier Ridge Trail; south and west along Soldier Ridge Trail to Minnie Creek; north and west on Minnie Creek to Balm of Gilead Creek; west on Balm of Gilead Creek to the Middle Fork of the Eel River; west on the Middle Fork of the Eel River to the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Eel River; north on the North Fork of the Middle Fork of the Eel River to the Four Corners Rock-Washington Rock Trail; north and west on the Four Corners Rock-Washington Rock Trail to the boundary of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness Area; north along the boundary of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness Area to the Tehama-Trinity county line; north on the Tehama-Trinity county line to Forest Service Arterial Road 41 at Stuart Gap; north on Forest Service Arterial Road 41 to Highway 36; west on Highway 36 (200 yards) to the Browns Creek-Harrison Gulch Road; north on the Browns Creek-Harrison Gulch Road to the Shasta-Trinity county line; northeast along the Shasta-Trinity county line to Mud Springs, where the Bully Choop Mountain Road joins the Shasta-Trinity county line; north on the Bully Choop Mountain Road to Highway 299 at Buckhorn Summit and the Shasta-Trinity county line; east on HIghway 299 to Interstate 5 in Redding.
6. Zone B-6.
In that portion of Siskiyou County within a line beginning at the California-Oregon state line and its intersection with Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to Louie Road near Gazelle; west on Louie Road to Highway 99; south on Highway 99 to the Gazelle-Callahan Road at Gazelle; west on the Gazelle-Callahan Road to Highway 3; west on Highway 3 to the Cecilville-Salmon River Road (Forest Service Road 93) at Callahan; west on the Cecilville-Salmon River Road to Highway 96 at Somes Bar; north on Highway 96 to the Cook-Green Pass Road at Seiad Valley; north on the Cook-Green Pass Road to the California-Oregon state line; east along the California-Oregon state line to Interstate 5.
(B) Season: The seasons for the B Zone shall be those specified for the areas described as B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5 and B-6 (see subsections 360(a)(2)(B)1-6).
1. Zone B-1.
The season in Zone B-1 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
2. Zone B-2.
The season in Zone B-2 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
3. Zone B-3.
The season in Zone B-3 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
4. Zone B-4.
The season in Zone B-4 shall open on the fourth Saturday in August and extend for 37 consecutive days.
5. Zone B-5.
The season in Zone B-5 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
6. Zone B-6.
The season in Zone B-6 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~55,500~~35,000-65,000. Zone B tags are valid in Zones B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5 and B-6
(3) Zone C.
(A) Area: Shall include all of Zones C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 (see subsections 360(a)(3)(A)1. through 4.).
1. Zone C-1.

In that portion of Siskiyou County within a line beginning at the California-Oregon state line and its intersection with Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to Highway 97 at Weed; north and east on Highway 97 to the intersection with the California-Oregon state line; west on the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.
2. Zone C-2.
In those portions of Shasta and Siskiyou counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and Highway 89 south of the town of Mt. Shasta; east and south on Highway 89 to the Pit River at Lake Britton; west and south along the Pit River to Interstate 5 at Shasta Lake; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.
3. Zone C-3.
In that portion of Shasta County within a line beginning at the intersection of Cottonwood Creek and Interstate 5 at Cottonwood; north on Interstate 5 to the Pit River at Shasta Lake; east and north on the Pit River to Highway 89 at Lake Britton; south on Highway 89 to Highway 44 at Old Station; south and west on Highway 44 to the North Fork of Battle Creek; southwest on the North Fork of Battle Creek to Battle Creek; west on Battle Creek to the Sacramento River; north on the Sacramento River to the mouth of Cottonwood Creek; west on Cottonwood Creek to the point of beginning.
4. Zone C-4.
In those portions of Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, and Tehama counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and Cottonwood Creek at Cottonwood; east on Cottonwood Creek to the Sacramento River; south on the Sacramento River to Battle Creek; east on Battle Creek to the North Fork of Battle Creek; northeast on the North Fork of Battle Creek to Highway 44; east on Highway 44 to Highway 89 at the north entrance of Lassen Volcanic National Park; north and east on Highway 89 and 44 to the junction of Highway 44 at Old Station; south and east on Highway 44 to Highway 36 west of Susanville; west on Highway 36 to Highway 147 near Westwood; south on Highway 147 to Highway 89; south on Highway 89 to Highway 70; southwest on Highway 70 to Highway 162 at Oroville; west on Highway 162 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to Cottonwood Creek to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The seasons for the C Zone shall be those specified for the areas described as C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 (see subsections 360(a)(3)(B)1. through 4.).
1. Zone C-1.
The season in Zone C-1 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 30 consecutive days.
2. Zone C-2.
The season in Zone C-2 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
3. Zone C-3.
The season in Zone C-3 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
4. Zone C-4.
The season in Zone C-4 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~11,000~~8,000-20,000. Zone C tags are valid in Zones C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 during the general season only as described above in subsections 360(a)(3)(B)1. through 4.
(4) Zone D-3-5.
(A) Area: Shall include all of zones D-3, D-4, and D-5 (see subsections 360(a)(4)(A)1. through 3.).
1. Zone D-3.
In those portions of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and Highway 162 at Willows; east on Highway 162 to Highway 70 at Oroville; northeast on Highway 70 to Highway 89; south on Highway 89 to the new Gold Lake Road (near Graeagle); south on the new Gold Lake Road to Highway 49 at Bassetts; east on Highway 49 to Yuba Pass; south on the Yuba Pass-Webber Lake Road (main haul road) through Bonta Saddle to the Jackson Meadows Highway (Fiberboard Road); west on the Jackson Meadows Highway for two miles to the White Rock Lake Road; south on the White Rock Lake Road to the new road to White Rock Lake (below Bear Valley); south and east on the new White Rock Lake Road to the Pacific Crest

Trail (one mile west of White Rock Lake in section 21, T18N, R14E, M.D.B.M.); south and east on the Pacific Crest Trail to Interstate 80 near the Castle Peak-Boreal Ridge Summit; west on Interstate 80 to Highway 20; west on Highway 20 to the Bear River in Bear Valley; west along the Bear River to Highway 65 near Wheatland; north on Highway 65 to Highway 70; north on Highway 70 to Highway 20 in Marysville; west on Highway 20 to Interstate 5 at Williams; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.
2. Zone D-4.
In those portions of Colusa, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and Highway 20 at Williams; east on Highway 20 to Highway 70 in Marysville; south on Highway 70 to Highway 65; south on Highway 65 to the Bear River (south of Wheatland); east along the Bear River to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to Interstate 80; east on Interstate 80 to the Pacific Crest Trail near the Castle Peak-Boreal Ridge Summit; south on the Pacific Crest Trail to Forest Route 03 at Barker Pass; east and north along Forest Route 03 to Blackwood Canyon Road; east along Blackwood Canyon Road to Highway 89 at Lake Tahoe near Idlewild; south on Highway 89 to Blackwood Creek; east on Blackwood Creek to the Lake Tahoe shoreline; south along the shore of Lake Tahoe to the mouth of Miller Creek and the common boundary between the Eldorado and Tahoe National Forests; west along Miller Creek to the Rubicon River; west along the Rubicon River through Hell Hole Reservoir to the Middle Fork of the American River; west along the Middle Fork of the American River to the American River; west along the American River to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.
3. Zone D-5.
In the counties of Amador and Calaveras and those portions of Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and the American River in Sacramento; east along the American River to the Middle Fork of the American River; northeast along the Middle Fork of the American River to the Rubicon River; east along the Rubicon River through Hell Hole Reservoir to its confluence with Miller Creek; east along Miller Creek to its junction with the new (marked) USFS Pacific Crest Trail; north on the Pacific Crest Trail one-quarter mile to a junction with the McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road (Miller Lake Road); east along the McKinney-Rubicon Springs Road to McKinney Creek (NE 1/4, section 23, T14N, R16E, M.D.B.M.); east along McKinney Creek to the west shoreline of Lake Tahoe near Chambers Lodge; south along the shore of Lake Tahoe to the California-Nevada state line; southeast along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 50; southwest on Highway 50 to the Pacific Crest Trail at Echo Summit; south along the Pacific Crest Trail to the township line between Townships 7 and 8 North near Wolf Creek Pass; due west on that township line to the road connecting Lower and Upper Highland Lakes at Lower Highland Lake; west along that road to Highland Creek; southwest along Highland Creek to the North Fork of the Stanislaus River; west along the North Fork of the Stanislaus River to the Stanislaus River; west along the Stanislaus River to Highway 99; north along Highway 99 to Interstate 80; west on Interstate 80 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for zones for D-3 through D-5 shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend for 37 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~33,000~~30,000-40,000. The Zone D-3-5 tag is valid in zones D-3, D-4, and D-5.
(5) Zone D-6.
(A) Area: In those portions of Alpine, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus and Tuolumne counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the Stanislaus River at Ripon; east along the Stanislaus River and following the North Fork of the Stanislaus River to Highland Creek; east up Highland Creek to the road connecting Lower and Upper Highland Lakes at Upper Highland Lake; east along that road to the township line between Townships 7 and 8 North; east on that township line to the Sierra crest near Wolf Creek Pass; south along the Sierra crest to the Yosemite National Park boundary near Rodger Peak; along the eastern Yosemite National Park boundary to Highway 41; south along Highway 41 to the Madera-Mariposa county line south of Westfall Station; along the Madera-Mariposa and the Madera-Merced county lines to Highway 99; north along Highway 99 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-6 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 44 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~10,000~~6,000-16,000.
(6) Zone D-7.

(A) Area: In those portions of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa and Tulare counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the Madera-Merced county line; northeast along the Madera-Merced and Madera-Mariposa county lines to Highway 41 south of Westfall Station; north along Highway 41 to Yosemite National Park boundary; east along the park boundary to the Mono-Madera county line near Rodger Peak; south along the Inyo National Forest boundary (crest of the Ritter Range) to the junction of the Inyo National Forest boundary and Ashley Creek; east to Ashley Lake; northeast along Ashley Creek to the junction of King Creek; southeast along King Creek to its junction with the middle fork of the San Joaquin River; south and west along the middle fork of the San Joaquin River to the junction of the Inyo National Forest boundary; east along Fish Creek to its confluence with Deer Creek; north and east along Deer Creek to the upper crossing of the Deer Creek trail; north and east along the Deer Creek trail to the Inyo National Forest Boundary (the Sierra Crest); south along the Sierra crest and the Inyo National Forest boundary to Bishop Pass; west along the Dusy Basin Trail to the Middle Fork of the Kings River; southwest and downstream along the Middle Fork of the Kings River to the junction of the Middle Fork and South Fork of the Kings River; southwest along the Kings River through Pine Flat Reservoir, Piedra and Reedley to Highway 99; north along Highway 99 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-7 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 44 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~9,000~~4,000-10,000.
(7) Zone D-8.
(A) Area: In those portions of Fresno, Kern and Tulare counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the Kings River; upstream and northeast along the Kings River through Reedley, Piedra and Pine Flat Reservoir to the junction of the Middle and South Forks of the Kings River; northeast along the Middle Fork Kings River to the Dusy Basin Trail; east along this trail to the Kings Canyon National Park boundary at Bishop Pass; south along the Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park boundaries to the Main Kern River; southeast along the Main Kern River and the common boundary between the Inyo and Sequoia National Forests to the end of the Chimney Meadow-Blackrock Station Road (Forest Road 21S03) near Blackrock Mountain; southeast along the Chimney Meadow-Blackrock Station Road through Troy Meadows to the South Fork of the Kern River; south along the South Fork of the Kern River to the Doyle Ranch Road; south along the Doyle Ranch Road to Highway 178 in the town of Onyx; southwest along Highway 178 to Highway 99 at Bakersfield; north along Highway 99 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-8 shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~8,000~~5,000-10,000.
(8) Zone D-9.
(A) Area: In that portion of Kern County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 99 and 178; northeast along Highway 178 along Lake Isabella and through Walker Pass to Highway 14; southwest along Highway 14 to Highway 58; northwest along Highway 58 to Highway 99; north along Highway 99 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-9 shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~2,000~~1,000-2,500.
(9) Zone D-10.
(A) Area: In those portions of Kern and Los Angeles counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 99 and 58; southeast along Highway 58 to Highway 14; south along Highway 14 to Highway 138; west along Highway 138 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to Highway 99; north on Highway 99 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-10 shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~700~~400-800.

(10) Zone D-11.
(A) Area: Those portions of Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties, within a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 138, south of Gorman; east on Highway 138 to Highway 14; south on Highway 14 to Palmdale and Highway 138; east on Highways 138 and 18 to Interstate 15; south on interstates 15 and 15E to Interstate 10; west on Interstate 10 to Interstate 405; north on Interstates 405 and 5 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-11 shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~5,500~~2,500-6,000.
(E) Special Conditions: Hunters that possess a D-11 deer tag may also hunt in zones D-13 and D-15 as described in subsections 360(a)(12)(A), (B) and (C), and subsections 360(a)(14)(A), (B) and (C).
(11) Zone D-12.
(A) Area: Those portions of Imperial, Riverside and San Bernardino counties within a line beginning at Highway 62 and the Twentynine Palms-Amboy Road in Twentynine Palms; east along Highway 62 to Highway 95 at Vidal Junction; north on Highway 95 to Interstate 40; east on Interstate 40 to the California-Arizona state line; south along this state line to the U.S.-Mexican border; west along the U.S.-Mexican border to Highway 111 in Calexico; north on Highway 111 to Interstate 10; north and west on Interstate 10 to Highway 62; north and east on Highway 62 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-12 shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~950~~100-1,500.
(12) Zone D-13.
(A) Area: In those portions of Kern, Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 99 and 166 at Mettler; south on Highway 99 and Interstate 5 to Highway 126; west on Highway 126 to the crossing of Sespe Creek; north and then west along Sespe Creek to Highway 33; north on Highway 33 to Highway 166; north and east on Highway 166 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-13 shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~4,000~~2,000-5,000.
(E) Special Conditions: Hunters that possess a D-13 deer tag may also hunt in zones D-11 and D-15 as described in subsections 360(a)(10)(A), (B) and (C), and subsections 360(a)(14)(A), (B) and (C).
(13) Zone D-14.
(A) Area: In those portions of Riverside and San Bernardino counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstates 10 and 15E; northwest on Interstates 15E and 15 through Cajon Pass to Bear Valley Cutoff Road; east on Bear Valley Cutoff Road to Highway 18; east along Highway 18 to Highway 247; southeast on Highway 247 to Highway 62; southwest on Highway 62 to Interstate 10; west on Interstate 10 to the point of beginning.
(B) Seasons: The season in Zone D-14 shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~3,000~~2,000-3,500.
(14) Zone D-15.
(A) Area: Including Santa Catalina Island, those portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties within a line beginning at the Pacific Ocean and Interstate 10 in Santa Monica; east on Interstate 10 to Highway 79 at Beaumont; south on Highway 79 to Hemet; south on County Road R-3 through Sage to Highway 79; west on Highway 79 to Interstate 15; south on Interstate 15 to Highway 76; west on Highway 76 to the Pacific Ocean; north along the shoreline to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-15 shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: one buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~1,500~~500-2,000.

(E) Special Conditions: Hunters that possess a D-15 deer tag may also hunt in zones D-11 and D-13 as described in subsections 360(a)(10)(A), (B) and (C), and subsections 360(a)(12)(A), (B) and (C).
(15) Zone D-16.
(A) Area: Those portions of Imperial, Riverside and San Diego counties within the line beginning at the Pacific Ocean and Highway 76; east on Highway 76 to Interstate 15; north on Interstate 15 to Highway 79; east on Highway 79 to the San Diego-Riverside county line; east along the San Diego-Riverside county line to the Anza-Borrego State Park boundary; south along the Anza-Borrego State Park boundary to Highway 78; east on Highway 78 to Highway 111; south on Highway 111 to the U.S.-Mexican border; west along the U.S.-Mexican border to the Pacific Ocean; north along the shoreline to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-16 shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~3,000~~1,000-3,500.
(16) Zone D-17.
(A) Area: Those portions of Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties within a line beginning at Highway 395 and the Kern-Inyo county line; east along the Kern-Inyo county line to the San Bernardino-Inyo county line; east along the San Bernardino-Inyo county line to Highway 127; north along Highway 127 to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the California-Arizona state line; south along the California-Arizona state line to Interstate 40; Interstate 40 north to Needles; Highway 95 south to Highway 62; west on Highway 62 to Highway 247; northwest on Highway 247 to Highway 18; west on Highway 18 to Bear Valley Cutoff Road; west on Bear Valley Cutoff Road to Interstate 15; north on Interstate 15 to Highway 18; west on Highways 18 and 138 to Highway 14; north on Highways 14 and 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone D-17 shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~500~~100-800.
(17) Zone D-19.
(A) Area: Those portions of Imperial, Riverside and San Diego counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 10 and Highway 79; south on Highway 79 to Hemet; south on County Road R-3 to Highway 79; south on Highway 79 to the Riverside-San Diego county line; east on the Riverside-San Diego county line to the Anza-Borrego State Park boundary; south on the Anza-Borrego State Park boundary to Highway 78; east on Highway 78 to Highway 111; north on Highway 111 to the junction of Interstate 10 in Indio; west on Interstate 10 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in D-19 shall open the first Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~1,500~~500-2,000.
NOTE : Authority: Sections 200, 202, 203, 220, 460, 3452, 3453 and 4334, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 458, 459, 460, 3452, 3453 and 4334, Fish and Game Code.

5. 360(b)

Informative Digests/Policy Statement Overview

Amend Subsection 360(b), Title 14, CCR, Re: Deer: X Zone Hunts

Some minor editorial changes are necessary for consistency in subsection numbering, spelling, grammar, and clarification.

Existing regulations provide for the number of hunting tags for the X zones. The proposal changes the number of tags for all existing zones to a series of ranges presented in the following table. These ranges are necessary, as the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring

herd data are collected in March/April. Because severe winter conditions can have an adverse effect on herd recruitment and overwinter adult survival, final tag quotas may fall below the proposed range.

Deer: § 360(b) X-Zone Hunts Tag Allocations		
Zone	Current	Proposed
X-1	2,555	1,000-6,000
X-2	120	50-500
X-3a	255	150-1,500
X-3b	850	200-3,000
X-4	420	100-1,500
X-5a	90	50-300
X-5b	125	50-800
X-6a	325	100-1,200
X-6b	330	100-1,200
X-7a	165	50-600
X-7b	105	10-200
X-8	430	100-750
X-9a	770	100-1,200
X-9b	300	100-600
X-9c	650	100-1,000
X-10	400	200-600
X-12	760	100-1,500

Subsection 360(b), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(b) X-Zone Hunts.
(1) Zone X-1.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen, Modoc, Shasta and Siskiyou counties within a line beginning at the California-Oregon state line and its intersection with Highway 139; south on Highway 139 to the Lookout-Hackamore Road; south on the Lookout-Hackamore Road to Highway 299; west on Highway 299 to the Pit River near Bieber; south and west on the Pit River to Highway 89 at Lake Britton; northwest on Highway 89 to Interstate 5 at Mt. Shasta; north on Interstate 5 to the junction of Highway 97 at Weed; north and east on Highway 97 to the California-Oregon state line; east on the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-1 shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~2,555~~1,000-6,000.
(2) Zone X-2.
(A) Area: In those portions of Modoc and Siskiyou counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 139 and the California-Oregon state line near Tulelake; east along the California-Oregon state

line to the eastern shoreline of Goose Lake; southwest along the eastern shoreline of Goose Lake to Westside Road (Modoc County 48); southeast along the Westside Road to Highway 395 in Davis Creek; south along Highway 395 to Highway 299 in Alturas; west along Highway 299 to Highway 139 near Canby; northwest along Highway 139 to the Oregon-California state line and the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-2 shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~120~~50-500.
(3) Zone X-3a.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen and Modoc counties within a line beginning at the intersection of the Lookout-Hackamore Road and Highway 139; southeast on Highway 139 to Highway 299; east on Highway 299 to Highway 395 in Alturas; south on Highway 395 to the Termo-Grasshopper Road (Lassen County 513); west on the Termo-Grasshopper Road to Highway 139; south on Highway 139 to the Cleghorn Road (Lassen County 521); west and north on the Cleghorn Road to Lassen County Road 519 near Coulthurst Flat; west on Lassen County Road 519 to U.S. Forest Service Designated Through Route 22 near Gooch Mountain; west and north on U.S. Forest Service Designated Through Route 22 to the Little Valley Road (Lassen County 404); north on the Little Valley Road to the Western Pacific Railroad; northeast on the Western Pacific Railroad to Horse Creek; northwest on Horse Creek to the Pit River; north on the Pit River to Highway 299 at Bieber; northeast on Highway 299 to the Bieber-Lookout-Hackamore Road; north along the Bieber-Lookout-Hackamore Road to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-3a shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~255~~150-1,500.
(4) Zone X-3b.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen and Modoc counties within a line beginning at the east shoreline of Goose Lake and the California-Oregon state line; east along this state line to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Clarks Valley-Red Rock-Tuledad Road (Lassen County Roads 512, 510 and 506); west along the Tuledad Red Rock-Clarks Valley Road to Highway 395 at Madeline; north on Highway 395 to Westside Road (Modoc County 48) in Davis Creek; west and north along Westside Road to the south shoreline of Goose Lake; east and north along the south and east shoreline of Goose Lake to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-3b shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~850~~200-3,000.
(5) Zone X-4.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen and Shasta counties within a line beginning at the junction of Highways 89 and 44 at Old Station; north on Highway 89 to the intersection with the Pit River at Lake Britton; east and south on the Pit River to Horse Creek; southeast on Horse Creek to the Burlington Northern Railroad; southwest on the Burlington Northern Railroad to the Little Valley Road (Lassen County 404); south on the Little Valley Road to U.S. Forest Service Designated Through Route 22; south and east on U.S. Forest Service Designated Through Route 22 to Lassen County 519 near Gooch Mountain; east on Lassen County 519 to Cleghorn Road (Lassen County 521) near Coulthurst Flat; east on Cleghorn Road to Highway 139; south on Highway 139 to its crossing of Willow Creek in the Willow Creek Valley; south (downstream) on Willow Creek to its crossing of Conservation Center Road (Lassen County A-27); west on Conservation Center Road to Highway 36; northwest on Highway 36 to the intersection with Highway 44; north and west on Highway 44 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-4 shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~420~~100-1,500.
(6) Zone X-5a.

(A) Area: In that portion of Lassen County within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Conservation Center Road (Lassen County A-27) in the town of Litchfield; west on Conservation Center Road to its crossing of Willow Creek; northwest (upstream) on Willow Creek to its crossing of Highway 139 in the Willow Creek Valley; north along Highway 139 to the Termo-Grasshopper Road; east on the Termo-Grasshopper Road to Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season:
The season in Zone X-5a shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~90~~50-300.
(7) Zone X-5b.
(A) Area: That portion of Lassen County lying within the following line: Beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and the Clarks Valley-Red Rock-Tuledad Road (Lassen County Roads 506, 510 and 512); east on the Clarks Valley-Red Rock-Tuledad Road to the California-Nevada state line; south on the California-Nevada state line to the Pyramid Lake Road (Lassen County 320); west on the Pyramid Lake Road to Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season:
The season in Zone X-5b shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~125~~50-800.
(8) Zone X-6a.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen and Plumas counties within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 147 and Highway 36 near Westwood; east on Highway 36 to Conservation Center Road at Susanville (County Road A-27); east on Conservation Center Road to Highway 395 at the town of Litchfield; east on Highway 395 to the Wendel-Pyramid Lake Road (County Road 320); east on the Wendel-Pyramid Lake Road to the Nevada-California state line; south on the Nevada-California state line to the UP-WP railroad line near Herlong; west on the UP-WP railroad line to the Herlong Access Road (County Road A- 25) at Herlong; west on the Herlong Access Road to Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to County Road 336 at Milford; southwest on County Road 336 to U.S. Forest Service Road 26N16 near the Plumas-Lassen county line; west on Forest Service Road 26N16 to Forest Service Road 28N03 at Doyle Crossing; west on Forest Services Road 28N03 to Forest Service Road 29N43 near Antelope Lake; south on Forest Service Road 29N43 to County Road 111 at Flournoy Bridge; south on County Road 111 to Forest Service Road 24N08; south on Forest Service Road 24N08 to County Road 112 at Lake Davis; south on County Road 112 to Highway 70; west on Highway 70 to the Highway 89 junction at Blairsden; west on Highway 89/70 to the Greenville Y west of Quincy; northwest on Highway 89 to Highway 147 at Canyon Dam; north on Highway 147 to the point of beginning.
(B) Seasons: The season in Zone X-6a shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~325~~100-1,200.
(9) Zone X-6b.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen and Plumas counties within a line beginning at the junction of County Road 336 and Highway 395 at Milford; south on Highway 395 to the junction of Highway 395 and the Herlong Access Road (County Road A-25); east on the Herlong Access Road to its junction with the UP-WP railroad line at Herlong; east on the UP-WP railroad line to the Nevada-California state line; south on the Nevada-California state line to the junction of the Nevada-California state line and Highway 395 at Bordertown; northwest on Highway 395 to its junction at Highway 70; west on Highway 70 to its junction with County Road 112; north on County Road 112 to its junction with U.S. Forest Service Road 24N08 at Lake Davis; north on Forest Service Road 24N08 to its junction with County Road 111; northwest on County Road 111 to its junction with Forest Service Road 29N43 at Flournoy Bridge; north on Forest Service Road 29N43 to Forest Service Road 28N03 near Antelope Lake; southeast on Forest Service Road 28N03 to Forest Service Road 26N16 at Doyle Crossing; east on Forest Service Road 26N16 to County Road 336 near the Plumas-Lassen county line; north on County Road 336 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-6b shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.

(D) Number of Tags: ~~330~~100-1,200.
(10) Zone X-7a.
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen, Nevada, Plumas and Sierra counties lying within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and the California-Nevada state line at Bordertown; south along the Long Valley Road (County Road S570) to its intersection with the Henness Pass Road (County Road S860); west on Henness Pass Road over Summit 2 to the intersection with County Road S450 (near the Davies Creek Campground at Stampede Reservoir); west on County Road S450 (the Henness Pass Road) through Kyburz Flat to its intersection with Highway 89; south on Highway 89 to its intersection with Interstate 80 at Truckee; west on Interstate 80 to the Pacific Crest Trail near the Castle Peak-Boreal Ridge Summit; north on the Pacific Crest Trail to the new road to White Rock Lake (one mile west of White Rock Lake in section 21, T18N, R14E, M.D.B.M.); north on the new White Rock Lake Road below Bear Valley to the White Rock Lake Road; north on the White Rock Lake Road to the Jackson Meadows Highway (Fiberboard Road); east two miles on the Jackson Meadows Highway to the Yuba Pass Road at Webber Lake; north on the Yuba Pass Road (main haul road) through Bonta Saddle to Highway 49 at Yuba Pass; west on Highway 49 to the new Gold Lake Road at Bassetts; north on the new Gold Lake Road to Highway 89 near Graeagle; north on Highway 89 to Highway 70; east on Highway 70 to Highway 395 at Hallelujah Junction; south on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-7a shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~165~~50-600.
(11) Zone X-7b.
(A) Area: In those portions of Nevada, Placer and Sierra counties lying within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and the California-Nevada state line at Bordertown; south along the California-Nevada state line to the shore of Lake Tahoe; west and south along the shore of Lake Tahoe to the mouth of Blackwood Creek near Idlewild; west on Blackwood Creek to Highway 89; north on Highway 89 to Blackwood Canyon Road; Blackwood Canyon Road near Idlewild; west along Blackwood Canyon Road to Forest Route 03; west and south along Forest Route 03 to the Pacific Crest Trail at Barker Pass; north on the Pacific Crest Trail to its intersection with Interstate 80 near the Castle Peak-Boreal Ridge Summit; east on Interstate 80 to its intersection with Highway 89 at Truckee; north on Highway 89 to County Road S450 (the Henness Pass Road, a.k.a. the Kyburz Flat Road); east on County Road S450 to its intersection with County Road S860 (continuation of Henness Pass Road) near the Davies Creek Campground at Stampede Reservoir; east on County Road S860, over Summit 2 to the junction with County Road S570 (the Long Valley Road); north on County Road S570 to Bordertown at the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-7b shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~105~~10-200.
(12) Zone X-8.
(A) Area: In those portions of Alpine and El Dorado counties within a line beginning at the junction of the California-Nevada state line and Highway 50; southeast along the California-Nevada state line to the Indian Springs Road, south to the Alpine-Mono County line; south along the Alpine-Mono county line to the Sierra crest; northwest along the Sierra crest to the intersection with the Pacific Crest Trail near Wolf Creek Pass; northwest along the Pacific Crest Trail to Highway 50 at Echo Summit; northeast on Highway 50 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-8 shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~430~~100-750.
(13) Zone X-9a.
(A) Area: In those portions of Fresno, Inyo, Madera and Mono counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 6 and the California-Nevada state line; south along Highway 6 to its junction with Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to its junction with Highway 168; west and south along Highway

168 to the North Lake Road turnoff; west along the North Lake Road and the Piute Pass Trail to the Sierra Crest (Inyo National Forest Boundary); north along the Inyo National Forest Boundary to the Deer Creek Trail; south and west along the Deer Creek Trail to the upper crossing of Deer Creek; west and south along Deer Creek to its confluence with Fish Creek; west along Fish Creek to its confluence with the middle fork of the San Joaquin River; north along the middle fork of the San Joaquin River to the junction of King Creek; west along King Creek to the junction of Ashley Creek; west along Ashley Creek to Ashley Lake; continue west along Ashley Creek to the junction of the Inyo National Forest boundary; north along the Inyo National Forest Boundary (the crest of the Ritter Range) to the Mono-Madera county line; north along the Mono-Madera county line to Mono-Tuolumne county line; north on the Mono-Tuolumne county line to the Virginia Lakes Trail (Entry Trail D-11); east along Virginia Lakes Trail to Virginia Lakes Road; east along Virginia Lakes Road to Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to Highway 167; east on Highway 167 to the California-Nevada state line; southeast on the California-Nevada state line to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-9a shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 24 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~770~~100-1,200.
(14) Zone X-9b.
(A) Area: That portion of Inyo County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and Cottonwood Creek; northwest along Cottonwood Creek to the Horseshoe Meadow Road; south along the Horseshoe Meadow Road to the Cottonwood Pass Trail; west along the Cottonwood Pass Trail through Horseshoe Meadow to the Inyo-Tulare county line at Cottonwood Pass; north on the Inyo-Tulare and the Inyo-Fresno county lines to the Piute Pass Trail; east along the Piute Pass Trail to the North Lake Road; east and south on the North Lake Road to Highway 168; north and east on Highway 168 to Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-9b shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 24 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~300~~100-600.
(15) Zone X-9c.
(A) Area: In those portions of Inyo and Mono counties within a line beginning at Highway 395 and the Kern-Inyo county line; north along Highway 395 to Highway 6; north on Highway 6 to the California-Nevada state line; southeast along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 127; south along Highway 127 to the Inyo-San Bernardino county line; west along the Inyo-San Bernardino county line to the Kern-Inyo county line; west along the Kern-Inyo county line to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-9c shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~650~~100-1,000.
(16) Zone X-10.
(A) Area: In those portions of Kern, Tulare and Inyo counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 178 and the Doyle Ranch Road in the town of Onyx; north along the Doyle Ranch Road to the South Fork of the Kern River; north along the South Fork of the Kern River to the Chimney Meadow-Blackrock Station Road (Forest Road 21S03); northwest along the Chimney Meadow-Blackrock Station Road through Troy Meadows to the road's end at the Inyo and Sequoia National Forest boundary near Blackrock Mountain; northwest along the Inyo and Sequoia National Forest boundary to the main Kern River; northwest along the main Kern River to the Sequoia National Park boundary; northeast along the Sequoia National Park boundary to the Inyo-Tulare county line; southeast along the Inyo-Tulare county line to the Cottonwood Pass Trail at Cottonwood Pass; east along the Cottonwood Pass Trail through Horseshoe Meadow to the Horseshoe Meadow Road; north along the Horseshoe Meadow Road to Cottonwood Creek; southeast along Cottonwood Creek to Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to Highway 14; south along Highway 14 to Highway 178; north and west along Highway 178 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season:
The season in Zone X-10 shall open on the last Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.

(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (See subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~400~~200-600.
(17) Zone X-12.
(A) Area: That portion of Mono County within a line beginning at the junction of the California-Nevada state line and Highway 167 (Pole Line Road); west on Highway 167 to Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to Virginia Lakes Road; west on Virginia Lakes Road to the Virginia Lakes Trail (Entry Trail D11); northwest on the Virginia Lakes Trail to the Mono-Tuolumne county line; north along the Mono-Tuolumne county line to the Mono-Alpine county line; northeast along the Mono-Alpine county line to Indian Springs Road; northeast on Indian Springs Road to the California-Nevada state line; southeast on the California-Nevada state line to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season in Zone X-12 shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 24 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351 (a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~760~~100-1,500.
NOTE : Authority: Sections 200, 202, 203, 220, 460, 3452, 3453 and 4334, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 458, 459, 460, 3452, 3453 and 4334, Fish and Game Code.

6. 360(c)

Informative Digests/Policy Statement Overview

Amend Subsection 360(c), Title 14, CCR, Re: Deer: Additional Hunts

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
(Policy Statement Overview)

Existing regulations for Additional Hunt G-10 (Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt) provide for hunting on Saturdays and Sundays for ten consecutive weekends. In certain years, the ten weekend season concludes prior to the Thanksgiving Day holiday weekend due to calendar shifts, resulting in a reduction of hunter opportunity. In addition, certain federal holidays occur on weekdays when the base is normally closed and additional hunter opportunity is lost. The proposal would modify the season to specifically include: the Columbus Day and Veterans Day holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, and permit hunting to occur through the Sunday following Thanksgiving Day, therefore providing an increase in hunter opportunity as requested by the Base, while maintaining consistency with existing deer herd management plan recommendations.

Existing regulations for Additional Hunt G-13 (San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt) provide for a sixteen day season beginning the fourth Saturday in October. The Department has received numerous requests from the local public to increase opportunity on this hunt by extending the season length. The proposal would add seven days to the end of the current season, therefore meeting a specific public demand for additional hunting opportunity, while maintaining consistency with existing deer herd management plan recommendations.

Existing regulations provide for a general deer hunting season, including area description, season, bag and possession limit, and number of tags for hunting deer during the general season in Zone X-9a (Section 360 (b)(13)(A-D), title 14, CCR). Deer residing in Zone X-9a are from two different herds, the Casa Diablo Deer Herd and the Round Valley Deer Herd (formerly Buttermilk and Sherwin Grade Deer Herds). These two herds differ drastically with regard to herd distribution and the proportion of bucks available during the general hunting season. This condition has resulted in a disproportionately higher hunter effort and increased buck harvest, and buck ratios below objectives on the Casa Diablo herd, while the converse exists on the Round Valley herd. The proposal creates a new additional hunt, G-39 (Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt). The area description would be the same as those described for additional hunt J-12. The season would begin the fourth Saturday in October and continue for sixteen consecutive

days. The bag and possession limit would be one buck, forked horn or better, per tag with a tag quota range of 5-150 tags. The creation of this hunt would meet an expressed public demand for additional late season buck hunting opportunity and be consistent with existing deer herd management plan recommendations by providing a more equitably distribution of hunter effort and buck harvest within the Zone X-9a deer herds.

Existing regulations provide deer hunting area descriptions, seasons, bag and possession limits, and number of tags for Zone C-4. The zone currently provides limited special junior deer hunting opportunity. The proposal creates a new additional hunt, J-21 (East Tehama Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt). The area would include the Tehama County portion of Zone C-4. The season would begin the third Saturday in September (Zone C-4 opening) and continue 44 consecutive days (close with Hunt G-1). The bag and possession limit would be one, either-sex deer with a recommended tag quota range of 20-80 tags. Special conditions would be: junior license holders only may apply, and junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult chaperon, 18 years of age or older. This proposal would meet an expressed public demand for increasing hunting opportunity for young hunters, maintain appropriate harvest levels in the Zone C-4 deer herds, and be consistent with existing deer herd management plan recommendations.

Some minor editorial changes are necessary for consistency in subsection numbering, spelling, grammar, and clarification.

Pursuant to Fish and Game Section 459, a public meeting was held and a letter of resolution in opposition to Hunt J-16 was received from the Butte County Boards of Supervisors, thus invoking their veto authority over either-sex hunt J-16. The proposed change would modify Hunt J-16 by excluding Butte County from the area description.

Existing regulations provide for the number of hunting tags for the additional hunts. The proposal changes the number of tags for existing hunts to a series of ranges presented in the following table. These ranges are necessary, as the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because severe winter conditions can have an adverse effect on herd recruitment and overwinter adult survival, final tag quotas may fall below the proposed range.

Deer: § 360(c) Additional Hunts Tag Allocations					
Hunt	Current	Proposed	Hunt	Current	Proposed
G-1	3,500	500-5,000	M-11	20	20-200
G-3	25	5-50	MA-1	150	20-150
G-6	50	25-100	MA-3	150	20-150
G-7	20 Military *	20 Military *	J-1	25	10-25
G-8	30 Military * 30 Public	10-80 Military * and Public	J-3	15	15-30
G-9	15 Military * 15 Public	15 Military * 15 Public	J-4	15	15-50
G-10	300 Military *	100-480 Military *	J-7	15	10-30
G-11	500 Military * and DOD **	500 Military * and DOD **	J-8	15	10-20
G-12	30	25-75	J-9	5	5-10

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Deer: § 360(c) Additional Hunts Tag Allocations					
Hunt	Current	Proposed	Hunt	Current	Proposed
G-13	300	50-300	J-10	10 Military * 30 Public	10-80 Military * and Public
G-19	35	10-65	J-11	40	10-50
G-21	25	25-100	J-12	10	10-20
G-37	25	25-50	J-13	40	25-100
G-38	300	50-300	J-14	30	15-75
G-39	New	5-150	J-15	10	5-30
M-3	60	20-75	J-16	75	10-75
M-4	5	5-50	J-17	25	5-25
M-5	10	5-50	J-18	75	10-75
M-6	80	25-100	J-19	25	10-40
M-7	150	50-150	J-20	20	5-20
M-8	10	5-75	J-21	New	20-80
M-9	5	5-100			

* *Specific numbers of tags are provided for military hunts through a system which restricts hunter access to desired levels and ensures biologically conservative hunting programs.*

** *DOD = Department of Defense*

Subsection 360(c), Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

(c) Additional Hunts.
(1) G-1 (Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C-4).
(A) Area: Those portions of Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, and Tehama counties within the area described as Zone C-4 (see subsection 360(a)(3)(A)4.).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-1 (Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C-4) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~3,500~~500-5,000.
(2) G-3 (Goodale Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and Lone Pine Creek; west along Lone Pine Creek to the Inyo-Tulare county line; northwest along the Inyo-Tulare and Inyo-Fresno county lines to Taboose Creek; east along Taboose Creek to Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-3 (Goodale Buck Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday in December and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Permits: ~~25~~5-50.
(3) G-6 (Kern River Deer Herd Buck Hunt).

(A) Area: In those portions of Kern and Tulare counties lying within a line beginning at the intersection of County Road 521 and County Road 495 at Kernville; south on County Road 495 to the intersection of Highway 155 at Wofford Heights; west on Highway 155 to the intersection of U.S. Forest Service Road 24S15 at Greenhorn Summit; north on U.S. Forest Service Road 24S15 to the intersection of U.S. Forest Service Road 23S16 (near Portuguese Pass); northeast on U.S. Forest Service Road 23S16 to County Road SM50; west on County Road SM50 to the intersection of the Western Divide Highway (County Road SM107); north on County Road SM107 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Road 21S50 (near Quaking Aspen Campground); north on U.S. Forest Service Road 21S50 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Road 20S79; northeast on U.S. Forest Service Road 20S79 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Road 20S53; northeast on U.S. Forest Service Road 20S53 to the Golden Trout Wilderness boundary (at Lewis Camp Trail Head); east on the Golden Trout Wilderness Boundary to Rattlesnake Creek; southeast on Rattlesnake Creek to U.S. Forest Service Road 22S05; south on U.S. Forest Service Road 22S05 to the Dome Land Wilderness Boundary; southwest on the Dome Land Wilderness Boundary to the intersection of the South Fork of the Kern River; south along the South Fork of the Kern River to the intersection of County Road 521; west on County Road 521 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-6 (Kern River Deer Herd Buck Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday in December and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~50~~25-100.
(4) G-7 (Beale Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Yuba County lying within the exterior boundaries of Beale Air Force Base.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-7 (Beale Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 79 consecutive days, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 20 (military only).
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only shotguns with single slugs or muzzleloading rifles, crossbows, and archery equipment as specified in sections 353 and 354 may be used.
2. In the event the Commanding Officer cancels the hunt, G-7 tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.
(5) G-8 (Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of the Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-8 (Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt) shall be open Saturdays, Sundays, and the Columbus Day holiday only beginning the first Saturday in October and extend for two consecutive weekends, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One antlerless deer (see subsection 351(b)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~60~~10-80 (~~30~~ military and ~~30~~ general public).
(E) Special Conditions: In the event the Commanding Officer cancels the hunt, G-8 tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.
(6) G-9 (Camp Roberts Antlerless Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the exterior boundaries of Camp Roberts, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-9 (Camp Roberts Antlerless Deer Hunt) shall open the last Monday in August and extend for 8 consecutive days, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One antlerless deer (see subsection 351(b)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 30 (15 military and 15 general public).
(E) Special Conditions: In the event the Commanding Officer cancels the hunt, G-9 tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.
(7) G-10 (Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of San Diego County lying within the exterior boundaries of the U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Joseph Pendleton.

(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-10 (Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be open on Saturdays, ~~and~~ Sundays, the Columbus and Veterans Day Holidays and the day after Thanksgiving only beginning the third Saturday in September and extend ~~for ten consecutive weekends~~through the Sunday following the Thanksgiving Day holiday, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~300~~100-480(military only).
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only archery equipment is permitted during the first four weekends of the season.
2. Hunting with firearms is permitted beginning on the fifth weekend through the end of season.
3. A permit fee and method of take registration with the Base are required.
4. In the event the Commanding Officer cancels the hunt, G-10 tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.
(8) G-11 (Vandenberg Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Santa Barbara County lying within the exterior boundaries of Vandenberg Air Force Base.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-11 (Vandenberg Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the last Monday in August and extend through December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 500 (military and Department of Defense employees only).
(E) Special Conditions: In the event the Commanding Officer cancels the hunt, G-11 tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.
(9) G-12 (Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: Those portions of Butte and Sutter counties within the exterior boundaries of the Gray Lodge State Wildlife Area.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-12 (Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~30~~25-75.
(E) Special Conditions: Only shotguns and ammunition as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(10) G-13 (San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of San Diego County within Zone D-16 (see subsection 360(a)(15)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-13 (San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for ~~16~~23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One antlerless deer (see subsection 351(b)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 50-300.
(11) G-19 (Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: Those portions of Yuba and Sutter counties within the exterior boundaries of: (1) the Feather River Wildlife Area, and (2) the Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (as defined in Section 550, Title 14, CCR).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-19 (Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend through December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~35~~10-65.
(E) Special Conditions: Only archery equipment and crossbows (as specified in Section 354) and shotguns and ammunition (as specified in Section 353) may be used.
(12) G-21 (Ventana Wilderness Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Monterey County and the Los Padres National Forest within the exterior boundaries of the Ventana Wilderness Area.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-21 (Ventana Wilderness Buck Hunt) shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 25-100.
(13) G-37 (Anderson Flat Buck Hunt).

(A) Area: In that portion of hunt Zone D-6 in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties lying within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 140 and Bull Creek Road at Briceburg; north on Bull Creek Road (U.S. Forest Service Road 2S05) to Greeley Hill Road; west on Greeley Hill Road to Smith Station Road (County Route J20); north on Smith Station Road to Highway 120 (near Burch Meadow); east on Highway 120 to the Yosemite National Park Boundary (near Big Oak-Flat Ranger Station); southeast along the Yosemite National Park Boundary to Highway 140; west on Highway 140 to the Yosemite National Park Boundary; northwest along the Yosemite National Park Boundary to Highway 140 (at Redbud Campground); west on Highway 140 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-37 (Anderson Flat Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in November and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 25-50.
(14) G-38 (X-10 Late Season Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In those portions of Kern, Tulare, and Inyo counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 178 and the Doyle Ranch Road in the town of Onyx; north along the Doyle Ranch Road to the South Fork of the Kern River; north along the South Fork of the Kern River to the Chimney Meadow-Blackrock Station Road (Forest Road 21S03); northwest along the Chimney Meadow-Blackrock Station Road through Troy Meadows to the road's end at the Inyo and Sequoia National Forest boundary near Blackrock Mountain; northwest along the Inyo and Sequoia National Forest boundary to the main Kern River; northwest along the main Kern River to the Sequoia National Park boundary; northeast along the Sequoia National Park boundary to the Inyo-Tulare county line; southeast along the Inyo-Tulare county line to the Cottonwood Pass Trail at Cottonwood Pass; east along the Cottonwood Pass Trail through Horseshoe Meadow to the Horseshoe Meadow Road; north along the Horseshoe Meadow Road to Cottonwood Creek; southeast along Cottonwood Creek to Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to Highway 14; south along Highway 14 to Highway 178; north and west along Highway 178 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-38 (X-10 Late Season Buck Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 50-300.
(15) G-39 (Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo and Mono counties within a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and California Highway 168; west and south along Highway 168 to the North Lake Road turnoff; west along the North Lake Road and the Piute Pass Trail to the Inyo-Fresno county line; north along the Inyo-Fresno county line to the Mono-Fresno county line; north along the Mono-Fresno and Mono-Madera county lines to the junction of the Mono-Madera county line and California Highway 203 at Minaret Summit; southeast along Highway 203 to its junction with Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt G-39 (Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-150.
(~~15~~16) M-3 (Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Lassen County within the area described as X-6b (see subsection 360(b)(9)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-3 (Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in November and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~60~~20-75.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~16~~17) M-4 (Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Lassen County within the area described as X5a (see subsection 360(b)(6)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-4 (Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-50.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.

(~~17~~18) M-5 (East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Lassen County within the area described as X-5b (see subsection 360(b)(7)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-5 (East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~10~~5-50.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~18~~19) M-6 (San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of San Diego County within Zone D-16 (see subsection 360(a)(15)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-6 (San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in December and extend through December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~80~~25-100.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~19~~20) M-7 (Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: All of Ventura County.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-7 (Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the last Saturday in November and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 50-150.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~20~~21) M-8 (Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Lassen County within the area described as Zone X-6a (see subsection 360(b)(8)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-8 (Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~10~~5-75.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~21~~22) M-9 (Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Modoc County within a line beginning at the intersection of the Malin Road (Modoc County 114) and the California/Oregon state line; east along the state line to the Crowder Flat Road; south along the Crowder Flat Road to the Blue Mountain Road (Modoc County 136); west on the Blue Mountain Road to the Blue Mountain-Mowitz Butte-Ambrose Road; south on the Blue Mountain-Mowitz Butte-Ambrose Road to Highway 139; north on Highway 139 to the Malin Road; north on the Malin Road to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-9 (Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-100.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~22~~23) M-11 (Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: Those portions of Del Norte, Glenn, Humbolt, Lake, Mendocino, Siskiyou, and Trinity counties within the area described as Zone B-1 (see subsection 360(a)(2)(A)1.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt M-11 (Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt) shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 20-200.
(E) Special Conditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~23~~24) MA-1 (San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the Los Padres National Forest.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt MA-1 (San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open the last Saturday in November and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.

(D) Number of Tags: 20-150.
(E) Special Conditions: Only archery equipment as specified in Section 354 or muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~24~~25) MA-3 (Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: All of Santa Barbara County.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt MA-3 (Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Buck Hunt) shall open on the last Saturday in November and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 20-150.
(E) Special Con~~t~~ditions: Only muzzleloading rifles as specified in Section 353 and archery equipment as specified in Section 354 may be used.
(~~25~~26) J-1 (Lake Sonoma Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Sonoma County within the boundaries of the Lake Sonoma Area, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) property described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Hot Springs Road and the COE boundary; east and south along the boundary line to the intersection with Brush Creek; west along the north bank of Brush Creek (shoreline) to the Dry Creek arm of Lake Sonoma; south along the shoreline of the Dry Creek arm to Smittle Creek; north along the COE property line to Dry Creek; east along the COE boundary across Cherry Creek, Skunk Creek, and Yorty Creek to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-1 (Lake Sonoma Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for two consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 10-25.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
3. Tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season.
4. The use of dogs is prohibited.
5. Boats are required for all areas west of Cherry Creek (2/3 of the hunt area). Only cartop boats are allowed to launch from the Yorty Creek access.
(~~26~~27) J-3 (Tehama Wildlife Area Junior Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Tehama County within the boundaries of the Tehama Wildlife Area.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-3 (Tehama Wildlife Area Junior Buck Hunt) shall open on the last Saturday in November and extend for 2 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 15-30.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
3. Tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season.
(~~27~~28) J-4 (Shasta-Trinity Junior Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In those portions of Shasta and Trinity counties beginning at the junction of Highway 3 and Highway 299 in Weaverville; north on Highway 3 to the East Side Road at the north end of Trinity Lake; east on the East Side Road to Dog Creek Road; east on Dog Creek Road to Interstate 5 at Vollmers; south on Interstate 5 to Shasta Lake; south along the west shore of Shasta Lake to Shasta Dam; south along Shasta Dam along the Sacramento River to Keswick Dam Road; west on Keswick Dam Road to Rock Creek Road; south on Rock Creek Road to Highway 299; west on Highway 299 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-4 (Shasta-Trinity Junior Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in November and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 15-50.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~28~~29) J-7 (Carson River Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).

(A) Area: That portion of Alpine County within the area described as Zone X-8 (see subsection 360(b)(12)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-7 (Carson River Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday following the closure of the X-8 general season (see subsection 360(b)(12)(B)) and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~15~~10-30.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~29~~30) J-8 (Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Yuba County within the exterior boundaries of the Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (as defined in Section 550, Title 14, CCR).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-8 (Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday in December and extend through December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~15~~10-20.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
3. Tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season.
(~~30~~31) J-9 (Little Dry Creek Junior Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Butte County within the exterior boundaries of the Little Dry Creek Unit Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (as defined in Section 550).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-9 (Little Dry Creek Junior Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)), per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-10.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
3. Tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season.
4. Only shotguns and ammunition as specified in Section 353 may be used.
(~~31~~32) J-10 (Fort Hunter Liggett Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-10 (Fort Hunter Liggett Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be open Saturdays, Sundays, and the Columbus Day holiday only beginning the first Saturday in October and extend for two consecutive weekends, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~40~~10-80 (~~10~~ military and ~~30~~ general public).
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
3. Tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season.
4. In the event the Commanding Officer cancels the hunt, J-10 tagholders will only have the option of exchanging the unused tag for any remaining deer tag or receiving a refund.
(~~32~~33) J-11 (San Bernardino Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In those portions of Zone D-14 within San Bernardino County (see subsection 360(a)(13)(A).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-11 (San Bernardino Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~40~~10-50.

(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~33~~34) J-12 (Round Valley Junior Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo and Mono counties within a line beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 395 and California Highway 168; west and south along Highway 168 to the North Lake Road turnoff; west along the North Lake Road and the Paiute Pass Trail to the Inyo-Fresno county line; north along the Inyo-Fresno county line to the Mono-Fresno county line; north along the Mono-Fresno and Mono-Madera county lines to the junction of the Mono-Madera county line and California Highway 203 at Minaret Summit; southeast along Highway 203 to its junction with Highway 395; south along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-12 (Round Valley Junior Buck Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday in December and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 10-20.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~34~~35) J-13 (Los Angeles Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Los Angeles County within Zone D-11 (see subsection 360(a)(10)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-13 (Los Angeles Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~40~~25-100.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~35~~36) J-14 (Riverside Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Riverside County within Zone D-19 (see subsection 360(a)(17)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-14 (Riverside Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~30~~15-75.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~36~~37) J-15 (Anderson Flat Junior Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Zone D-6 in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties lying within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 140 and Bull Creek Road at Briceburg; north on Bull Creek Road (U.S. Forest Service Road 2S05) to Greeley Hill Road; west on Greeley Hill Road to Smith Station Road (County Route J20); north on Smith Station Road to Highway 120 (near Burch Meadow); east on Highway 120 to the Yosemite National Park Boundary (near Big Oak-Flat Ranger Station); southeast along the Yosemite National Park Boundary to Highway 140; west on Highway 140 to the Yosemite National Park Boundary; northwest along the Yosemite National Park Boundary to Highway 140 (at Redbud Campground); west on Highway 140 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-15 (Anderson Flat Junior Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in November and extend for nine consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~10~~5-30.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~37~~38) J-16 (Bucks Mountain-Nevada City Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: Excluding Butte, Colusa and Glenn Counties, in those portions of ~~Butte,~~ Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter and Yuba Counties within the area described as zone D-3 (see subsection 360(a)(4)(A)1).

(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-16 (Bucks Mountain-Nevada City Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be concurrent with the zone D-3 general season as defined in subsection 360(a)(4)(B).
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 10-75.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(38 39) J-17 (Blue Canyon Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: Excluding Colusa County, in those portions of Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba Counties within the area described as zone D-4 (see subsection 360(a)(4)(A)2).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-17 (Blue Canyon Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be concurrent with the zone D-4 general season as defined in subsection 360(a)(4)(B).
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-25.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(39 40) J-18 (Pacific-Grizzly Flat Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: Excluding Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, in those portions of Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Stanislaus counties within the area described as zone D-5 (see subsection 360(a)(4)(A)3).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-18 (Pacific-Grizzly Flat Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be concurrent with the zone D-5 general season as defined in subsection 360(a)(4)(B).
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 10-75.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(40 41) J-19 (Zone X-7a Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In those portions of Lassen, Nevada, Plumas and Sierra Counties within the area described as zone X-7a (see subsection 360(b)(10)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-19 (Zone X-7a Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be concurrent with the zone X-7a general season as defined in subsection 360(b)(10)(B).
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 25 10-40.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(41 42) J-20 (Zone X-7b Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In those portions of Nevada, Placer and Sierra Counties within the area described as zone X-7b (see subsection 360(b)(11)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-20 (Zone X-7b Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be concurrent with the zone X-7b general season as described in subsection 360(b)(11)(B).
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-20.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(43) J-21 (East Tehama Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of Tehama County within the area described as zone C-4 (see subsection 360(a)(3)(A)4.).

(B) Season: The season for additional hunt J-21 (East Tehama Junior Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in September and extend for 44 consecutive days.

(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.

(D) Number of Tags: 20-80.

(E) Special Conditions:
1. Only junior license holders shall apply (see subsection 708(a)(2)).
2. Tagholders shall be accompanied by an adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(42) Conditions for Special Hunts.
(A) When hunting on military reservations or private lands, hunters shall have in their possession a written permit signed by the landowner, which may specify where and when the permittee may hunt.
(B) When required, tagholders shall check in and check out of designated check stations. .
NOTE
Authority: Sections 200, 202, 203, 220, 460, 3452, 3453 and 4334, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 458, 459, 460, 3452, 3453 and 4334, Fish and Game Code.

7. 361. Archery Deer Hunting.

Informative Digests/Policy Statement Overview

Amend Section 361 Title 14, CCR, Re: Archery Deer Hunting

Existing regulations provide for an archery deer season in Zone A. Proposed changes (Item #1) in subsection 360(a)(1)(A-D) require the modification of existing archery hunting in Zone A in order to maintain consistency. The proposal modifies the area description and season and will maintain consistency with proposed changes (Item #1) identified in subsection 360(a)(1)(A-D), thus preventing confusion and possible violations.

Existing regulations provide for an archery deer season in all zones throughout the state, however the month was inadvertently omitted for Zone D-12 season description. The proposal would update the Zone D-12 archery season for clarification by specifying that the season beginning occur in October, thus eliminating any confusion and possible violations.

Existing regulations for Hunt A-1 (C Zones Archery Only Hunt) provide for three separate opening dates: the second Saturday in August in Zones C-2 and C-3, the third Saturday in August in Zone C-1, and the last Saturday in August in Zone C-4. Archery deer hunting in the C Zones was consolidated under the Hunt A-1 tag in 2002 in order to simplify the regulations and give hunters additional opportunity to hunt throughout the C Zones. However, the consolidation into a common opening date was omitted. The proposal would modify the season beginning in Zones C-2, C-3 and C-4 to the third Saturday in August, thus aligning all C Zone opening dates. This would complete the simplification process which was initiated in 2002 and bring the opening date into conformance with the adjacent B, D and X Zone archery season opening dates.

Existing regulations for Area-Specific Archery Hunt A-22 provides for a split season, in which the second half reopens the first Saturday in December and extends through December 31. In 2002, the season was shortened from a season end date of January 31 to December 31. The purpose of this change was to account for administrative procedures and data collection associated with the preparation of the Environmental Document. This action resulted in a decrease in season length by approximately one month, which significantly reduced hunter opportunity. The proposal would add two weeks to the beginning of the second half of the season by reopening the season on the third Saturday in November, thereby meeting a specific public demand for increased hunter opportunity, consistent with the goals and recommendations within the individual deer herd management plans.

Some minor editorial changes are also necessary for consistency in subsection numbering, spelling, grammar, and clarification.

Existing regulations provide for the number of hunting tags for existing area-specific archery hunts. The proposal changes the number of tags for existing hunts to a series of ranges presented in the following table. These ranges are necessary, as the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because severe winter conditions can have an adverse effect on herd recruitment and overwinter adult survival, final tag quotas may fall below the proposed range.

Archery Deer Hunting: § 361 Tag Allocations		
Hunt Number (and Title)	**Current**	**Proposed**
A-1 (C Zone Archery Only Tag)	2,500	150-3,000
A-3 (Zone X-1 Archery)	240	50-1,000
A-4 (Zone X-2 Archery)	15	10-200
A-5 (Zone X-3a Archery)	20	10-300
A-6 (Zone X-3b Archery)	65	25-400
A-7 (Zone X-4 Archery)	75	25-400
A-8 (Zone X-5a Archery)	50	15-100
A-9 (Zone X-5b Archery)	15	10-100
A-11 (Zone X-6a Archery)	130	25-300
A-12 (Zone X-6b Archery)	75	25-200
A-13 (Zone X-7a Archery)	20	10-200
A-14 (Zone X-7b Archery)	15	10-100
A-15 (Zone X-8 Archery)	70	25-200
A-16 (Zone X-9a Archery)	195	50-750
A-17 (Zone X-9b Archery)	300	50-600
A-18 (Zone X-9c Archery)	350	50-500
A-19 (Zone X-10 Archery)	120	25-200
A-20 (Zone X-12 Archery)	190	25-500
A-21 (Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt)	25	25-100
A-22 (San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	1,000	100-1,000
A-24 (Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	100	25-200
A-25 (Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	25	20-75
A-26 (Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt)	25	10-100
A-27 (Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt)	5	5-75

Archery Deer Hunting: § 361 Tag Allocations		
Hunt Number (and Title)	**Current**	**Proposed**
A-30 (Covelo Archery Buck Hunt)	40	20-100
A-31 (Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	1,000	200-2,000
A-32 (Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	250	50-300

Section 361, Title 14, CCR, is amended to read:

§361. Archery Deer Hunting.
(a) Archery Hunting With General Deer Zone Tags. Deer may be taken during the archery season only with archery equipment specified in Section 354 as follows:
(1) ~~A~~ Zone A.
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(1)(A)1. through 2.
(B) Season: The archery deer season in Zone A-South Unit 110 and Zone A-North Unit 160 shall open on the second Saturday in July and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(2) B Zones.
(A) Zones B-1 through B-3, B-5 and B-6.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(2)(A).
2. Season: The archery deer season in Zones B-1 through B-3, B-5 and B-6 shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(B) Zone B-4.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(2)(A)4.
2. Season: The archery deer season in Zone B-4 shall open on the fourth Saturday in July and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(3) C Zones (Note: see subsection 361(b) below for area-specific archery hunt A-1 (C Zones Archery Only Hunt)).
(4) D Zones.
(A) Zones D-3 through D-5.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(4)(A)1. through 3.
2. Season: The archery season in Zones D-3, D-4, and D-5 shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 days.
3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
4. Special Conditions: Hunters that possess a Zone D-3-5 tag may hunt in zones D-3, D-4, and D-5.
(B) Zones D-6 through D-10.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(5)(A) through (9)(A).
2. Season: The archery season in zones D-6 through D-10 shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 days.
3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(C) Zones D-11, D-13 and D-15.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(10)(A), (12)(A) and (14)(A), respectively.
2. Season: The archery season in Zones D-11, D-13 and D-15 shall open on the first Saturday in September and extend for 23 days.
3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
4. Special Conditions: Hunters that possess a D-11, D-13, or D-15 tag may hunt in any, or all three of those zones.
(D) Zone D-12.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(11)(A).

2. Season: The archery season in Zone D-12 shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.
3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(E) Zones D-14, D-16, D-17 and D-19.
1. Area: As described in subsection 360(a)(13)(A), (15)(A), (16)(A) and (17)(A), respectively.
2. Season: The archery season in zones D-14, D-16, D-17 and D-19 shall open on the first Saturday in September and extend for 23 consecutive days.
3. Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(b) Archery Hunting With Area-specific Archery Tags. Deer may be taken only with archery equipment specified in Section 354, only during the archery seasons as follows:
(1) A-1 (C Zones Archery Only Hunt).
(A) Area: Shall include all of Zones C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 as described in subsections 360(a)(3)(A)1 through 4.
(B) Season:
1. Zone C-1. The archery season for Zone C-1 shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 16 consecutive days.
2. Zone C-2. The archery season for Zone C-2 shall open on the ~~second~~third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
3. Zone C-3. The archery season for Zone C-3 shall open on the ~~second~~third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
4. Zone C-4. The archery season for Zone C-4 shall open on the ~~last~~third Saturday in August and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~2,500~~150-3,000. A-1 (C Zones Archery Only Hunt) tags are valid in Zones C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-4 only during the archery season as specified above in subsections 361(b)(1)(B)1 through 4.
(2) A-3 (Zone X-1 Archery Hunt)
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(1)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-3 (Zone X-1 Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~240~~50-1,000.
(3) A-4 (Zone X-2 Archery Hunt)
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(2)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-4 (Zone X-2 Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~15~~10-200.
(4) A-5 (Zone X-3a Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(3)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-5 (Zone X-3a Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~20~~10-300.
(5) A-6 (Zone X-3b Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(4)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-6 (Zone X-3b Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~65~~25-400.
(6) A-7 (Zone X-4 Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(5)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-7 (Zone X-4 Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.

(D) Number of Tags: ~~75~~25-400.
(7) A-8 (Zone X-5a Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(6)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-8 (Zone X-5a Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~50~~15-100.
(8) A-9 (Zone X-5b Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(7)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-9 (Zone X-5b Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~15~~10-100.
(9) A-11 (Zone X-6a Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(8)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-11 (Zone X-6a Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~130~~25-300.
(10) A-12 (Zone X-6b Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(9)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-12 (Zone X-6b Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~75~~25-200.
(11) A-13 (Zone X-7a Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(10)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-13 (Zone X-7a Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~20~~10-200.
(12) A-14 (Zone X-7b Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(11)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-14 (Zone X-7b Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~15~~10-100.
(13) A-15 (Zone X-8 Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(12)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-15 (Zone X-8 Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~70~~25-200.
(14) A-16 (Zone X-9a Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(13)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-16 (Zone X-9a Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~195~~50-750.
(15) A-17 (Zone X-9b Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(14)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-17 (Zone X-9b Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~300~~50-600.
(16) A-18 (Zone X-9c Archery Hunt).

(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(15)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-18 (Zone X-9c Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~350~~50-500.
(17) A-19 (Zone X-10 Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(16)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-19 (Zone X-10 Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~120~~ 25-200.
(18) A-20 (Zone X-12 Archery Hunt).
(A) Area: As described in subsection 360(b)(17)(A).
(B) Season: The archery season for hunt A-20 (Zone X-12 Archery Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in August and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~190~~25-500.
(19) A-21 (Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: In that portion of hunt Zone D-6 in Mariposa and Tuolumne counties lying within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 140 and Bull Creek Road at Briceburg; north on Bull Creek Road (U.S. Forest Service Road 2S05) to Greeley Hill Road; west on Greeley Hill Road to Smith Station Road (County Route J20); north on Smith Station Road to Highway 120 (near Burch Meadow); east on Highway 120 to the Yosemite National Park Boundary (near Big Oak-Flat Ranger Station); southeast along the Yosemite National Park Boundary to Highway 140; west on Highway 140 to the Yosemite National Park Boundary; northwest along the Yosemite National Park Boundary to Highway 140 (at Redbud Campground); west on Highway 140 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-21 (Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt) shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 14 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 25-100.
(20) A-22 (San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of San Diego County within Zone D-16 (see subsection 360(a)(15)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-22 (San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the first Saturday in September and extend for 44 consecutive days, and reopen on the ~~first~~third Saturday in ~~December~~November and extend through December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 100-1,000.
(21) A-24 (Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: All of Monterey County, except Fort Ord Military Reservation.
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-24 (Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 30 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~100~~25-200.
(22) A-25 (Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Sonoma County within the boundaries of the Lake Sonoma Area, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) property described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Hot Springs Road and the COE boundary; east and south along the boundary line to the intersection with Brush Creek; west along the north bank of Brush Creek (shoreline) to the Dry Creek arm of Lake Sonoma; south along the shoreline of the Dry Creek arm to Smittle Creek; north along the COE property line to Dry Creek; east along the COE boundary across Cherry Creek, Skunk Creek, and Yorty Creek to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-25 (Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall be open on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays only, beginning on the first Saturday in October and extending for 24 consecutive days.

(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(c)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~25~~20-75.
(E) Special Conditions:
1. The use of dogs is prohibited.
2. Boats are required for all areas west of Cherry Creek (some 2/3 0f the hunt area). Only cartop boats are allowed to launch from the Yorty Creek access.
(23) A-26 (Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Lassen County within the area described as Zone X-6a (see subsection 360(b)(8)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-26 (Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt) shall open on the third Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~25~~10-100.
(24) A-27 (Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Modoc County within a line beginning at the intersection of the Malin Road (Modoc County 114) and the California/Oregon state line; east along the state line to the Crowder Flat Road; south along the Crowder Flat Road to the Blue Mountain Road (Modoc County 136); west on the Blue Mountain Road to the Blue Mountain-Mowitz Butte-Ambrose Road; south on the Blue Mountain-Mowitz Butte-Ambrose Road to Highway 139; north on Highway 139 to the Malin Road; north on the Malin Road to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-27 (Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in October and extend for 16 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: 5-75.
(25) A-30 (Covelo Archery Buck Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Mendocino County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and the Humbolt-Mendocino county line; east along the Humbolt-Mendocino county line to the Trinity-Mendocino county line; east along Trinity-Mendocino county line to the Mendocino-Tehama county line; south on the Mendocino-Tehama county line to the Mendocino-Glenn county line; south on the Mendocino-Glenn county line to the Mendocino-Lake county line; west and south on the Mendocino-Lake county line to the Main Eel River; west and north on the Main Eel River to the Hearst-Willits Road; southwest on the Hearst-Willits Road to Commercial Avenue; west on Commercial Avenue to Highway 101; north on Highway 101 to the point of beginning.
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-30 (Covelo Archery Buck Hunt) shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for sixteen consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One buck, forked horn (see subsection 351(a)) or better, per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~40~~20-100.
(26) A-31 (Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: That portion of Los Angeles County within Zone D-11 (see subsection 360(a)(10)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-31 (Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the fourth Saturday in September and extend through December 31.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(b)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~1,000~~200-2,000.
(27) A-32 (Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt).
(A) Area: In those portions of Los Angeles and Ventura counties within the area described as the A Zone (see subsection 360(a)(1)(A)).
(B) Season: The season for hunt A-32 (Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt) shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.
(C) Bag and Possession Limit: One either-sex deer (see subsection 351(b)) per tag.
(D) Number of Tags: ~~250~~50-300.
(c) Archery Hunting with Archery Only Tags. Deer may be taken only with archery equipment specified in Section 354, during the archery seasons and general seasons as follows:
(1) Number of Archery Only Tags Permitted. A person may obtain an archery only tag using a one-deer tag application and a second archery only tag using a second deer tag application.
(2) Zones in Which Archery Only Tags are Valid. An archery only tag is valid for hunt G-10, and during the archery season and general season in all zones except C-1 through C-4 and X-1 through X-12.

(3) Areas: As described in subsections 360(a) and (c).
(4) Seasons: The archery season and general seasons are provided in subsection 361(a) above and in subsections 360(a) and (c).
(5) Bag and Possession Limit: All bag and possession limits per zone are the same as those described in subsections 360(a) and (c).
(d) Hunting Area Limitations. Archers not in possession of an archery only tag may hunt only in the zone, zones, or areas for which they have a general tag or an area-specific archery tag. (Refer to subsection 361(c)(2) for zones in which archery only tags are valid).
(e) Crossbow Prohibition. Crossbows may not be used during any archery season or during the general season when using an archery only tag.
NOTE
Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 220 and 4370, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 207 and 4370, Fish and Game Code.

8. 362. Nelson Bighorn Sheep.

Informative Digests/Policy Statement Overview

Amend Section 362 Title 14, CCR, Re: Nelson Bighorn Sheep

Existing regulations provide for limited hunting of Nelson bighorn rams in six hunt zones. The proposed change adjusts the number of tags based on annual bighorn sheep population surveys conducted by the Department. The following proposed range of tag numbers was determined using the procedure described in Fish and Game Code Section 4902:

HUNT ZONE	NUMBER OF TAGS
Zone 1 - Marble Mountains	2-4
Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	2-4
Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	0-2
Zone 4 - Orocopia Mountains	0-2
Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Wilderness	0-2
Zone 6 – Sheep Hole Mountains	0-2
Open Zone Fund-Raising Tags	0-2
TOTAL	4-18

The final number of tags allocated for each of the six hunt zones will be based on the results of the Department's 2003 estimate of the bighorn sheep population in each zone. Tags are proposed to be allocated to allow the take of less than 15 percent of the mature rams estimated in each zone. While no tag quota is proposed for some hunting zones, those areas remain available for the hunter who purchases the Open Zone Fund-Raising Tag.

Section 362, Title 14, CCR is amended as follows:

§362. Nelson Bighorn Sheep.
(a) Areas:
(1) Zone 1--Marble/Clipper Mountains: That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the intersection of Kelbaker Road and the National Trails Highway; north on Kelbaker Road to the junction

with Interstate Highway 40; east on Interstate Highway 40 to the intersection with National Trails Highway; southwest on National Trails Highway to junction with Kelbaker Road.
(2) Zone 2--Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains: That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the intersection of Kelbaker Road and the Union Pacific Railroad in Kelso; southwest along the Union Pacific Railroad to intersection with unnamed road at Crucero; north on unnamed road to the junction with Rasor Road; northwest on Rasor Road to the junction with Interstate Highway 15; northeast on Interstate Highway 15 to the intersection with Cima Road; south on Cima Road to the intersection with the Union Pacific Railroad in Cima; southwest on the Union Pacific Railroad to the intersection with Kelbaker Road in Kelso.
(3) Zone 3--Clark and Kingston Mountain Ranges: That portion of San Bernardino and Inyo counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 15 and California State Highway 127 in Baker; north on California State Highway 127 to the junction with Old Spanish Gentry Road on Tecopa; southeast on Old Spanish Gentry Road to the junction with Furnace Creek Road; southeast on Furnace Creek Road to the junction with Mesquite Valley Road; north on Mesquite Valley Road to Old Spanish Trail Highway; north and east on Old Spanish Trail Highway to California/Nevada state line; southeast on California/Nevada state line to the intersection with Interstate Highway 15; southwest on Interstate Highway 15 to the junction with California State Highway 127.
(4) Zone 4--Orocopia Mountains: That portion of Riverside County beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 10 and Cottonwood Springs Road; east on Interstate Highway 10 to the junction with Red Cloud Mine Road; south on Red Cloud Mine Road to the junction with the Eagle Mountain Mining Railroad; southwest on the Eagle Mountain Mining Railroad to the junction with the Bradshaw Trail; southwest on the Bradshaw Trail to the Intersection with the Coachella Canal; west along the Coachella Canal to the junction with Box Canyon Road; northeast on Box Canyon Road to the junction with Cottonwood Springs Road; north on Cottonwood Springs Road to the intersection with Interstate Highway 10.
(5) Zone 5--San Gorgonio Wilderness: That portion of Riverside and San Bernardino counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 10 and California State Highway 62, west on Interstate Highway 10 to the junction with California State Highway 30; north on California State Highway 30 to the junction with California State Highway 38; east and north on California State Highway 38 to the junction with Forest Service Route 1N01; east on Forest Service Route 1N01 to its joining with Pipes Road; east on Pipes Road to the junction with Pioneertown Road; southeast on Pioneertown Road to the junction with California State Highway 62; southwest on California State Highway 62 to the intersection with Interstate Highway 10.
(6) Zone 6--Sheep Hole Mountains: That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of California State Highway 62 and Ironage Road; northwest on Ironage Road to the intersection with Amboy Road; north on Amboy Road to the intersection with National Trails Highway; east on National Trails Highway to the junction with Saltus Road; southeast on Saltus Road to the junction with unnamed road in Saltus that runs through Cadiz Valley; southeast on unnamed road to the intersection with California State Highway 62; west on California State Highway 62 to the junction with Ironage Road.
(b) Seasons:
(1) Fund-raising Hunts: The holder of the fund-raising license tag issued pursuant to subsection 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt:
(A) Zones 1 through 4, and 6: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.
(B) Zone 5: Beginning the third Saturday in November and extending through the third Sunday in February.
(2) Except as provided in subsection 362(b)(1), the Nelson bighorn sheep season in the areas described in subsection 362(a) shall be defined as follows:
(A) Zones 1 through 4, and 6: The first Saturday in December and extend through the first Sunday in February.
(B) Zone 5: The third Saturday in December and extend through the third Sunday in February.
(3) Except as specifically provided in section 362, the take of bighorn sheep is prohibited.
(c) Bag and possession Limit: One mature ram defined as follows: a male Nelson bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis nelsoni) having at least one horn, the tip of which extends beyond a point in a straight line beginning at the front (anterior) edge of the horn base, and extending downward through the rear (posterior) edge of the visible portion of the eye and continuing downward through the horn. All reference

points are based on viewing the ram directly from a 90 degree angle from which the head is facing. A diagram showing the correct viewing procedure shall be distributed by the department to each successful applicant.
(d) Number of License Tags:

~~Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunt Zones~~	~~Tag Allocation for 2003~~
~~Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains~~	~~3~~
~~Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains~~	~~3~~
~~Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges~~	~~1~~
~~Zone 4 - Orocopia Mountains~~	~~1~~
~~Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Wilderness~~	~~0~~
~~Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains~~	~~1~~
~~Open Zone Fund-Raising Tag~~	~~1~~
~~Total:~~	~~10~~

Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunt Zones	Tag Allocation for 2004
Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains	2-4
Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	2-4
Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	0-2
Zone 4 - Orocopia Mountains	0-2
Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Wilderness	0-2
Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains	0-2
Open Zone Fund-Raising Tag	0-2
Total:	4-18

(e) Conditions:
(1) Nelson bighorn rams shall only be taken between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.
(2) Only methods specified in sections 353 and 354, Title 14, CCR, for taking bighorn sheep may be used.
(3) Each tagholder shall possess a spotting telescope capable of magnification of 15 power (15X), which is not affixed to a rifle, while hunting.
(4) Successful general tagholders shall present the head and edible portion of the carcass of a bighorn ram to the department's checking station within 48 hours after killing the animal. All successful tagholders shall notify the department's Bishop office by telephone at (760) 872-1171 or (760) 240-1372 within 24 hours of killing the animal and arrange for the head and carcass to be examined.
(5) All successful bighorn sheep tagholders shall make the horns of each ram available to the department to be permanently marked in the manner prescribed by the department for identification purposes within 48 hours of killing the animal. The purpose of the permanent marking shall be to identify Nelson bighorn rams which were legally taken and which may be transported and possessed outside the areas described in subsection 362(a).
(6) The department reserves the right to take and use any part of the tagholder's bighorn ram, except the horns, for biological analysis as long as no more than one pound of edible meat is removed.
NOTE Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 220, 1050 and 4902, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 1050, 3950 and 4902, Fish and Game Code.

9. 363. Pronghorn Antelope.

Informative Digests/Policy Statement Overview

Amend Section 363 Title 14, CCR, Re: Pronghorn Antelope

Existing regulations provide for the number of pronghorn antelope hunting tags for each hunt zone. This proposed regulatory action provides tag allocation ranges for most hunt zones, pending final tag quota determinations based on winter survey results expected by March of 2004. The final tag quotas will provide for adequate hunting opportunities while allowing for a biologically appropriate harvest of bucks and does in specific populations. The proposed tag allocation ranges are as set forth below.

§ 363 Pronghorn Antelope Proposed Tag Allocations - 2004						
Hunt Area	***Archery-Only Season***		***General Season***			
			Period 1		**Period 2**	
	Buck	**Doe**	**Buck**	**Doe**	**Buck**	**Doe**
Zone 1 – Mount Dome	1-10	0-3	3-60	0-20	0	0
Zone 2 – Clear Lake	1-10	0-3	20-80	0-25	0	0
Zone 3 – Likely Tables	2-20	0-7	25-150	0-50	25-130	0-50
Zone 4 – Lassen	2-20	0-7	25-150	0-50	25-150	0-50
Zone 5 – Big Valley	1-15	0-5	3-150	0-50	0	0
Zone 6 – Surprise Valley	1-10	0	3-25	0-7	0	0
Big Valley Junior Hunt	N/A		1-15 Either-Sex		0	
Lassen Junior Hunt	N/A		1-15 Either-Sex		0	
Surprise Valley Junior	N/A		1-4 Either-Sex		0	
Fund-Raising Hunt	N/A		1-10 Buck			

Existing regulations specify that the Ash Creek Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt occurs on land owned and managed by the Department of Fish and Game as the Ash Creek Wildlife Area, during the first four days of the general season for pronghorn antelope in Zone 5 – Big Valley. The proposal expands geographic boundaries beyond Ash Creek Wildlife Area to all of Zone 5 – Big Valley, extends the season to nine days to correspond with the general season for pronghorn antelope in Zone 5 – Big Valley, and renames the hunt as the Big Valley Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt to more accurately reflect the hunt area. Ash Creek Wildlife Area continues to be available exclusively for junior hunters.

Existing regulations specify that the Honey Lake Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt occurs within a portion of Lassen County (the Honey Lake Valley), and on land owned and managed by the Department of Fish and Game as the Fleming and Dakin units of Honey Lake Wildlife Area, during the first four days of the general season for pronghorn antelope in Zone 4 – Lassen. The proposal expands geographic boundaries to all of Zone 4 – Lassen, extends the season to nine days to correspond with the Period One general season for pronghorn antelope in Zone 4 – Lassen, and renames the hunt as the Lassen Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt to more accurately reflect the hunt area. Honey Lake Wildlife Area continues to be available exclusively for junior hunters, on Saturdays and Sundays during the hunt season.

Existing regulations do not provide pronghorn antelope tags for Zone 6 – Surprise Valley exclusively for junior hunters. The proposed regulatory change establishes the Surprise Valley Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt, with boundaries and season dates coinciding with those of Zone 6 – Surprise Valley. With a range of 1-4 either-sex tags, the hunt will not adversely affect pronghorn populations or current hunt success rates within the zone. The proposed regulation change provides additional opportunity for junior hunters; currently the demand for junior pronghorn antelope tags proportionately exceeds demand for general season tags. The proposed junior hunt opens on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continues for nine consecutive days.

Additionally, other minor editorial changes are also proposed for clarity and consistency of the regulations.

Section 363, Title 14, CCR, is amended as follows:

363 Pronghorn Antelope.
The Lava Beds National Monument and Federal and State Game Refuges lying within the hunt boundary are closed to pronghorn antelope hunting, except for the state's Hayden Hill (1S) and Blacks Mountain (1F) game refuges in Lassen County and the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Modoc County. Refer to subsection 363(b)(5) for special conditions for permission to enter and hunt pronghorn antelope in the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
(a) Zone 1--Mount Dome:
(1) Area: That portion of Siskiyou County within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and the California-Oregon state line; east along the California-Oregon state line to the Ainsworth Corners-Lava Beds National Monument Road; south along the Ainsworth Corners-Lava Beds National Monument Road to the Mammoth Crater-Medicine Lake Road; southwest along the Mammoth Crater-Medicine Lake Road to the Medicine Lake-Telephone Flat Road; east and south along the Medicine Lake-Telephone Flat Road to the Telephone Flat-Bartle Road; southwest along the Telephone Flat-Bartle Road to Highway 89; west along Highway 89 to Interstate 5; north along Interstate 5 to the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.
(2) Seasons:
(A) The general season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days.
(B) The archery only season shall open 14 days prior to the general season and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags:
(A) General Season: ~~5~~3-60 buck tags and 0-20 doe tags.
(B) Archery Only Season: 1-10 buck tags and 0-3 doe tags.
(b) Zone 2--Clear Lake:
(1) Area: Those portions of Modoc and Siskiyou counties within a line beginning at the junction of the Lava Beds National Monument Road and the California-Oregon state line at Ainsworth Corners; east along the California-Oregon state line to the Crowder Flat Road; south along the Crowder Flat Road to Modoc County Road 73; south along Modoc County Road 73 to Modoc County Road 136; west along Modoc County Road 136 to the Blue Mountain-Mowitz Road; west and south along the Blue Mountain-Mowitz Road to the Deadhorse Flat-Badger Well Road; southwest along the Deadhorse Flat-Badger Well Road to the Badger Well-Browns Well Road; south along the Badger Well-Browns Well Road to the Sorholus Tank-Hackamore Road; southwest along the Sorholus Tank-Hackamore Road to Highway 139; southeast along Highway 139 to Modoc County Road 91; south along Modoc County Road 91 to the Mud Lake-Mud Springs Road; west along the Mud Lake-Mud Springs Road to the North Main Road; southwest along the North Main Road to the Long Bell-Iodine Prairie Road at Long Bell Forest Service Station; northwest along the Long Bell-Iodine Prairie Road to the Bartle-Telephone Flat Road; north along the Bartle-Telephone Flat Road to the Telephone Flat-Medicine Lake Road; north and west along the

Telephone Flat-Medicine Lake Road to the Medicine Lake-Mammoth Crater Road; northeast along the Medicine Lake-Mammoth Crater Road to the Lava Beds National Monument-Ainsworth Corners Road; north along the Lava Beds National Monument-Ainsworth Corners Road to the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.
(2) Seasons:
(A) The general season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days.
(B) The archery only season shall open 14 days prior to the general season and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags:
(A) General Season: 20-80 buck tags and 0-25 doe tags.
(B) Archery Only Season: 1-10 buck tags and 0-3 doe tags.
(5) Special Conditions: The special regulations regarding the Peninsula “U” portion of the Clear Lake National Wildlife Refuge are summarized as follows:
(A) The area will be open on weekends and holidays only during the general season.
(B) Permission to enter this area must be obtained at the gate entrance located on the Clear Lake Road. Hunters for this area will be selected by public drawing. Persons selected for pronghorn antelope tags for Zone 2 (Clear Lake) may apply for this drawing by submitting an application upon receipt of their license tag to the Department of Fish and Game, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001. Applicants may apply as a party of two. Applications shall consist of the following: a standard U.S. Postal Service postcard with the applicant's tag number, name, address, city, zip code, area code, telephone number, and the notation “Application for Pronghorn Antelope Hunt Access Permit, Clear Lake Peninsula.” Applications must reach the Redding office before the close of the business day on the second Friday in August. Successful applicants will be notified. A two-party application will not be split. The specific number of hunters will be determined each year by the Department. No more than five hunters will be allowed on the area at any one time unless a party of two is drawn for the fifth place. If the fifth place is the first member of a party, then no more than six hunters will be allowed on the area at any time.
(C) The gate entrance will be open from 6:00 a.m. to one hour after sunset.
(D) The fence near the gate entrance constitutes the south boundary of the area.
(E) The specific number of pronghorn antelope to be taken from this area is determined by the number of pronghorn antelope present. This area will be closed once this number is reached.
(c) Zone 3--Likely Tables:
(1) Area: Those portions of Modoc and Lassen counties within a line beginning at the junction of the Crowder Flat Road and the California-Oregon state line; east along the California-Oregon state line to the crest of the Warner Mountains; south along the crest of the Warner Mountains to the Summit Trail at Pepperdine Camp; south along the Summit Trail to the South Warner Road near Patterson Forest Service Station; west along the South Warner Road to the Long Valley-Clarks Valley Road; south along the Long Valley-Clarks Valley Road to the Clarks Valley-Madeline Road; west along the Clarks Valley-Madeline Road to Highway 395 at the town of Madeline; north along Highway 395 to the Madeline-Adin Road; northwest along the Madeline-Adin Road to the Hunsinger Draw-Sweagert Flat Road; east and north along the Hunsinger Draw-Sweagert Flat Road to the Sweagert Flat-Hunters Ridge Road; north and west along the Sweagert Flat-Hunters Ridge Road to Highway 299 near Lower Rush Creek Recreation Site; north along Highway 299 to the Canby Bridge-Cottonwood Flat Road; northwest along the Canby Bridge-Cottonwood Flat Road to the Cottonwood Flat-Happy Camp Road; northwest along the Cottonwood Flat-Happy Camp Road to Modoc County Road 91; north along Modoc County Road 91 to Highway 139; north along Highway 139 to the Hackamore-Sorholus Tank Road; northeast along the Hackamore-Sorholus Tank Road to the Browns Well-Badger Well Road; north along the Browns Well-Badger Well Road to the Badger Well-Deadhorse Flat Road; northeast and east along the Badger Well-Deadhorse Flat Road to the Mowitz-Blue Mountain Road; north and east along the Mowitz-Blue Mountain Road to Modoc County Road 136; east along Modoc County Road 136 to Modoc County Road 73; north along Modoc County Road 73 to the Crowder Flat Road; north along the Crowder Flat Road to the California-Oregon state line, to the point of beginning.
(2) Seasons:

(A) Period One of the general season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days. Period Two of the general season shall open on the first Saturday in September and continue for nine consecutive days.
(B) The archery only season shall open 14 days prior to the earliest general season and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags:
(A) General Season: Period One: ~~44~~25-150 buck tags and 0-50 doe tags. Period Two: ~~44~~25-130 buck tags and 0-50 doe tags.
(B) Archery Only Season: ~~7~~2-20 buck tags and 0-7 doe tags.
(d) Zone 4--Lassen:
(1) Area: Those portions of Lassen, Plumas and Shasta counties within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 36 and the Juniper Lake Road in the town of Chester; north along the Juniper Lake Road to the Lassen National Park boundary; north and west along the Lassen National Park boundary to Highway 89; north along Highway 89 to U.S. Forest Service Road 22 near the Hat Creek Ranger Station; east along U.S. Forest Service Road 22 to U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06; east and north along U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06 to the State Game Refuge 1S boundary; northwest along the State Game Refuge 1S boundary to the Coyote Canyon-Dixie Valley Road; northwest along the Coyote Canyon-Dixie Valley Road to the Dixie Valley-Boyd Hill Road; northwest along the Dixie Valley-Boyd Hill Road to the Snag Hill-Hayden Hill Road; northeast and north along the Snag Hill-Hayden Hill Road to Highway 139; southeast on Highway 139 to the Willow Creek-Hunsinger Flat Road; northeast and northwest along the Willow Creek-Hunsinger Flat Road to the Adin-Madeline Road; southeast along the Adin-Madeline Road to Highway 395 at the town of Madeline; south along Highway 395 to the Madeline-Clarks Valley Road; east along the Madeline-Clarks Valley Road to the Clarks Valley-Tuledad Road; east and southeast along the Clarks Valley-Tuledad Road to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Lassen-Sierra county line; west along the Lassen-Sierra county line to the Lassen-Plumas county line; north and west along the Lassen-Plumas county line to Highway 36; west along Highway 36 to the Juniper Lake Road, to the point of beginning.
(2) Seasons:
(A) Period One of the general season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days. Period Two of the general season shall open on the first Saturday in September and continue for nine consecutive days.
(B) The archery only season shall open 14 days prior to the earliest general season and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags:
(A) General Season: Period One: ~~46~~25-150 buck tags and 0-50 doe tags. Period Two: ~~46~~25-150 buck tags and 0-50 doe tags.
(B) Archery Only Season: ~~7~~2-20 buck tags and 0-7 doe tags.
(e) Zone 5--Big Valley:
(1) Area: Those portions of Modoc, Lassen, Shasta and Siskiyou counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 299 and 89; north and northwest along Highway 89 to the Bartle-Telephone Flat Road; northeast along the Bartle-Telephone Flat Road to the Iodine Prairie-Long Bell Road; southeast along the Iodine Prairie-Long Bell Road to the North Main Road at Long Bell Forest Service Station; northeast along the North Main Road and the Mud Springs-Mud Lake Road to Modoc County Road 91; south along Modoc County Road 91 to the Happy Camp-Cottonwood Flat Road; southeast along the Happy Camp-Cottonwood Flat Road to the Cottonwood Flat-Canby Bridge Road; southeast along the Cottonwood Flat-Canby Bridge Road to Highway 299; south along Highway 299 to the Hunters Ridge-Sweagert Flat Road near Lower Rush Creek Recreation Site; east and south along the Hunters Ridge-Sweagert Flat Road to the Sweagert Flat-Hunsinger Draw Road; south and west along the Sweagert Flat-Hunsinger Draw Road to the Adin-Madeline Road; southeast along the Adin-Madeline Road to the Hunsinger Flat-Willow Creek Road; southeast and southwest along the Hunsinger Flat-Willow Creek Road to Highway 139; northwest along Highway 139 to the Hayden Hill-Snag Hill Road; south and southwest along the Hayden Hill-Snag Hill Road to the Boyd Hill-Dixie Valley Road; southeast along the

Boyd Hill-Dixie Valley Road to the Dixie Valley-Coyote Canyon Road; southeast along the Dixie Valley-Coyote Canyon Road to the State Game Refuge 1S boundary; southeast along the State Game Refuge 1S boundary to U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06; south and west along U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06 to U.S. Forest Service Road 22; west along U.S. Forest Service Road 22 to Highway 89 near the Hat Creek Ranger Station; north along Highway 89 to Highway 299, to the point of beginning.
(2) Seasons:
(A) The general season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days.
(B) The archery only season shall open 14 days prior to the earliest general season and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags:
(A) General Season: ~~10~~3-150 buck tags and 0-50 doe tags.
(B) Archery Only Season: 1-15 buck tags and 0-5 doe tags.
(f) Zone 6--Surprise Valley:
(1) Area: Those portions of Modoc and Lassen counties within a line beginning at the intersection of the crest of the Warner Mountains and the California-Oregon state line; east along the California-Oregon state line to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Tuledad-Clarks Valley Road; west and northwest along the Tuledad-Clarks Valley Road to the Clarks Valley-Long Valley Road; north on the Clarks Valley-Long Valley Road to the South Warner Road; east along the South Warner Road to the Summit Trail near Patterson Guard Station; north along the Summit Trail to the crest of the Warner Mountains at Pepperdine Camp; north along the crest of the Warner Mountains to the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.
(2) Seasons:
(A) The general season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days.
(B) The archery only season shall open 14 days prior to the general season and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags:
(A) General Season: ~~10~~3-20 buck tags and 0-7 doe tags.
(B) Archery Only Season: 1-5 buck tags.
(g) ~~Ash Creek~~Big Valley Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt:
(1) Area: ~~Those lands owned and managed by the department as the Ash Creek Wildlife Management Area.~~ Those portions of Modoc, Lassen, Shasta and Siskiyou counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 299 and 89; north and northwest along Highway 89 to the Bartle-Telephone Flat Road; northeast along the Bartle-Telephone Flat Road to the Iodine Prairie-Long Bell Road; southeast along the Iodine Prairie-Long Bell Road to the North Main Road at Long Bell Forest Service Station; northeast along the North Main Road and the Mud Springs-Mud Lake Road to Modoc County Road 91; south along Modoc County Road 91 to the Happy Camp-Cottonwood Flat Road; southeast along the Happy Camp-Cottonwood Flat Road to the Cottonwood Flat-Canby Bridge Road; southeast along the Cottonwood Flat-Canby Bridge Road to Highway 299; south along Highway 299 to the Hunters Ridge-Sweagert Flat Road near Lower Rush Creek Recreation Site; east and south along the Hunters Ridge-Sweagert Flat Road to the Sweagert Flat-Hunsinger Draw Road; south and west along the Sweagert Flat-Hunsinger Draw Road to the Adin-Madeline Road; southeast along the Adin-Madeline Road to the Hunsinger Flat-Willow Creek Road; southeast and southwest along the Hunsinger Flat-Willow Creek Road to Highway 139; northwest along Highway 139 to the Hayden Hill-Snag Hill Road; south and southwest along the Hayden Hill-Snag Hill Road to the Boyd Hill-Dixie Valley Road; southeast along the Boyd Hill-Dixie Valley Road to the Dixie Valley-Coyote Canyon Road; southeast along the Dixie Valley-Coyote Canyon Road to the State Game Refuge 1S boundary; southeast along the State Game Refuge 1S boundary to U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06; south and west along U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06 to U.S. Forest Service Road 22; west along U.S. Forest Service Road 22 to Highway 89 near the Hat Creek Ranger Station; north along Highway 89 to Highway 299, to the point of beginning.
(2) Season: The season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for ~~four~~nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.

(4) Number of License Tags: ~~2~~1-10 either-sex tags.
(5) Special Conditions: Tagholders wishing to hunt the Ash Creek Wildlife Area may contact Ash Creek Wildlife Area by telephone at (530) 294-5824, and shall attend an orientation meeting before hunting. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses and junior hunt license tags may hunt during the junior pronghorn antelope hunt season in the Ash Creek Wildlife Area.~~and in the area specified on the tag.~~ Tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting~~; and tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season~~.
(h) ~~Honey Lake~~Lassen Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt:
(1) Area: ~~That portion of Lassen County, including the Fleming and Dakin units of Honey Lake Wildlife Area, within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Lassen County Road A3 near Buntingville; northeast along County Road A3 to Mapes Lane (County Road 305); east and north along Mapes Lane to its junctions with Highway 395 approximately three miles east of Litchfield; east on Highway 395 to the junction of the Wendel-Flanigan Road (County Road 320); east and south on the Wendel-Flanigan Road to the Nevada state line; south on the Nevada state line to the Western Pacific-Union Pacific Railroad tracks near Herlong; west on the Western Pacific-Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the North Herlong Access Road (County Road A25); west and south along the north Herlong Access Road (County Road A25) to its junction with Highway 395; north and west on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.~~ Those portions of Lassen, Plumas and Shasta counties within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 36 and the Juniper Lake Road in the town of Chester; north along the Juniper Lake Road to the Lassen National Park boundary; north and west along the Lassen National Park boundary to Highway 89; north along Highway 89 to U.S. Forest Service Road 22 near the Hat Creek Ranger Station; east along U.S. Forest Service Road 22 to U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06; east and north along U.S. Forest Service Road 35N06 to the State Game Refuge 1S boundary; northwest along the State Game Refuge 1S boundary to the Coyote Canyon-Dixie Valley Road; northwest along the Coyote Canyon-Dixie Valley Road to the Dixie Valley-Boyd Hill Road; northwest along the Dixie Valley-Boyd Hill Road to the Snag Hill-Hayden Hill Road; northeast and north along the Snag Hill-Hayden Hill Road to Highway 139; southeast on Highway 139 to the Willow Creek-Hunsinger Flat Road; northeast and northwest along the Willow Creek-Hunsinger Flat Road to the Adin-Madeline Road; southeast along the Adin-Madeline Road to Highway 395 at the town of Madeline; south along Highway 395 to the Madeline-Clarks Valley Road; east along the Madeline-Clarks Valley Road to the Clarks Valley-Tuledad Road; east and southeast along the Clarks Valley-Tuledad Road to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Lassen-Sierra county line; west along the Lassen-Sierra county line to the Lassen-Plumas county line; north and west along the Lassen-Plumas county line to Highway 36; west along Highway 36 to the Juniper Lake Road, to the point of beginning.
(2) Season: The season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for ~~four~~nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags: ~~2~~1-10 either-sex tags.
(5) Special Conditions: The Fleming and Dakin units of Honey Lake Wildlife Area shall only be open to hunting on Saturdays and Sundays during the season. Tagholders wishing to hunt these units may contact Honey Lake Wildlife Area by telephone at (530) 254-6644, and shall attend an orientation meeting before hunting. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses and junior hunt license tags may hunt during the junior pronghorn antelope hunt season within the Fleming and Dakin units of Honey Lake Wildlife Area.~~and in the area specified on the tag.~~ Tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting~~; and tagholders shall attend an orientation meeting the day before the opening day of the season~~.
(i) Surprise Valley Junior Pronghorn Antelope Hunt:
(1) Area: Those portions of Modoc and Lassen counties within a line beginning at the intersection of the crest of the Warner Mountains and the California-Oregon state line; east along the California-Oregon state line to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Tuledad-Clarks Valley Road; west and northwest along the Tuledad-Clarks Valley Road to the Clarks Valley-Long Valley Road; north on the Clarks Valley-Long Valley Road to the South Warner Road; east along the South Warner Road to the Summit Trail near Patterson Guard Station; north along the Summit Trail to the

crest of the Warner Mountains at Pepperdine Camp; north along the crest of the Warner Mountains to the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.
(2) Season: The season shall open on the Saturday following the third Wednesday in August and continue for nine consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags: 1-4 either-sex tags.
(5) Special Conditions: Tagholders must possess valid junior hunting licenses and junior hunt license tags. Tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
(~~i~~j) Fund-raising Hunt:
(1) Area: Those portions of Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties described as zones 1 through 6 in subsections 363(a) through (f).
(2) Season: The season for the Fund-Raising Hunt shall open on the Saturday before the first Wednesday in August and continue for 51 consecutive days.
(3) Bag and Possession Limit: One pronghorn antelope in a license year.
(4) Number of License Tags: ~~2~~1-6 buck tags.
(~~j~~k) Conditions:
(1) Pronghorn antelope license tags do not give the tagholders the right of entry onto privately-owned lands.
(2) Buck pronghorn antelope are defined as pronghorn antelope with horns longer than the ears. Doe pronghorn antelope are defined as pronghorn antelope with horns shorter than the ears. Either-sex pronghorn antelope are defined as buck or doe pronghorn antelope.
(3) Shooting time shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
(4) Method of take:
(A) The holder of any archery-only pronghorn antelope license tag may only take pronghorn antelope using archery equipment, as defined in Section 354 of these regulations.
(B) The holder of a general season, fund-raising hunt season, or junior hunt season license tag may take pronghorn antelope using legal firearms and archery equipment as described in sections 353 and 354 of these regulations.
(5) Any person taking any pronghorn antelope shall retain that portion of the head, which bears the horns during the open season and for 15 days thereafter, and shall produce it upon the demand of any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of these regulations.
(6) No person shall at any time capture or destroy any pronghorn antelope and detach or remove from the carcass only the head, hide or horns; nor shall any person at any time leave through carelessness or neglect any pronghorn antelope which is in his possession or any portion of the flesh thereof usually eaten by humans, to go needlessly to waste.
(7) Prior to the acceptance or issuance of a pronghorn antelope license tag, all tagholders shall consent in writing to the terms and conditions set forth on the license tag.
(~~k~~l) Pronghorn Antelope Tag Allocations Table.

~~Final Pronghorn Antelope Tag Allocation, 2003~~			
~~NUMBER OF TAGS~~			
~~Hunt Area~~	~~Archery-Only Season~~	~~General Season~~	
		~~Period 1~~	~~Period 2~~
	~~Buck~~	~~Buck~~	~~Buck~~
~~Zone 1~~	~~1~~	~~5~~	~~-~~
~~Zone 2~~	~~1~~	~~20~~	~~-~~
~~Zone 3~~	~~7~~	~~44~~	~~44~~
~~Zone 4~~	~~7~~	~~46~~	~~46~~
~~Zone 5~~	~~1~~	~~10~~	~~-~~
~~Zone 6~~	~~1~~	~~10~~	~~-~~
~~Ash Creek Junior Hunt~~	~~-~~	~~2 Either Sex~~	~~0~~
~~Honey Lake Junior Hunt~~	~~-~~	~~2 Either Sex~~	~~0~~

~~Fund-Raising Hunt~~		~~2 Buck~~	

Proposed Pronghorn Antelope Tag Allocations - 2004						
Hunt Area	***Archery-Only Season***		***General Season***			
			Period 1		**Period 2**	
	Buck	**Doe**	**Buck**	**Doe**	**Buck**	**Doe**
Zone 1 – Mount Dome	1-10	0-3	3-60	0-20	0	0
Zone 2 – Clear Lake	1-10	0-3	20-80	0-25	0	0
Zone 3 – Likely Tables	2-20	0-7	25-150	0-50	25-130	0-50
Zone 4 – Lassen	2-20	0-7	25-150	0-50	25-150	0-50
Zone 5 – Big Valley	1-15	0-5	3-150	0-50	0	0
Zone 6 – Surprise Valley	1-10	0	3-25	0-7	0	0
Big Valley Junior Hunt	N/A		1-15 Either-Sex		0	
Lassen Junior Hunt	N/A		1-15 Either-Sex		0	
Surprise Valley Junior Hunt	N/A		1-4 Either-Sex		0	
Fund-Raising Hunt	N/A		1-10 Buck			

NOTE
Authority cited: Sections 219, 220, 331, 1050 and 10502, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 331, 713, 1050, 10500 and 10502, Fish and Game Code.

10. 364. Elk.

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST (Policy Statement Overview)

Existing regulations specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt. It is necessary to adjust quotas periodically, in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. This proposed amendment makes the following specific changes in license tag quotas: Increase the quota for the Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Hunt from 25 either-sex tags to 15 antlerless and 15 either-sex tags; Reduce the quota for the Klamath Roosevelt Elk Hunt from 15 antlerless and 15 bull tags to 10 antlerless and 10 bull tags; Reduce the archery only quota for the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt from 7 either-sex to 5 either-sex tags; Reduce the archery only quota for the Owens Valley Tule Elk Hunt from 7 either-sex to 5 either-sex tags; Change the quota for the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt from 20 antlerless and 14 bull tags to 40 antlerless tags (10 of them designated archery only), 6 either-sex tags (designated archery only) and 14 bull tags. Periodic quota changes are necessary to maintain hunting quality in accordance with management goals and objectives.

Existing regulations specify boundaries for the Siskiyou Roosevelt and Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk hunts. The proposed change expands the Siskiyou zone eastward and concomitantly reduces the Northeastern zone. Expansion of the Siskiyou zone is warranted; elk wintering in the Siskiyou hunt area often move across the existing boundary into the area

proposed for inclusion within the Siskiyou zone. Adjustment of boundaries will improve hunting opportunities and facilitate increasing the quota for the Siskiyou hunt. The proposed amendment will have minimal effect on hunt opportunity within the Northeastern California zone because this zone is large and the greatest concentrations of elk occur within eastern portions that are unaffected by the boundary adjustment.

Existing regulations specify boundaries for the Big Lagoon Roosevelt Elk Hunt. Non-substantive changes are proposed to simplify and clarify the boundary description.

Existing regulations specify boundaries for the La Panza Tule Elk Hunt. The proposal expands the La Panza boundary, consistent with the natural range expansion of tule elk which has occurred since this hunt was established in 1993. The proposal is necessary to improve hunter opportunity and is consistent with management objectives for tule elk in the area.

Existing regulations make no provision for public tule elk hunting in the Owens Valley west of US Highway 395. The proposal will establish the West Tinemaha Zone on the west side of Highway 395 near Tinemaha Reservoir, with 6 bull and 6 antlerless tags (designated archery only and evenly distributed among three hunt periods), valid for both the Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones. Establishing a new tule elk hunt zone in the Owens Valley will provide additional elk hunting opportunities and is consistent with statewide management objectives for tule elk.

Existing regulations do not provide for public tule elk hunting in Colusa and Glenn counties near East Park Reservoir. The proposal will establish a new tule elk hunt in the vicinity of East Park Reservoir, with 2 bull and 2 antlerless elk tags divided among three hunt periods in September. The proposal will provide additional elk hunting opportunities, consistent with the statewide management objectives for tule elk.

Existing regulations specify season dates for two hunt periods for the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt. The proposed change will move the opening dates for Period One to the fourth Wednesday in November, and Period Two to the Wednesday after the second Saturday in December. Length of these hunt periods remains unchanged at 5 consecutive days. The proposal establishes season dates for Period Three, which will open on the last Wednesday in December and continue for 5 consecutive days. The proposal also establishes an Archery Only Season on weekends (Saturdays and Sundays) and the Labor Day Holiday in September. Significantly increasing the tag quota for the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt requires modifying existing season dates and establishing two additional hunt periods to meet hunter demand. Minor editorial changes are proposed to improve clarity and consistency of the regulations. Specifically, the amendment updates the year to 2004 and makes other minor changes to reduce redundancy.

Based on constructive public input, regulatory language in the Initial Statement of Reasons was changed to establish an earlier season for the Owens Valley Tule Elk fund-raising hunt. This hunt will begin on the last Saturday in July and continue for 30 consecutive days. An earlier season will improve hunter satisfaction by allowing bulls to be taken when the condition of their antlers is optimal.

Section 364, Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

364. Elk.

(a) Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: In that portion of Siskiyou County beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 5 with the California-Oregon state line; east along the state line to ~~Highway 97; southwest along Highway 97 to Siskiyou County Road A-12; west along Road A-12 to Interstate 5; north along Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.~~Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; south along Hill Road to Lava Beds National Monument Road; south along Lava Beds National Monument Road to USDA Forest Service Road 49; south along USDA Forest Service Road 49 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; west along USDA Forest Service Road 77 to

USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); south along USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); southwest along USDA Forest Service Road 13 to Highway 89; northwest along Highway 89 to Interstate Highway 5; north along Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(2) Season: The season shall open on Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of License Tags: ~~25~~15 either-sex tags and 15 antlerless tags.

(b) Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those portions of Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, and Shasta counties within a line beginning in Siskiyou County at the junction of ~~Highway 97 and~~ the California-Oregon state line and Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; east along the California-Oregon state line to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to the Tuledad-Red Rock-Clarks Valley Road (Lassen County Roads 506, 512 and 510); west along the Tuledad-Red Rock-Clarks Valley Road to Highway 395 at Madeline; west on USDA Forest Service Road 39N08 to Adin; west on Highway 299 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to ~~Siskiyou County Road A-12; east along Siskiyou County Road A-12 to Highway 97; north on Highway 97 to the point of beginning.~~Highway 89; southeast along Highway 89 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); northeast along USDA Forest Service Road 13 to USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); north along USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; east along USDA Forest Service Road 77 to USDA Forest Service Road 49; north along USDA Forest Service Road 49 to Lava Beds National Monument Road; north along Lava Beds National Monument Road to Hill Road; north along Hill Road to the point of beginning.

(2) Season:

(A) The General Season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the third Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(B) The Archery Only Season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of License Tags:

(A) General Season: 10 either-sex tags.

(B) Archery Only Season: ~~7~~5 either-sex tags.

(5) Special Conditions: Elk may be taken during the Northeastern California Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt, Archery Only Season, with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.

(c) Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those portions of Del Norte County owned or leased by the Simpson ~~Timber~~Resource Company within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and the California-Oregon state line; south along Highway 101 to North Bank Road; southeast along North Bank Road to High Divide Road; northeast along High Divide Road to North Fork Smith River/Wimer Road; north along North Fork Smith River/Wimer Road to the California Oregon state line; west along the California-Oregon state line to the point of beginning.

(2) Season: The season shall open on the last Wednesday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of License Tags: 10 bull tags and 5 antlerless tags.

(5) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(d) Marble Mountains Roosevelt Elk Hunt

(1) Area: In those portions of Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta and Siskiyou counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 5 and the California-Oregon state line; west along the state line to the Del Norte County line; south along the Del Norte County line to the intersection of the Siskiyou-Humboldt county lines; east along the Siskiyou-Humboldt county lines to Highway 96; south along Highway 96 to Highway 299; east along Highway 299 to Interstate Highway 5; north on Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(2) Season: The season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of License Tags: 40 either-sex tags.

(e) Klamath Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those portions of Humboldt and Del Norte counties owned or leased by the Simpson ~~Timber~~Resource Company~~, Arcata,~~ within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and the Klamath River; south on Highway 101 to South Klamath Beach Road; west on South Klamath Beach Road to the Redwood National Park boundary; southwest and south along the Redwood National Park boundary to Highway 101; south on Highway 101 to the Redwood National Park boundary; southeast along the Redwood National Park boundary to the Bald Hills Road; southeast along the Bald Hills Road to the Klamath River; northwest along the Klamath River to the point of beginning.

(2) Season: The season shall open on the first Wednesday in September and continue for 10 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of License Tags: ~~15~~10 bull tags and ~~15~~10 antlerless tags.

(5) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(f) Big Lagoon Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: In that portion of Humboldt County owned or leased by the Simpson Timber Company~~, Arcata,~~ and the Simpson Resource Company within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and Hiltons Road; south on Hiltons Road to the western ~~the Crannell Road and the A-Line Road; north on the A-Line Road to the intersection with the A-10 Road; north on the A-10 Road along the western boundary of the Simpson Timber Company property line; north along the Simpson Timber Company property line to the~~ boundary ~~with~~of Redwood National Park; south and east along the western boundary of Redwood National Park to ~~the M-Line Road;~~ its southern tip; north and east along the eastern boundary of Redwood National Park to Redwood Creek; south along Redwood Creek to Highway 299; west along Highway 299 to ~~Fieldbrook Road; north along Fieldbrook Road to the intersection with Railroad Grade North; north on Railroad Grade North to the intersection with the M-Line Road; west along the M-Line Road to the intersection with the A-Line road to point of beginning.~~Highway 101; north along Highway 101 to the point of beginning.

(2) Season: The season shall open the last Wednesday in August and continue for 10 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of License Tags: 12 bull tags and 13 antlerless tags.

(5) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(g) Owens Valley Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area:

(A) Bishop Zone: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 6 in the town of Bishop; north and east along Highway 6 to the junction of Silver Canyon Road; east along Silver Canyon Road to the White Mountain Road (Forest Service Road 4S01); south along the White Mountain Road to Highway 168 at Westgard Pass; south and west along Highway 168 to the junction of Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(B) Lone Pine Zone: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Mazourka Canyon Road; east and then north on Mazourka Canyon Road to the Inyo National Forest Boundary at the junction of the southern boundary of Township 12S and the northern boundary of Township 13S; east along the southern boundary of Township 12S to Saline Valley Road; south on Saline Valley Road to Highway 190; north and then southwest on Highway 190 to the junction of Highway 395 at Olancha; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(C) Independence Zone: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Aberdeen Station Road; east on Aberdeen Station Road to its terminus at the southern boundary of Section 5, Township 11S, Range 35E; east along the southern boundary of sections 5, 4, 3, and 2, Township 11S, Range 35E to the Papoose Flat Road at Papoose Flat; south and east on Papoose Flat

Road to Mazourka Canyon Road; south and then west on Mazourka Canyon Road to Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(D) Tinemaha Zone: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 168 in the town of Big Pine; north and east along Highway 168 to the junction of the Death Valley Road; south and east along the Death Valley Road to the junction of the Papoose Flat Road; south along the Papoose Flat Road to the southern boundary of Section 2, Township 11S, Range 35E; west along the southern boundaries of sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 to the terminus of the Aberdeen Station Road in Section 5, Township 11S, Range 35E; south and west along the Aberdeen Station Road to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(E) West Tinemaha Zone: In that portion of Inyo County beginning at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 168 in the town of Big Pine; south along Highway 395 to Taboose Creek in Section 14, Township 11S, Range 34E; west along Taboose Creek to the Inyo County line; north and west along the Inyo County line to the southeast corner of Section 23, Township 10S, Range 32E; north along the eastern boundaries of sections 23, 14, 11, 2, Township 10S, Range 32E, and the eastern boundary of Section 35, Township 9S, Range 32E to Glacier Lodge Road; east along Glacier Lodge Road to Crocker Avenue; east along Crocker Avenue to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(~~E~~F) The Owens Valley fund-raising license tag shall be valid in any zone described in subsections 364(g)(1)(A), (B), (C),~~and~~ (D) and (E).

(~~F~~G) The Owens Valley archery only license tags shall be valid in any zone described in subsections 364(g)(1)(A), (B), (C),~~and~~ (D) and (E).

(H) The Tinemaha and West Tinemaha Archery Only license tags shall be valid in both the Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones described in subsections 364(g)(1)(D) and (E).

(2) Seasons:

(A) For Period One, the season for the Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, ~~and~~ Tinemaha, and West Tinemaha zones shall open on the first Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.

(B) For Period Two, the season for the Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, ~~and~~ Tinemaha, and West Tinemaha zones shall open on the third Saturday in November and extend for 9 consecutive days.

(C) For Period Three, the season for the Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, ~~and~~ Tinemaha, and West Tinemaha zones shall open on the first Saturday in December and extend for 9 consecutive days.

(D) The Owens Valley Archery Only Season ~~for the Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, Tinemaha, zones~~ shall open on the second Saturday in August and extend for 9 consecutive days.

(E) Fund-raising Hunt: The Owens Valley Fund-raising Hunt shall open on the last Saturday in ~~October~~July and extend for 30 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of Tags:

(A) Period One: Bishop Zone - 1 bull tag. Lone Pine Zone - 2 bull tags and 4 antlerless tags. Independence Zone - 1 bull tag. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones~~Zone~~ - 2 bull tags and 2 antlerless tags.

(B) Period Two: Lone Pine Zone - 2 bull tags and 4 antlerless tags. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones – 2 bull tags and 2 antlerless tags.

(C) Period Three: Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones~~Zone~~ - 2 bull tags and 2 antlerless ~~0~~ tags.

(D) Archery Only Season: ~~7~~5 either-sex tags.

(E) Fund-raising Hunt: 1 bull tag.

(5) Special Conditions:

(A) All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(B) Elk may be taken during the Owens Valley Tule Elk Hunt, Archery Only Season with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.

(C) Elk may be taken within the Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones using Archery Equipment only, as specified in Section 354.

(h) Cache Creek Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those portions of Lake, Colusa and Yolo counties within the following line: beginning at the junction of Highway 20 and Highway 16; south on Highway 16 to Reiff-Rayhouse Road; west on Reiff-Rayhouse Road to Morgan Valley Road; west on Morgan Valley Road to Highway 53; north on Highway

53 to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the fork of Cache Creek; north on the north fork of Cache Creek to Indian Valley Reservoir; east on the south shore of Indian Valley Reservoir to Walker Ridge-Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road; east on Walker Ridge-Indian Valley Reservoir Access Road to Walker Ridge Road; south on Walker Ridge Road to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the point of beginning.

(2) Season:

(A) The season for bull elk shall open on the second Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.

(B) The season for antlerless elk shall open on the third Saturday in October and continue for 16 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of Tags: 2 bull tags and 2 antlerless tags.

(5) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(i) Grizzly Island Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those lands owned and managed by the department as the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area.

(2) Seasons:

(A) For Period One, the season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the second Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the second Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(B) For Period Two, the season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the third Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the third Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(C) For Period Three, the season for antlerless elk shall open on the Tuesday after the fourth Saturday in August and continue for 4 consecutive days, whereas the season for bulls and spike bulls shall open on the Thursday after the first Monday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(D) For Period Four, the season for antlerless elk shall open on the second Tuesday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(E) For Period Five, the season for antlerless elk shall open on the third Tuesday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(F) The season for the Fund-raising Hunt shall open on the first Saturday in August and continue for 30 consecutive days, with advance reservations required by contacting the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area by telephone at (707) 425-3828.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of Tags:

(A) Period One: 3 spike bull tags, and 6 antlerless tags.

(B) Period Two: 1 bull tag, 3 spike bull tags, and 6 antlerless tags.

(C) Period Three: 1 bull tag, 2 spike bull tags, and 6 antlerless tags.

(D) Period Four: 5 antlerless tags.

(E) Period Five: 5 antlerless tags.

(F) Fund-raising Hunt: 2 bull tags.

(5) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(j) La Panza Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: In those portions of San Luis Obispo, Kern, Monterey, Kings, Fresno and Santa Barbara counties within a line beginning in Monterey County at the junction of Highway 101 and ~~Highway 58 in San Luis Obispo County; south on Highway 101 to Highway 166; east on Highway 166 to Highway 33 at Maricopa in Kern County; north on Highway 33 to Highway 58; west on Highway 58~~Highway 198; south along Highway 101 to Highway 166 in San Luis Obispo County; east along Highway 166 to Highway 33 at Maricopa in Kern County; north and west along Highway 33 to Highway 198 at Coalinga in Fresno County; west on Highway 198 to the point of beginning.

(2) Seasons:

(A) For Period One the season shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 23 consecutive days.

(B) For Period Two the season shall open on the second Saturday in November and extend for 23 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of Tags:

(A) Period One: 6 bull tags and 6 antlerless tags.

(B) Period Two: 6 bull tags and 6 antlerless tags.

(5) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(k) Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.

(2) Seasons: Due to military operations, season dates for the following periods are subject to further restriction, or may be rescheduled between November 1 and December 31 by the Commanding Officer. (A) For Period One, the season shall open on the ~~second Saturday~~fourth Wednesday in November and continue for 5 consecutive days.

(B) For Period Two, the season shall open on the ~~first~~Wednesday after the second Saturday in December and continue for 5 consecutive days.

(C) For Period Three, the season shall open on the last Wednesday in December and continue for 5 consecutive days.

(D) The Archery Only Season shall be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and the Labor Day Holiday, beginning September 1 and until September 30.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per person.

(4) Number of Tags:

(A) Period One: ~~20~~16 antlerless tags (~~10~~8 military and ~~10~~8 general public).

(B) Period Two: 14 ~~bull~~antlerless tags (7 military and 7 general public).

(C) Period Three: 14 bull tags (7 military and 7 general public).

(D) Archery Only Season: 6 either-sex tags and 10 antlerless tags (3 either-sex tags military, 3 either-sex tags general public, 5 antlerless tags military and 5 antlerless tags general public).

(5) Special Conditions:

(A) All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(B) Tagholders shall be required to purchase an annual hunting pass available from Fort Hunter Liggett.

(C) Season dates and hunt areas are subject to restriction by the Commanding Officer of Fort Hunter Liggett based on military training.

(D) Elk may be taken during the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt, Archery Only Season, with Archery Equipment only as specified in Section 354.

(l) East Park Reservoir Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: in those portions of Glenn and Colusa counties within a line beginning in Glenn County at the junction of Interstate Highway 5 and Highway 162 at Willows; west along Highway 162 (Highway 162 becomes Alder Springs Road) to the Glenn-Mendocino County line; south along the Glenn-Mendocino County line to the Glenn-Lake County line; east and then south along the Glenn-Lake County line to the Colusa-Lake County line; west, and then southeast along the Colusa-Lake County line to Goat Mountain Road; north and east along Goat Mountain Road to the Lodoga-Stonyford Road; east along the Lodoga-Stonyford Road to the Sites-Lodoga Road at Lodoga; east along the Sites-Lodoga Road to the Maxwell-Sites Road at Sites; east along the Maxwell-Sites Road to Interstate Highway 5 at Maxwell; north along Interstate Highway 5 to the point of beginning.

(2) Seasons:

(A) For Period One, the season shall open on the second Monday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(B) For Period Two, the season shall open on the third Monday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(C) For Period Three, the season shall open on the fourth Monday in September and continue for 4 consecutive days.

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.

(4) Number of Tags:

(A) Period One: 1 bull tag.

(B) Period Two: 1 bull tag.

(C) Period Three: 2 antlerless tags.

(5) Special Conditions:

(A) All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(B) Access to private land may be restricted or require payment of an access fee.

(C) A Colusa County ordinance prohibits firearms on land administered by the USDI Bureau of Reclamation in the vicinity of East Park Reservoir. A variance has been requested to allow use of muzzleloaders (as defined in Section 353) on Bureau of Reclamation land within the hunt zone.

(~~l~~m) Definitions:

(1) Bull elk: Any elk with at least one antler which is exposed and visible above the hair line.

(2) Spike bull: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base.

(3) Antlerless elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, lacking antlers which are exposed above the hair line.

(4) Either-sex elk: For the purposes of these regulations, either-sex is defined as bull elk, as described in Section 364(~~l~~m)(1), or antlerless elk as, described in Section 364(~~l~~m)(3).

(~~m~~n) Method of Take: Only methods for taking elk as defined in sections 353 and 354 may be used.

(~~n~~o) Tagholder Responsibilities:

(1) No tagholder shall take or possess any elk or parts thereof governed by the regulations except herein provided.

(2) The department reserves the right to use any part of the tagholder's elk for biological analysis as long as the amount of edible meat is not appreciably decreased.

(3) Any person taking an elk which has a collar or other marking device attached to it shall provide the department with such marking device within 10 days of taking the elk.

(~~o~~p) The use of dogs to take or attempt to take elk is prohibited.

NOTE Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 332, 1050 and 1572, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 203, 203.1, 332, 713, 1050, 1570-1572, and 3951, Fish and Game Code.

11. 365. Bear.

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Amend Section 365 Title 14, CCR, Re: Bear

The existing regulations of subsection 365 (a)(5)(a-e), Title 14, California Code of Regulations) provide bear hunting areas, seasons, bag and possession limits, number of permits and special conditions, if any exist, for the Southeastern Sierra zone. Currently, according to Section 365(5) of the Fish and Game Code, bear hunting in the Southeastern Sierra zone is not allowed east of Highway 395. Hunters have expressed an interest in having the area east of Highway 395 in Mono county deer zones X-12 and X-9a added to the Southeastern Sierra bear hunt zone. In an effort to meet this specific demand for increased opportunity and expanded hunting area access, while assuring that bear harvest levels meet approved bear harvest objectives, the proposal incorporates these areas into the Southeastern Sierra area zone description.

The Department conducted a mail-in survey of deer hunters in zones X-12 and X-9a during the 2002 season. Within these two zones, hunters reported observing 159 individual adult bear, 30 individual bear cubs, and 18 reports of sign west of Highway 395. In comparison, to the east of Highway 395, hunter observations included 93 individual adult bear, 28 individual bear cubs, and 75 reports of bear sign. Although these do not reflect actual numbers of bears in the two areas,

they do indicate that bear populations on the east and west side of Highway 395 are quite similar in terms of relative abundance.

§365. Bear.
Except as provided in Section 366, bear may be taken only as follows: (Note: See subsection 265(c)(1) for restrictions on the use of dogs.)
(a) Areas:
(1) Northern California: In the counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity; and those portions of Lassen and Modoc counties west of the following line: Beginning at Highway 395 and the Sierra-Lassen county line; north on Highway 395 to the junction of Highway 36; west on Highway 36 to the junction of Highway 139; north on Highway 139 to Highway 299; north on Highway 299 to County Road 87; west on County Road 87 to Lookout-Hackamore Road; north on Lookout-Hackamore Road to Highway 139; north on Highway 139 to the Modoc-Siskiyou county line; north on the Modoc-Siskiyou county line to the Oregon border.
(2) Central California: In the counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Mendocino, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba and those portions of Napa and Sonoma counties northeast of Highway 128.
(3) Southern Sierra: That portion of Kern County west of Highway 14 and east of the following line: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 99 and the Kern-Tulare county line; south on Highway 99 to Highway 166; west and south on Highway 166 to the Kern-Santa Barbara county line; and those portions of Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tuolumne counties east of Highway 99.
(4) Southern California: In the counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura; that portion of Riverside County north of Interstate 10 and west of Highway 62; and that portion of San Bernardino County south and west of the following line: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 18 and the Los Angeles-San Bernardino county line; east along Highway 18 to Highway 247; southeast on Highway 247 to Highway 62; southwest along Highway 62 to the Riverside-San Bernardino county line.
(5) Southeastern Sierra: Those portions of Inyo and Mono counties west of Highway 395; and that portion of Madera County within the following line: Beginning at the junction of the Fresno-Madera-Mono county lines; north and west along the Madera-Mono county line to the boundary of the Inyo-Sierra National Forest; south along the Inyo-Sierra National Forest boundary to the Fresno-Madera county line; north and east on the Fresno-Madera county line to the point of beginning. Also, that portion of Inyo county west of Highway 395; and that portion of Mono county beginning at the intersection of Highway 6 and the Mono county line; north along Highway 6 to the Nevada state line; north along the Nevada state line to the Alpine county line; south along the Mono-Alpine county line to the Mono-Tuolumne county line and the Inyo National Forest Boundary; south along the Inyo National Forest Boundary to the Inyo-Sierra Forest boundary; south along the Inyo-Sierra Forest boundary to the Fresno-Madera county line; north and east along the Fresno-Madera county line to the junction of the Fresno-Madera-Mono county line; south along the Mono-Fresno county line to the Mono-Inyo County line; east along the Mono-Inyo county line to the point of beginning.
(b) Seasons: Except in the deer hunt areas designated as zones X-1 through X-7b in subsection 360(b), the bear season shall open on the opening day of the general deer season as described in subsections 360(a) and (b) and extend until the last Sunday in December in the areas described in subsections 365(a)(1), (2), (3) (4) and (5) above. In those areas designated as deer hunting zones X-1 through X-7b, the bear season shall open on the second Saturday in October and extend for 79 consecutive days. The bear season shall be closed when the department determines that 1,700 bears have been taken pursuant to the reporting requirement in section 708(e). The department shall notify the commission, the public via the news media and bear tag holders via the U.S. mail and the news media when implementing this closure.
(c) Bag and Possession Limit: One adult bear per season. Cubs and females accompanied by cubs may not be taken. (Cubs are defined as bears less than one year of age or bears weighing less than 50 pounds.)
(d) No open season for bear in the balance of the state not included in subsection (a) above.

(e) Bait: No feed, bait or other materials capable of attracting a bear shall be placed or used for the purpose of taking or pursuing a bear. No bear shall be taken over such bait. No person may take a bear within a 400-yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.
NOTE Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, and 203, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, and 207, Fish and Game Code.

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Amend Sections 465, 465.5, 467, 475 and 478; and
Add Sections 458.1, 459, 459.1, 459.2, 465.6 and 468,
Title 14, CCR, Re: Trapping Furbearers and Nongame Mammals

Proposed changes to the Department of Fish and Game recommendation to amend sections 465, 465.5, 467, 475, and 478; and to add sections 458.1, 459, 459.1, 459.2, 465.6 and 468, Title 14, CCR has been withdrawn at the request of the Department. At the February 6, 2004 meeting of the Commission, the Department submitted an Initial Statement of Reasons for trapping regulations. All of these amendments and additions were submitted to allow compliance with Senate Bill 1645, passed in 2002, which required individuals for hire, trapping nuisance wildlife, to obtain a trapping license issued by the Department. During the effort to incorporate suggestions from interested parties with diverse opinions, it has become obvious that there are a number of technical legal questions that must be answered before we can proceed with regulatory changes involving trapping. We are removing these sections from any consideration for change under this rulemaking. The Department of Fish and Game will continue to work with their legal staff, and request to go to notice for changes to the trapping regulations at the Commission's June 25, 2004 meeting.

12. 601. Enhancement and Management of Fish and Wildlife and their Habitat on Private Lands.

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Amend Section 601, Title 14, CCR,
Re: Enhancement and Management of Fish and Wildlife and their Habitat on Private Lands

Existing regulation in subsection 601(b)(1) describes the application procedure and required elements for an Initial Application. Procedures and required elements for 5 Year Renewal and Annual Renewal Applications are not identified. Additionally, species-specific Department policies regarding the operation of Private Land Management (PLM)'s are not identified on the existing application forms. The proposed regulatory action identifies each application form with an approved Department form number. Each application form identifies procedures and required elements to process the application as well as applicable species-specific Department policies for PLM operations.

Existing regulation in subsection 601 (a)(6) requires full payment of tag/seal fees by March 1. Renewal applicants that do not meet this requirement are placed on COD status, requiring payment of fees for tags/seals at time of delivery. Cash on Delivery (COD) [License Agent] account require additional staff time to monitor and maintain. The proposed regulatory action establishes a 10% late payment fee if tags are not paid for by the March 1 date. Late payment fees will be used to defray Department costs associated with establishing and maintaining COD accounts.

This proposed amendment also includes minor editorial changes to correct errors, improve clarity, and reduce redundancy. Specifically, subsection 601(a) is modified to identify the Fish and Game Commission as the licensing authority for PLM areas, not the department as currently described. Subsection 601(b)(4) is modified to reflect that an application fee is for the purpose of reviewing management plans prior to department approval, and that payment of the fee does not

constitute acceptance into the program.

Section 601, Title 14, CCR is amended to read as follows:

§601. Enhancement and Management of Fish and Wildlife and their Habitat on Private Lands.
(a) Definition and Scope: A Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area, (Herein after referred to as a Private Wildlife Management Area) is an area of private lands for which the landowner or their designee has completed and implemented a wildlife habitat enhancement and management plan that actively encourages the propagation, conservation and wise use of the fish and wildlife populations on their land. Such areas shall be licensed annually by the ~~department~~ Fish and Game Commission.
(b) Application Process:
(1) Application Form and Management Plan: The applicant for a license to operate a Private Wildlife Management Area shall submit ~~a~~ the appropriate completed application form (Initial – FG WPB 538, Annual Renewal – FG WPB 539, 5-Year Renewal – FG WPB 537), and any accompanying additional documentation to the Department of Fish and Game, at the appropriate regional office as listed on the application form. ~~The~~ An Initial applicant shall include three copies of a general management plan containing at least the following information:
(A) A legal description of the land to be included in the Private Wildlife Management Area. Four original USGS quadrangle maps or equivalent maps showing the boundaries of the Private Wildlife Management Area, access roads, any public lands within and/or adjacent to the Private Wildlife Management Area and all structures and facilities, shall be submitted with the original application;
(B) An estimate of the wildlife and habitats present within the Private Wildlife Management Area, including an indication of animal distribution and habitat condition based on the California Wildlife Habitat Relationships Database System;
(C) A statement of management objectives;
(D) A detailed description of proposed management actions that are intended to achieve the management objectives;
(E) The county General Plan land use designation for the Private Wildlife Management Area.
(2) Applicants shall be individuals or corporate landowners or their designee.
(3) Applications submitted by person(s) other than the landowner shall be approved and signed by the landowner(s).
(4) License Fees: A nonrefundable fee for the purposes of management plan review by the department shall be submitted with the application for a revocable Private Wildlife Management Area license. The fee will be based on the size of the Area as follows:

(A)	$1,250	less than 5000 acres
(B)	$1,800	5,001 to 10,000 acres
(C)	$2,100	10,001 to 15,000 acres
(D)	$2,400	greater than 15,001 acres

This application fee is established pursuant to Section 3402(b) of the Fish and Game Code. Payment of the application fee does not constitute acceptance into the program. The Private Wildlife Management Area license shall be valid for five years during the period from July 1 through June 30, and subject to annual review and renewal by the Commission. The application fee covers the initial five-year license period. A fee shall be submitted, based on the size of the area, with the license renewal application at the beginning of each subsequent five year period. This license shall be in place of any other license that may be required of private landowners by the Fish and Game Code or regulations made pursuant thereto. This section shall not, however, be construed to exempt anyone from any requirement pertaining to hunting and sport fishing licenses and stamps.
The department will screen each application for compliance with these regulations. Applications that do not provide the information required, will be rejected and returned to the applicant. Any individual whose application has been rejected by the department may appeal that decision to the Commission. Applications accepted by the department will be forwarded for Commission review and approval.

(5) Issuance of Area License: Upon approval of the general management plan, the department, with approval of the Commission, shall issue a license for the taking of any fish, game bird or mammal in said Private Wildlife Management Area pursuant to the regulations of the Commission and the terms and conditions of the permit, which may supersede Fish and Game Code Section 331(a) and (b) as it pertains to resident hunters and license tag fees for antelope, Section 332(b) and (c) as it pertains to resident hunters and license tag fees for elk, and sections 457-459, related to anterless and either sex deer.
(A) During the initial license year, the take of antelope or elk, will not be authorized, nor shall deer be taken except during the general open season, consistent with the bag and possession limits for the deer hunting zone in which the Area is located, unless otherwise stipulated by the Fish and Game Commission. This provision does not apply to renewed licenses provided that the Private Wildlife Management Area has been continuously licensed in the Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Program. Upon satisfactory completion of the first year management actions identified in the plan for the Private Wildlife Management Area, the Commission may authorize seasons and bag limits which differ from those established for the general seasons. Hunting must be consistent with the management plans prepared for that area or herd and should not result in an overall negative effect on the species population or herd being hunted as determined by the department.
(6) Annual Review: Annual renewal applications must be submitted to the department no later than March 1. The annual renewal application shall contain a summary of habitat enhancement and management activities, harvest, and full payment of fees for the preceding year. The department shall review each plan to determine that the licensee has fulfilled the obligations as prescribed in the management plan. The annual review shall evaluate the following:
(A) Results of activities carried out during the preceding year, including habitat improvement, wildlife production and population levels, hunter use and harvest of wildlife, including an accurate account of all hunting permits, seals and big game tags;
(B) Recommended changes in the general management plan.
(c) Tags and Seals:
(1) Possession of Tags and Seals: Every person hunting on a Private Wildlife Management Area shall have in their immediate possession a valid California hunting license and the appropriate tag or seal issued by a licensee or their authorized agent. Tags shall be filled out by hunters before hunting. The tags or seals shall permit hunting for the period specified, or until revoked by the licensee or the department. Hunting permittees shall only take or possess those species and number of each species as specified by their hunting tags or seals as approved in the management plan. This does not apply to species not included in the management plan which may only be taken in accordance with the provisions of Part 2, Chapters 1-7, and 9 of these regulations and sections 4331 and 4332 of the Fish and Game Code. Hunting permittees while on the Private Wildlife Management Area shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the license.
(2) Tag and Seal Procedures:
(A) The department shall furnish each licensee with the appropriate tags or seals required by each management plan. With landowner approval and payment of the additional tag or seal fees, tags or seals issued by the licensee may be exchanged for a tag or seal for the same species for use on any other licensed Private Wildlife Management Area for the take of the same species.
(B) Any deer hunter who has been issued a deer tag or deer tag application by the department and wishes to hunt on a Private Wildlife Management Area shall exchange an unfilled public tag(s) or tag application(s) of the current license year for a Private Wildlife Management Area deer tag(s). These tags can only be used on a Private Wildlife Management Area. In no event shall any hunting permittee take more than two deer each year anywhere in California on either public or private lands. No person shall take more than one buck deer in the X-zones, as defined in Section 360(b), Title 14, CCR.
(C) Any pronghorn antelope hunter who has been issued a buck pronghorn antelope tag by the department and wishes to hunt on a Private Wildlife Management Area within the zone specified on the tag shall exchange an unfilled public buck pronghorn antelope tag of the current license year for a Private Wildlife Management Area buck pronghorn antelope tag. Any pronghorn antelope hunter who has been issued a doe pronghorn antelope tag by the department and wishes to hunt on a Private Wildlife Management Area within the zone specified on the tag shall exchange an unfilled public doe pronghorn antelope tag of the current license year for a Private Wildlife Management Area doe pronghorn antelope tag. In no case shall an exchange occur to allow pronghorn antelope hunting outside the geographic zone

or prescribed dates of the original tag, as contained in Section 363, Title 14. No hunter shall exchange a Private Wildlife Management Area pronghorn antelope tag for a public tag.
(D) Immediately upon killing any animal under the authority of the tag issued to them by the licensee, the hunter shall completely fill out the tag and attach it to the antler or horn of the male animal or to the ear of the female animal. Prior to transporting the carcass from the Private Wildlife Management Area, the hunter shall surrender the report card portion of the tag to the licensee or their designee. The hunter shall have the license tag validated pursuant to the provisions of Section 4341 of the Fish and Game Code and Section 708(a)(8), Title 14, CCR. The completed report card portion of the deer tag or any other species tag shall be returned to the department by the licensee on or before January 1. The license tag shall remain with the animal pursuant to sections 708(a)(3), 708(c)(4), 708(d)(4), Title 14, CCR.
(3) Tag and Seal Fees: The licensee shall pay the department the following fees for each tag and seal authorized annually:

(A) Buck Deer tag	$48
(B) Antlerless Deer tag	$48
(C) Either-sex Deer tag	$48
(D) Pig tag	$42
(E) Bear tag	$42
(F) Bull Elk tag	$420
(G) Antlerless Elk tag	$300
(H) Buck Antelope tag	$150
(I) Doe Antelope tag	$90
(J) Turkey tag	$18
(K) Upland Game seals	$00.90

(d) Operation of a Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area:
(1) Posting: Private Wildlife Management Areas shall be posted by the licensee by placing signs which have been approved by the department and that forbid trespass. Signs shall be placed at intervals not less than three to the mile along exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering such lands. Where the area is bounded by land open to public hunting, posting shall be required with signs posted at intervals not less than eight to the mile. These signs shall identify both ingress to the Area and egress from the Area. Posting shall be completed no later than fourteen days prior to hunting within either the Area or adjacent public deer hunting zone, and maintained for the life of the license. Posting shall ensure that all boundaries are clearly marked and that no public access roads or areas appear to be closed.
(2) Records: The licensee shall maintain accurate records of all tags and seals and make such records available to the department upon request. The licensee shall provide the department with the location of where records will be kept and available for inspection. An accurate accounting of all hunting tags and seals authorized shall be submitted to the Licenses and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street in Sacramento, CA 95816, by March 1 of each year. Such accounting shall include the actual exchanged tags or applications provided by the individual hunters on each area. Each licensee shall pay for all the previous year's authorized tags and seals by March 1. In the event a licensee fails to remit all fees by March 1, the department may require full payment of all tags and seals prior to the next license year. <u>Tag and seal fees which have not been paid in full by March 1 will be subject to a 10% late payment fee. All fees must be paid in full before the department forwards any renewal application to the Commission for consideration and approval.</u>
(e) Revocation of Licenses, Tags, and Seals:
(1) License: A Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area license may be suspended temporarily by the Director, upon their verification of the facts, for a breach or violation of the terms of the license by the holder thereof, or by any person acting under their direction or control or in cooperation with them. The Commission shall be notified of any such suspension and subsequently may revoke or reinstate the license or fix the period of suspension after written notice and a hearing at the next scheduled Commission meeting has been provided to the licensee by the Commission. Any licensee convicted of a violation of the Fish and Game Code or regulations made pursuant thereto or a violation of the terms and conditions of their license must appear before the Commission prior to the issuance of a new license.

(2) Tags and Seals: The licensee, their designee, or any employee of the department may revoke a Private Wildlife Management Area hunting tag or tags, seal or seals for a violation of any Fish and Game law or regulation or the terms and conditions of the Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Area license.
(f) Termination of License: a licensee may elect to terminate involvement with the Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement and Management Program only after giving the Commission and the department ten days notice of their intent to withdraw. The licensee must submit a certified letter of intent to the Fish and Game commission and the nearest regional office of the Department of Fish and Game along with a full accounting of all tags and seals used, exchange tags received, and all fees due the department. Prior to the department receiving this notice and full accounting with fees due, the licensee must abide by the terms and conditions of the license issued pursuant to Section 3402 of the Fish and Game Code.
(g) No person shall violate any of the provisions of this section or any license issued pursuant thereto. Failure to comply therewith may result in:
(1) denial of application
(2) revocation of license and/or tags and seals
(3) citation under the provisions of the Fish and Game Code.
NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 3402, 3404 and 3406, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 3400-3404, 3406-3409, 4331-4332 and 4341, Fish and Game Code.

13. 708. Big Game License Tag, Application, Distribution and Reporting Procedures.

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Amend Section 708, Title 14, CCR,
Re: Big Game License Tag, Application, Distribution and Reporting Procedures

Existing regulations reference the 2003/2004 hunting license year and include outdated revision dates on hunting application forms for deer, Nelson bighorn sheep, antelope, elk and bear. Leaving these outdated references will create an inconsistency between the actual forms and regulatory language. The proposed changes would update references to the application forms in order to reflect the new license year and form revision dates, thereby eliminating any confusion.

Existing regulations provide for the purchase of resident wild pig license tags in packets of five (5) tags. Recent changes in Fish and Game Code Section 4654 specify that resident wild pig license tags shall be sold individually. Leaving the reference to “packets of five” tags will create an inconsistency between regulatory language and Fish and Game Code and may lead to confusion. The proposed change would eliminate references to resident wild pig license tags being available in “packets of five” and specify that resident wild pig license tags are available individually, thereby eliminating any confusion.

Existing regulations provide fees for various big game applications and tags including: deer tag exchange fees; and application and tag fees for bighorn sheep, antelope and elk. Pursuant to Section 713, Fish and Game Code, these fees are adjusted annually based on a calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The proposed changes would revise fees listed in Section 708 for consistency with Section 713 adjustments.

Existing regulations provide specific mailing addresses for submitting big game applications. The proposed change deletes all references to these addresses and specifies a mailing address directly on the application.
Section 708, Title 14, CCR is amended as follows:

§708. Big Game License Tag, Application, Distribution and Reporting Procedures.
(a) Deer License Tag Procedures and Requirements
(1) Deer License Tags.
No person shall hunt deer without a valid deer license tag in possession for that particular area as defined in sections 360 and 361. Deer shall be tagged only with a valid deer license tag for the area (as

defined in sections 360 and 361) in which the deer is killed. Except as otherwise provided in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall take more than two deer during any license year.

(2) Deer License Tag Application and Distribution Procedures.

(A) Distribution of License Tags:

1. Premium deer hunt tags for X zones, additional hunts, and area-specific archery hunts shall be distributed by drawing, as described in subsection 708(g)(1) and (2), unless otherwise authorized. Applicants shall submit their deer tag application to the Department of Fish and Game~~. License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, California 95816 (Or by mail to PO Box 949035, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9035)~~. at the address specified on the application. Applications must be received by the department by 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after June 1. Successful applicants will be selected by drawing within 10 calendar days following the application deadline date. If the drawing is delayed due to circumstances beyond the department's control, the department shall conduct the drawing at the earliest date possible. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified by mail.

2. Except as noted in subsection 708(a)(2)(E) below, deer tags for A, B, C, and D zones and leftover drawing tags shall be issued upon request until each tag quota fills. If, on any given day, the number of applications received for any zone or hunt exceeds the number of available tags, the department may conduct a drawing for that zone or hunt.

(B) Application Forms: Except for permits and deer tags issued pursuant to sections 4181.5, 4188, and 4334 of the Fish and Game Code, application forms for deer tags (~~2003/2004~~2004/2005 CALIFORNIA RESIDENT ONE-DEER TAG APPLICATION, LRB 1371A, rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004; ~~2003/2004~~2004/2005 CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT ONE-DEER TAG APPLICATION, LRB 1371B, rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004; ~~2003/2004~~2004/2005 CALIFORNIA RESIDENT SECOND-DEER TAG APPLICATION, LRB 1371C, rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004; ~~2003/2004~~2004/2005 CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT SECOND-DEER TAG APPLICATION, LRB 1371D, rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004, incorporated by reference herein) shall be made available to the public at license agents and regular offices of the department.

(C) Application Procedures:

1. Applicants must be at least 12 years of age and possess a California resident or nonresident hunting license valid for the deer hunting season for which they are applying, except applicants for additional junior deer hunts, who must possess a California junior hunting license.

2. No more than six persons may apply together as a party. To be considered as a party, all applications must be stapled together with the party leader's application on top and mailed in one envelope. All party members' applications must show the same tag choices in the same order of preference, the total number of persons in the party, and the party leader's name and identification number. All party members shall be awarded tags according to the choices listed on the party leader's application. Party applications for premium deer hunts shall not be split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags. Party applications which exceed the number of available tags shall be bypassed until the quota is reached. Incorrect or incomplete party applications will be separated and awarded tags on an individual basis.

3. Incomplete, incorrect, or ineligible applications will be rejected.

(D) Application Fee: The department shall require that the specified fee for a deer tag be paid as a prerequisite to obtaining a deer tag application. In addition to the tag fee, the department shall also charge a nonrefundable $2.00 processing fee for each deer tag application.

(E) Application Restrictions:

1. One-Deer Tag Application:

a. A person may use a one-deer tag application to apply for any premium deer hunt tag (X zone, additional hunt, or area-specific archery hunt) issued by drawing as specified in subsection 708(a)(2)(A)1., above.

b. A person may use a one-deer tag application to apply for an A, B, C, or D zone tag or archery-only tag issued upon request.

c. A person may use a one-deer tag application to apply for any premium deer hunt tag (X zone, additional hunt, or area-specific archery hunt) remaining on the first business day after July 1. Applications must be submitted to the department's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento, except applications for area-specific archery hunt A-22, which may be submitted in person to the department's Los Alamitos or San Diego offices.

2. Second-Deer Tag Application:

a. A person may use a second-deer tag application to apply for an A or B zone tag or archery-only tag issued upon request.

b. A person may use a second-deer tag application to apply for any area-specific archery tag remaining on the first business day following July 1. Applications must be submitted to the License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento, except applications for area-specific archery hunt A-22, which may be submitted in person to the department's Los Alamitos or San Diego offices.

c. A person may use a second-deer tag application to apply for any C or D zone tag or additional hunt tag, except an additional junior hunt tag, remaining on the first business day following August 1. Applications may be submitted before that date to the License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento.

d. A person in possession of a valid junior hunting license, who has not used a one-deer tag application to apply for an additional junior hunt, may use a second-deer tag application to apply for an additional junior hunt tag issued by drawing as specified in subsection 708(a)(2)(A)1., and 708(g)(2)(A). A junior hunter may not submit more than one application for additional junior hunts.

e. No person shall submit more than one one-deer tag application and one second-deer tag application to the department during any one license year. Any person in violation of this subsection may be denied deer tags for the current and following license year.

(F) Deer Tag Exchange Fee: The department shall charge a nonrefundable ~~$6.25~~$6.50 processing fee for exchanging a deer tag for a different zone or hunt.

(3) Tagging Requirements:

Immediately upon killing a deer, both portions of the deer license tag must be completely filled out and the date of kill permanently marked on the deer license tag. The deer license tag must be attached to the antlers of an antlered deer or to the ear of any other deer and kept attached during the open season and for 15 days thereafter. Except as otherwise provided, possession of any untagged deer shall be a violation (refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4336).

(4) Tag Validation and Countersigning Requirements, and Transporting for the Purpose of:

Any person legally killing a deer in this state shall have the deer license tag validated and countersigned by a person authorized by the commission as described below in subsection 708(a)(8) before transporting such deer, except for the purpose of taking the deer to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where the deer was taken (refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4341).

(5) Deer Head Retention Requirements and Production Upon Demand:

Any person taking any deer in this state shall retain in their possession during the open season thereon and for 15 days thereafter, that portion of the head which in adult males normally bears the antlers, and shall produce the designated portion of the head upon the demand of any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of this regulation (refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4302).

(6) Deer Tag Reporting Requirements:

Every person to whom a deer tag is issued shall return the completed report card portion to the department within thirty days of taking a deer.

(7) Deer Violations, Tag Forfeiture:

Any person who is convicted of a violation involving deer shall forfeit their current year deer license tags and no new deer license tags may be issued to that person during the then current hunting license year, and that person may not apply for a deer tag for the following license year (refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4340).

(8) Deer and Elk Tags, Persons Authorized to Validate.

The following persons are authorized to validate or countersign deer and elk tags:

(A) State:

1. Fish and Game Commissioners
2. Employees of the Department of Fish and Game
3. Deputy Foresters
4. Assistant Deputy Foresters
5. Forest Rangers
6. Park Rangers--Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4
7. Supervising Plant Quarantine Inspectors
8. Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors
9. Foresters
10. Fire Prevention Officers--Grades 1, 2, 3, and 4
11. Fire Captains
12. Fire Apparatus Engineers

(B) Federal: (FS = U.S. Forest Service, FWS = U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, BLM = Bureau of Land Management)

1. Range Technicians (BLM)
2. Forest Supervisors (FS)
3. Assistant Forest Supervisors (FS)
4. District Forest Rangers (FS)
5. Foresters (FS, BLM)
6. Range Conservationists (FS, BLM)
7. Forest Engineers (FS, BLM)
8. Forestry Aides (FS)
9. Fire Control Officers or Aides (FS, BLM)
10. Clerks (FS, FWS, BLM) while on duty at their headquarters
11. Game Management Agents (FWS)
12. Wildlife Management Biologists (FS, FWS, BLM)
13. District Managers (BLM)
14. Information Specialists (BLM)
15. Area Managers (BLM)
16. Realty Specialists (BLM)
17. Natural Resource Specialists (BLM)
18. Engineers (BLM)
19. Engineering Technicians (BLM)
20. Recreation Resource Specialists (BLM)
21. Geologists (BLM)
22. Recreation Aides (BLM)
23. All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service
24. Commanding officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer taken on their reservation.
25. Postmasters
26. Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer brought to their post office.

(C) Miscellaneous:

1. County firemen at and above the class of foreman for deer brought into their station.
2. Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts.
3. Notaries Public
4. Peace Officers
5. Non-salaried police officers or deputy sheriffs while on scheduled duty in a city or county of appointment for deer brought to a police station or sheriff's office
6. Officers authorized to administer oaths
7. Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage plants for deer brought to their place of business.

(D) No person may validate or countersign their own tag.

(b) Distribution of Bighorn Sheep License Tags:

(1) Fund-raising Nelson bighorn ram license tags: Two fund-raising license tags for the taking of mature Nelson bighorn rams shall be sold for the purpose of raising funds to manage bighorn sheep. The department may designate a nonprofit organization to sell this fund-raising tag. Any resident or nonresident is eligible to buy the tag. The purchaser of a fund-raising license tag shall complete a required hunter orientation program conducted by the department and meet the hunter education requirements for a hunting license. The fund-raising license tags are defined as follows:

(A) Open-zone fund-raising license tags: These fund-raising license tags are valid in any of the areas described in subsection 362(a).

(2) General Nelson bighorn ram license tags: The application form (~~2003~~2004 NELSON BIGHORN SHEEP DRAWING APPLICATION, LBR 1362, Rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004, incorporated by reference herein) shall be made available to the public at license agents and regular offices of the department. Applicants must be California residents or nonresidents, at least 16 years of age, possessing a California hunting license valid during the bighorn ram season for which they are applying, and must not have been previously issued a bighorn license tag in California. Applicants must apply for only one designated zone. No person shall submit more than one application. Applicants shall submit the application with a nonrefundable processing fee of ~~$6.75~~$7.00 to the Department of Fish and Game~~, License and Revenue~~

~~Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. (Or by mail to PO Box 989041, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9041).~~ at the address specified on the application. Applications must be received before 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after June 1. Incomplete applications and applications submitted without the appropriate processing fee will not be included in the drawing. Successful applicants and a list of alternates for each zone shall be determined by drawing within 10 calendar days following the application deadline date. If the drawing is delayed due to circumstances beyond the department's control, the department shall conduct the drawing at the earliest date possible. No more than one nonresident shall be selected to receive a general license tag. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Successful applicants will be mailed notification as soon as practical. Upon receipt of the notification, the applicant shall submit the appropriate tag fee, either ~~$272.50~~$281.50 for a resident or $500.00 for a nonresident, to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. The tag fee shall be received by the department by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the second Saturday in July. Should the quota for each zone remain unfilled after that date, the alternate lists shall be used. Successful applicants shall be issued tags only after successfully completing the required hunter orientation program conducted by the department.

(3) Tagholder Responsibilities:

(A) Only persons possessing valid Nelson bighorn sheep license tags are entitled to hunt bighorn sheep. Tags shall not be transferable and are valid only in the zone or zones specified.

(B) Individuals awarded a fund-raising license tag and all successful applicants for general license tags shall attend and successfully complete a mandatory hunter orientation program. Licensed guides employed by successful applicants and the fund-raising license tag buyer shall accompany their clients to this orientation program.

(C) All successful bighorn sheep tagholders shall have their tags validated. All tags must be returned to the department within 10 days after the close of the season, even though the tagholder may not have killed a Nelson bighorn ram.

(D) Tags must be completed and attached to the carcass of a bighorn ram immediately after the animal is killed. All successful bighorn sheep tagholders shall have their tags validated.

(E) All tagholders will be notified by mail as to whether they will be required to report to the department before hunting and upon completion of hunting. The notification shall contain procedures for reporting, including appropriate methods of contacting the department.

(F) The tagholder shall surrender his tag to an employee of the department for any or all of the following reasons:

1. Any act on the part of the tagholder which violates any of the provisions of the Fish and Game Code, or any regulations of the commission.

2. Any act on the part of the tagholder which endangers the person or property of others. The decision of the department in such respects shall be final and binding upon the tagholder.

(c) Distribution of Pronghorn Antelope License Tags:

(1) The pronghorn antelope license tags shall be issued by drawing, as described in subsection 708(g)(5)(A) and (B). Application forms (~~2003~~2004 RESIDENT ANTELOPE DRAWING APPLICATION, LRB 1363, Rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004, incorporated by reference herein) shall be made available to the public at license agents and regular department offices. Each applicant must be a California resident, at least 12 years of age, and possess a California hunting license valid during the pronghorn antelope season for which they are applying. Applicants for buck pronghorn antelope license tags must not have been issued a buck pronghorn antelope license tag during the previous ten years. Applicants may apply for doe and junior hunt license tags every year. Applicants for the junior pronghorn antelope hunts must be California residents possessing a junior hunting license valid during the pronghorn antelope season for which they are applying. No person shall submit more than one application for a pronghorn antelope license tag. No more than two persons shall apply together as a party. To be considered as a party, both persons must apply on the same application for the same tag choice. Incomplete applications and applications submitted without the appropriate processing fee will not be included in the drawing.

(2) Applicants shall submit the application with a nonrefundable processing fee of ~~$6.75~~$7.00 for Single and ~~$13.50~~$14.00 for Party to the Department of Fish and Game~~, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 (Or by mail to PO Box 989041, West Sacramento, CA 95798-9041).~~ at the address specified on the application. Applications must be received before 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after June 1. Successful applicants and a list of alternates for each hunt shall be determined by drawing within 10 calendar days following the application deadline date. If the drawing is delayed due to circumstances beyond the department's control, the department shall conduct the drawing

at the earliest date possible. Except as provided in subsection 708(g)(5)(A)5., party applications drawn for the last tag available for a hunt will be split and the party leader (first person listed) as indicated on the application form shall be awarded the pronghorn antelope license tag. The party member shall become the first alternate for that hunt. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Successful applicants and alternates will be mailed notification as soon as practical. Upon receipt of the notification the applicant or alternate shall submit an ~~$96.50~~$99.75 tag fee to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. The tag fee shall be received by the department by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the second Saturday in July. Should the quota for each zone remain unfilled after that date, the alternate list shall be used. In the event only one pronghorn antelope license tag is available to an alternate, party applications will be split and the alternate tag shall be awarded to the party leader as indicated on the application form. Undistributed tags will be issued after the drawing. Any tags unclaimed by successful applicants after that date shall be awarded to paid alternates for that zone, on an individual basis, in the order drawn. Any remaining tags may be issued to paid alternates for other zones.

(3) Fund-raising License Tags: Fund-raising license tags for the taking of buck pronghorn antelope shall be offered for sale to raise funds for the management of pronghorn antelope. Any resident or nonresident is eligible to buy one of the fund-raising license tags. Bidders for and purchasers of fund-raising tags are exempt from the 10-year waiting period to purchase a buck pronghorn antelope fund-raising tag. The sale price of a fund-raising license tag includes the fee for processing and issuing a hunting license. The purchaser shall be issued the fund-raising license tag only after meeting the hunter education requirements for a hunting license.

(4) Tagholder Responsibilities:

(A) Only persons possessing valid pronghorn antelope license tags are entitled to hunt pronghorn antelope during these hunts. Tags shall not be transferable and are valid only in the area, season, and period specified on the tag.

(B) All tagholders must return the report card portion of their license tag to the department within one week after the close of the pronghorn antelope season, even though the tagholder may not have killed a pronghorn antelope.

(C) The holder of a pronghorn antelope license tag, immediately after killing a pronghorn antelope, shall fill out both parts of the tag and mark permanently the date of kill. The tag portion shall be immediately attached to a horn of buck pronghorn antelope or to an ear of doe pronghorn antelope and kept attached for 15 days after the close of the open season.

(D) The tagholder shall surrender his license tag to an employee of the Department of Fish and Game for any of the following reasons:

1. Any act on the part of the tagholder which violates any of the provisions of the Fish and Game Code, or any regulations of this commission.

2. Any act on the part of the tagholder which endangers the person or property of others. The decision of the Department of Fish and Game in such respects shall be final and binding upon the tagholder.

(d) Distribution of Elk License Tags:

(1) Three fund-raising license tags for the taking of elk bulls shall be offered for sale to raise funds for the management of elk. The department may designate a nonprofit organization or organizations to sell the fund-raising tags. Any resident or nonresident is eligible to buy one of the license tags. The purchase of fund-raising tags shall complete required hunter orientation programs conducted by the department and meet the hunter safety requirements for a hunting license.

(2) Application forms for elk tags (~~2003~~2004 RESIDENT ELK DRAWING APPLICATION, LRB 1364, Rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004, incorporated by reference herein) shall be made available to the public at license agents and regular department offices. Each applicant must be a California resident at least 12 years of age and possess a California hunting license valid during the elk season for which he/she is applying. No person shall submit more than one application for an elk license tag. No more than two persons shall apply together as a party. To be considered as a party, both persons must apply on the same application for the same tag choice. Incomplete applications and applications submitted without the appropriate processing fee will not be included in the drawing.

(3) The elk hunting license tags shall be issued by drawing, as described in subsection 708(g)(4)(A) and (B). Applicants shall submit the application with a nonrefundable ~~$6.75~~$7.00 for Single and ~~$13.50~~$14.00 for Party processing fee to the Department of Fish and Game~~, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 (Or by mail to PO Box 989041, West Sacramento, CA~~

~~95798-9041).~~ at the address specified on the application. Applications must be received before 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after June 1. Except as provided in subsection 708(g)(4)(A)5., party applications drawn for the last tag available for a hunt will be split and the party leader (first person listed) as indicated on the application form shall be awarded the elk tag. The party member shall become the first alternate for that hunt. Successful applicants and a list of alternates for each hunt will be determined by drawing within 10 calendar days following the application deadline date. If the drawing is delayed due to circumstances beyond the department's control, the department shall conduct the drawing at the earliest date possible. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Successful applicants and alternates will be mailed notification as soon as practical. Upon receipt of the notification, the applicant or alternate shall send a ~~$289.00~~$298.75 tag fee to the Department of Fish and Game, License and Revenue Branch, 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816. The tag fee shall be received by the department by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday following the second Saturday in July. Any tags unclaimed by successful applicants after that date shall be awarded to paid alternates for that hunt, on an individual basis, in the order drawn. Any remaining tags may be issued to paid alternates for other zones.

(4) Tagholder Responsibilities:

(A) All tagholders must return their license tags to the Department of Fish and Game within one week after the close of the elk season, even though the tagholder may not have killed an elk.

(B) License tags must be attached to the antler of an antlered elk, or to the ear of antlerless elk immediately after killing.

(C) Persons authorized to validate or countersign elk tags are listed in Section 708(a)(8). Elk tags must be countersigned before transporting such elk, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag on the route being followed from the point where the elk is taken.

(D) Only persons possessing valid elk license tags are entitled to take elk. Tags are not transferable and are valid only for the area and period specified.

(E) The tagholder shall surrender his tag to an employee of the Department of Fish and Game for any or all of the following reasons:

1. Any act on the part of the tagholder which violates any of the provisions of the Fish and Game Code, or any regulations of the Commission made pursuant thereto.

2. Any act on the part of the tagholder which endangers the person or property of others. The decision of the Department of Fish and Game shall be final.

(F) Elk may be taken on Santa Rosa Island pursuant to a permit issued by the department. For methods of take, see sections 353 and 354.

(e) Bear License Tags.

(1) Application for Bear License Tags:

(A) With the exception of permits and tags issued pursuant to section 4181 of the Fish and Game Code, all bear license tag applications shall be submitted on forms provided by the department.

(B) The department may require that the specified fee provided for in section 4751 of the Fish and Game Code for such bear license tags be paid as a prerequisite to obtaining a bear license tag application.

(C) The department shall charge a nonrefundable $2.00 processing fee for each bear tag application.

(D) Only one bear license tag application may be submitted to the department during any one license year. Any person who submits more than one bear license tag application may be denied bear license tags for the current license year.

(2) Distribution of bear tags: Applications for bear tags (~~2003/2004~~2004/2005 CALIFORNIA RESIDENT BEAR TAG APPLICATION, LRB 1365A, rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004; and ~~2003/2004~~2004/2005 NONRESIDENT BEAR TAG APPLICATION, LRB 1365B, rev. ~~4/2003~~4/2004, incorporated by reference herein) shall be available to the public at license agents and regular offices of the department. Tags will be issued at regular department offices.

(3) Use of Guides: Any holder of a bear license tag who utilizes the services of a guide or guides shall verify that the guide is in possession of a valid guide's license and shall place the guide's license number on the bear license tag in the space provided.

(4) Use of Dogs: Any holder of a bear license tag who utilizes dogs to take bear shall so indicate on his bear license tag in the space provided.

(5) Validation of Bear Tags: Only Department of Fish and Game employees may validate bear tags (This provision supersedes section 4755 of the Fish and Game Code). Bear tags must be

countersigned before transporting such bear except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where the bear is taken.

(6) Return of Bear License Tags:

(A) Every person who takes a bear shall immediately return the report card portion of the bear license tag, after having the tag countersigned as required in (e) above. The tag may be presented to a department office/officer or returned through the United States Mail.

(B) Every person who is unsuccessful in taking bear shall return the report card portion of the bear license tags by February 1 of the current license year. The tag may be presented to a department office/officer or returned through the United States Mail.

(f) Application For and Use of Wild Pig License Tags:

(1) Any person, 12 years of age or older, who possesses a valid hunting license may procure wild pig license tags as specified in Section 4654 of the Fish and Game Code.

(2) ~~Wild pig license tags will be sold to residents in packets of five.~~Resident and ~~N~~nonresident wild pig license tags will be sold individually.

(3) Wild pig license tags are valid only during that portion of the current hunting license year in which wild pigs may be legally harvested as provided in subsection 368(a).

(4) Any person hunting wild pigs shall carry a wild pig license tag while hunting wild pigs, and upon the killing of any wild pig shall immediately fill out both parts of the tag, clearly mark the date of the kill and attach the tag to the carcass of the wild pig. The report card portion shall be immediately returned to the department.

(g) Big Game Drawing System

(1) General Conditions

(A) Except as otherwise provided, the department shall award license tags for premium deer (X zones, additional hunts, and Area-specific archery hunts), bighorn sheep, elk and pronghorn antelope hunts, as described in sections 360(b) and (c), 361, 362, 364 and 363, using a Modified-Preference Point drawing system.

(B) Except as otherwise provided, the Modified-Preference Point drawing system shall award proportions of hunt tag quotas, as specified for each species, using the following drawing methods:

1. Preference Point Drawings. Tags are awarded based on the following order of priority: an applicant's hunt choice (first choice only for deer), accumulated point totals by species (highest to lowest), and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest).

2. Draw-By-Choice Drawings. Tags are awarded according to an applicant's hunt choice and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest), without consideration of accumulated points.

(C) Except as otherwise provided, applicants unsuccessful in receiving a tag for premium deer (based on first choice selection), bighorn sheep, elk or pronghorn antelope hunts shall earn one (1) preference point for use in future Big Game Drawings.

(D) To earn and accumulate a point for any species, a person must comply with all application requirements for that species as specified in subsections 708(a), (b), (c) and (d), including the following conditions:

1. Applicants must be at least 12 years of age at the time of application (16 years of age for bighorn sheep applications).

2. Applicants must possess a California hunting license valid for the hunting season requested (applicants for junior deer hunts must possess a junior hunting license). Applicants must provide evidence of such license at the time of application.

3. Applicants for elk and pronghorn antelope hunts must be California residents.

4. Applications for bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope and elk hunts must include the appropriate nonrefundable processing fees.

5. Applications must be received by the department's License and Revenue Branch by 5:00 p.m. on the first business day after June 1.

6. Except for junior deer hunt applicants, applicants shall not submit more than one drawing application for each species during the same license year.

(E) No applicant shall earn more than one (1) preference point per species, per drawing, for use in future drawings. Preference points are accumulated by species and shall not be transferred to another species or another person. Preference points are not zone or hunt specific.

(F) Except as otherwise provided, successful applicants receiving tags for their first choice premium deer, bighorn sheep, elk or pronghorn antelope hunts shall lose all preference points for that species.

(G) For party applications, the department shall use the average preference point value of all party members (total preference points for the party divided by number of party members) as the basis for consideration in the drawing for that species. Point averages shall not be rounded.

(H) Except as otherwise provided, persons who do not wish to apply for an antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or premium deer tags may earn one (1) preference point for any or all of these species, by submitting the appropriate application(s), as specified in subsections 708 (a), (b), (c) and (d), and writing the point code number for that species, as defined by the department, in the hunt choice box (first choice only for deer). Persons applying for a preference point in this manner shall be subject to the same application requirements as regular drawing applicants as specified in subsection 708(g)(1)(D).

(I) The department shall maintain records of preference points earned by individual applicants based on the hunter identification number provided on each application (driver's license number, Department of Motor Vehicles identification number, or hunter identification number assigned by the department). Applicants shall notify the department's License and Revenue Branch, at 3211 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95816, in writing, of any changes or corrections regarding name, mailing address or hunter identification number.

(J) Persons not applying for premium deer, bighorn sheep, elk, or pronghorn antelope hunts through the department's Big Game Drawings for five (5) consecutive years shall have their preference points for that species reduced to zero (0). For the purposes of this subsection, persons whose applications are disqualified from drawing shall be considered the same as persons not applying. Applying for preference points as described in (H) above, will keep an applicant's file active.

(2) Premium Deer Hunts

(A) Except for junior deer hunt applicants, as specified in subsection 708(a)(2)(E), persons must use a one-deer tag application to apply for premium deer hunts through the department's Big Game Drawing.

(B) License tags for premium deer hunts (except junior deer hunts) shall be awarded based on the following:

1. Ninety percent (90%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. Tag quota splits resulting in decimal fractions of a tag shall be rounded to the next higher whole number.

2. Ten percent (10%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing. Tag quota splits resulting in decimal fractions of a tag shall be rounded to the next lower whole number.

3. For zones or hunts with quotas less than ten (10) tags, one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing. Remaining tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing.

4. Tags awarded to applicants for second or third choice zones or hunts shall be through a Draw-By-Choice drawing and shall not result in loss of accumulated points.

(C) License tags for junior deer hunts (J Hunts) as described in subsection 360(c) shall be awarded based on the following:

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Preference Point drawing. Tag quota splits resulting in decimal fractions of a tag shall be rounded to the next higher whole number.

2. Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Draw-By-Choice drawing. Tag quota splits resulting in decimal fractions of a tag shall be rounded to the next lower whole number.

(D) A junior hunter applying for premium deer hunts (X zones, Area-specific archery hunts, and additional hunts) on a one-deer tag application and a second-deer tag application shall:

1. Receive a point only if he/she is unsuccessful in the big game drawing with his/her first choice on both applications.

2. Lose all preference points for deer if he/she receives his/her first choice on either application.

(3) Bighorn Sheep Hunts

(A) Successful bighorn sheep tag applicants shall be determined as follows, based on tag quotas for each hunt.

1. For quotas of one, the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

2. For quotas of two, one tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

3. For quotas of three, two tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point Drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

4. For quotas of four or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. Any resulting fractional tag shall be rounded to the next higher whole number. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

(B) Alternates shall be selected for each hunt using a Preference Point Drawing.

(4) Elk Hunts

(A) Successful elk tag applicants shall be determined as follows, based on tag quotas for each hunt or hunt period.

1. For quotas of one, the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

2. For quotas of two, one tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

3. For quotas of three, two tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

4. For quotas of four or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. Any resulting fractional tag shall be rounded to the next higher whole number. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

5. Party applications shall be split as described in Section 708(d)(3) to fill the last tag available through the Preference Point drawing. Party applications shall not be split to fill the last tag available through the Draw-By-Choice drawing.

(B) Alternates shall be selected for each hunt or hunt period using a Preference Point drawing.

(5) Pronghorn Antelope Hunts

(A) Successful pronghorn antelope tag applicants shall be determined as follows, based on tag quotas for each hunt or hunt period.

1. For quotas of one, the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

2. For quotas of two, one tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

3. For quotas of three, two tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

4. For quotas of four or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. Any resulting fractional tag shall be rounded to the next higher whole number. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

5. Party applications shall be split as described in Section 708(c)(2) to fill the last tag available through the Preference Point drawing. Party applications shall not be split to fill the last tag available through the Draw-By-Choice drawing.

(B) Alternates shall be selected for each hunt or hunt period using a Preference Point drawing.

NOTE

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 215, 219, 220, 331, 332, 1050, 1572, 4302, 4331, 4336, 4340, 4341 and 10502, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200-203.1, 207, 210, 215, 219, 220, 331, 332, 713, 1050, 1570-1572, 3950, 3951, 4302, 4330-4333, 4336, 4340, 4341, 4652-4655, 4657, 4750-4756, 4902, 10500 and 10502, Fish and Game Code.