

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION
(Pre-Publication of Notice Statement)

Amend Section 364
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
Re: Elk

I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: January 4, 2009

II. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

(a) Notice Hearing: Date: February 6, 2009
Location: Sacramento

(b) Discussion Hearings: Date: March 4, 2009
Location: Woodland

Date: April 9, 2009
Location: Lodi

(c) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 21, 2009 (Teleconference)
Location: Sacramento

III. Description of Regulatory Action:

(a) Statement of Specific Purpose of Regulation Change and Factual Basis for Determining that Regulation Change is Reasonably Necessary:

1. Number of Tags

Existing regulations specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt. In order to maintain hunting quality in accordance with management goals and objectives, it is periodically necessary to adjust quotas in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. This proposed amendment modifies elk tag numbers to ranges of tags to adjust for periodic fluctuations in population numbers.

2009 Proposed Elk Tag Allocation

Hunt Name	Antler-less	Either-Sex	Bull	Spike	Muzzle-loader Bull	Muzzle-loader Antler-less	Muzzle-loader either-sex	Archery Either-Sex	Archery Antler-less	Archery Bull
Roosevelt Elk										
Siskiyou	0-30	0-30								
Del Norte	0-20		0-10							
Marble Mountains		0-80								
Marble Mtns Apprentice		0-4								
Klamath	0-20		0-20							
Big Lagoon		0-10								
Northwestern California		0-25								
Rocky Mountain Elk										
Rocky Mtn Elk										
Northeastern		0-20						0-10		
Northeastern Apprentice		0-4								
Tule Elk										
Cache Creek	0-4		0-4							
Cache Creek Apprentice			0-2							
La Panza										
Period 1	0-12		0-12							
Period 1 (Apprentice)	0-2		0-2							
Period 2	0-12		0-12							
Owens Valley										
Region wide								0-10		
Bishop										
Period 1 Muzzleloader					0-10	0-30	0-10			
Period 2 Apprentice	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 3	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 4	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 5	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Independence										
Period 1 Archery								0-10	0-30	0-10
Period 2	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 3	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 4	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 5	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Lone Pine										

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Period 1 Muzzleloader					0-10	0-30	0-10			
Period 2	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 3	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 4	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 5	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Tinemaha & W. Tinemaha										
Period 1 Archery								0-10	0-30	0-10
Period 2	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 3	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 4	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 5	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Grizzly Island										
Period 1	0-12			0-6						
Period 1 Apprentice	0-2			0-2						
Period 2	0-12		0-3	0-6						
Period 2 Apprentice				0-2						
Period 3	0-12		0-3	0-4						
Fort Hunter Liggett										
Archery Only								0-6	0-10	
Period 1	0-14									
Period 1 Apprentice	0-4									
Period 2	0-14									
Period 3			0-14							
Period 3 Apprentice			0-2							
East Park Reservoir										
Period 1			0-2							
Period 3	0-10									
San Luis Reservoir										
	0-5	0-10	0-10							

2. Modify Season Dates: Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunts

The proposal modifies season dates for the Fort Hunter Liggett hunts. Due to military use constraints, hunt dates are subject to change from year to year.

3. Modify Season Dates for East Park Reservoir Tule Elk Bull Hunt

The proposal modifies season dates for the East Park Reservoir bull hunt. In an effort to encourage harvest on private property the bull hunt dates are being modified to match those of the antlerless hunts.

4. Convert one Grizzly Island fund raising tag to a "Multi-Zone" fund raising tag valid in five elk zones.

The proposal converts a Grizzly Island fund raising tag to be valid in five elk zones (Siskiyou, Northwestern, Northeastern, Marble Mountain, and La Panza) and creates a specific fund raising hunt season within each of those zones. This modification provides a tag that is valid in multiple zones allowing a fund raising tag holder to hunt in different areas without increasing the overall number of elk fund raising tags available.

(b) Authority and Reference:

Authority: Fish and Game Code sections 200, 202, 203, 332, 1050, and 1575.

Reference: Fish and Game Code sections 203, 203.1, 332, 713, 1575, and 3951.

(c) Specific Technology or Equipment Required by Regulatory Change:

None.

(d) Identification of Reports or Documents Supporting Regulation Change:

Final 2007 Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting.

(e) Public Discussions of Proposed Regulations Prior to Notice Publication:

The Department conducted a public scoping session in Sacramento on October 11, 2006. Public input, discussions and recommendations regarding the environmental document and mammal hunting and trapping regulations were taken at this time.

IV. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

1. Number of Tags

No alternatives were identified. Elk license tag quotas must be adjusted periodically in response to a variety of environmental and biological conditions.

2. Modify Season Dates: Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunts

No alternatives were identified for the Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt season date modification. Access is entirely controlled by Fort Hunter Liggett and the new dates are the only option that accommodate military operations while still providing the same hunter opportunity.

3. Modify Season Dates for East Park Reservoir Tule Elk Bull Hunt

No alternatives were identified for the East Park Reservoir Tule Elk Bull Hunt season date modification. Modifying the season dates to match those of the antlerless hunt in the same zone provides the most flexibility for hunters within the zone and allows a longer time period to harvest elk on private property.

4. Convert one Grizzly Island fund raising tag to a "Multi-Zone" fund raising tag valid in five elk zones.

No alternatives were identified for the conversion of a Grizzly Island fund raising tag. This alternative provides flexibility to the tag holder and fulfills a demand for this type of tag. This fund raising tag is similar to the deer "Open Zone" fund raising tags currently being offered.

(b) No Change Alternative:

1. Number of Tags

The no-change alternative was considered and rejected because it would not attain project objectives of providing for hunting opportunities while maintaining elk populations and biological/environmental conditions at desired levels. Retaining current tag quotas for each zone may not be responsive to biologically-based changes in the status of various herds. Management plans specify desired sex and age ratios which are attained and maintained in part by modifying tag quotas on an annual basis. The no-change alternative would not allow adjustment of tag quotas in response to changing environmental/biological conditions.

2. Modify Season Dates: Fort Hunter Liggett Tule Elk Hunt

The no-change alternative was considered and rejected for the Fort Hunter Liggett tule elk hunt because not adjusting the dates is not acceptable to the military base. Military use has priority over the hunting program and the new dates meet the needs of the base while still providing the same hunter opportunity.

3. Modify Season Dates for East Park Reservoir Tule Elk Bull Hunt

The no-change alternative was considered and rejected for the East Park Reservoir tule elk hunt because current season dates do not facilitate the desired harvest of elk on private property.

4. Convert one Grizzly Island fund raising tag to be valid in five elk zones.

The no-change alternative was considered and rejected for this fund raising tag. The regulation change proposal diversifies elk hunting opportunities in other areas of the state without increasing the overall number of auction tags available.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed, or would be as effective as and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

V. Mitigation Measures Required by Regulatory Action:

The proposed regulatory action will have no negative impact on the environment; therefore, no mitigation measures are needed.

VI. Impact of Regulatory Action.

This proposed action adjusts tag quotas, modifies hunt dates, and modifies the definition of bull and antlerless elk. Given the number of tags available, and the area over which they are distributed, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

(a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States.

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. Considering the small number of tags issued over the entire state, this proposal is economically neutral to business.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California.

None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Private Persons.

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State.

None.

- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies.

None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts.

None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4.

None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs.

None.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST (Policy Statement Overview)

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Periodic quota changes are necessary to maintain hunting quality in accordance with management goals and objectives.

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Period 1	0-12		0-12							
Period 1 (Apprentice)	0-2		0-2							
Period 2	0-12		0-12							
Owens Valley										
Region wide								0-10		
Bishop										
Period 1 Muzzleloader					0-10	0-30	0-10			

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Period 3	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 4	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Period 5	0-30	0-10	0-10							
Independence										
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Period 5	0-30	0-10	0-10							
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Period 1 Apprentice	0-2			0-2						
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Period 1 Apprentice	0-4									
Period 2	0-14									
Period 3			0-14							
Period 3 Apprentice			0-2							

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East Park Reservoir										
Period 1			0-2							
Period 3	0-10									
San Luis Reservoir	0-5	0-10	0-10							

Existing regulations establish season dates for the Fort Hunter Liggett tule elk hunts. The proposed regulations for Fort Hunter Liggett do not change the number of hunt days. The proposal slightly modifies the season dates for the period 3 bull hunt (including the apprentice hunt) from the fourth Saturday in December to the last Wednesday in December and the archery only either-sex hunt from the last Saturday in August to the first Thursday in September in order to accommodate military operations.

Existing regulation establish season dates for the East Park Reservoir tule elk hunts. The proposal for East Park Reservoir modifies the season dates for the bull elk hunt to match the dates for the antlerless elk hunts.

Existing regulation establishes the number of fund raising tags available. The proposal converts one Grizzly Island fund raising tag to be valid in five elk zones without increasing the overall of fund raising tags available. The proposal diversifies elk hunting opportunities in other areas of the state without increasing the overall number of fund raising tags available.

Section 364 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 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:

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

(B) The Fund Raising season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 19 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of License Tags: ~~450-30~~ either-sex tags and ~~450-30~~ 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 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 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 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 and Apprentice Hunt 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.

(C) The Fund Raising season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the last Saturday in August and continue for 31 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of License Tags:

- (A) General Season: ~~400-20~~ either-sex tags.
- (B) Archery Only Season: ~~90-10~~ either-sex tags.
- (C) Apprentice Hunt: ~~20-4~~ 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. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt License tags. Apprentice Hunt tag holders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(c) Del Norte Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those portions of Del Norte County owned or leased by the Green Diamond 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: ~~50-10~~ bull tags and ~~400-20~~ 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:

(A) The General and Apprentice Hunt season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the second Saturday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(B) The Fund Raising season shall open on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in September and continue for 19 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of License Tags:

(A) General Hunt: ~~400-80~~ either-sex tags.

(B) Apprentice Hunt: ~~20-4~~ either-sex tags.

(C) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt License tags. Apprentice Hunt tag holders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(e) Klamath Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: Those portions of Humboldt and Del Norte counties owned or leased by the Green Diamond Resource Company 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: ~~400-20~~ bull tags and ~~400-20~~ 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 California Redwood Company and the Green Diamond Resource Company within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 101 and Hiltons Road; south on Hiltons Road to the western boundary of Redwood National Park; south and east along the western to its southern tip; north and east along the eastern boundary of Redwood National Park to Redwood Creek; south along Redwood Creek to Highway 299; east along Highway 299 to Forest Service Road 1; south along Forest Service Road 1 to Roddiscraft Road; west along Roddiscraft Road to the intersection of Snow Camp Road and the Humboldt-Trinity 115 Line and Trinity-Maple Creek 60 Line power line right-of-way; west along the Humboldt-Trinity 115 Line and Trinity-Maple Creek 60 Line power line right-of-way to Maple Creek Road; south along Maple Creek Road to Butler Valley Road; west along Butler Valley Road to Fickle Hill Road; north along Fickle Hill Road to Bayside Road; west along Bayside Road and 7th Street to Highway 101; north along Highway 101 to 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: ~~400-10~~ either-sex 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 Olancho; north on Highway 395 to the intersection of Whitney Portal Road; west along Whitney Portal Road to the northern boundary of Section 36, Township 15S, Range 34E; west along the northern boundary of sections 36, 35, 34 and 33 Township 15S, Range 34 E to the Inyo County Line; north along the Inyo County Line to the intersection of Section 27 Township 13S, range 33E; east along the southern boundary of sections 27, 26 and 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; north along the eastern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the intersection of Onion Valley Road; east along Onion Valley Road 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; west along Onion Valley Road to the intersection of the Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; south along the eastern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the southern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; west along the southern boundary of sections 27, 26, 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to the Inyo County line; North along the Inyo County Line to Taboose Creek; east along Taboose Creek to the intersection of Highway 395; south along 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 the north junction of Fish Springs Road; south along Fish Springs Road to the junction of Highway 395; 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 36, 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.

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

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

(H) The Bishop Muzzleloader Only license tags shall be valid in the Bishop zone described in subsection 364(g)(1)(A) only during periods listed in (2)(A). The Lone Pine Muzzleloader Only license tags shall be valid in the Lone Pine zone described in subsection 364(g)(1)(B) only during periods listed in (2)(A).

(I) The Tinemaha and West Tinemaha Archery Only license tags shall be valid in the Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones described in subsections 364(g)(1)(D) and (E) only during periods listed in (2)(A). The Independence Archery Only license tags shall be valid in the Independence zone described in subsection 364(g)(1)(C) only during periods listed in (2)(A).

(J) The apprentice hunt license tags shall be valid in the Bishop zone described in subsections 364(g)(1)(A) only during periods listed in (2)(B).

(2) Seasons:

(A) For Period One, the season for the Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, Tinemaha, and West Tinemaha zones shall open on the second Saturday in September and extend for 16 consecutive days.

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

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

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

(E) For Period Five, the season for the Bishop, Lone Pine, Independence, Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones shall open on the first Saturday in December and continue for 9 consecutive days.

(F) The Owens Valley Archery Only season shall open on the second Saturday in August and extend for 9 consecutive days

(G) Fund-raising Hunt: The Owens Valley Fund-raising Hunt shall open on the last Saturday in 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 and 4 antlerless. Lone Pine Zone - 1 bull tag and 1 antlerless tag. Independence Zone - 1 bull tag. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones - 1 bull tag and 6 antlerless tags.~~ 0-10 bull tags, 0-30 antlerless tags, 0-10 either-sex tags for each of the following zones: Bishop, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence and Lone Pine.

(B) Period Two: ~~Bishop Zone - 4 antlerless tags. Lone Pine Zone - 1 bull tag and 2 antlerless tags. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones - 1 bull tag and 9 antlerless~~

tags.0-10 bull tags, 0-30 antlerless tags, 0-10 either-sex tags for each of the following zones: Bishop, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence and Lone Pine

~~(C) Period Three: Bishop Zone—1 bull tag and 4 antlerless tags. Lone Pine Zone—1 bull tag and 2 antlerless tags. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha Zones—1 bull tag and 9 antlerless tags.~~
0-10 bull tags, 0-30 antlerless tags, 0-10 either-sex tags for each of the following zones: Bishop, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence and Lone Pine.

~~(D) Period Four: Bishop Zone—4 antlerless tags. Lone Pine Zone—1 bull tag and 2 antlerless tags. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones—1 bull tag and 9 antlerless tags.~~
0-10 bull tags, 0-30 antlerless tags, 0-10 either-sex tags for each of the following zones: Bishop, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence and Lone Pine.

~~(E) Period Five: Bishop Zone—4 antlerless tags. Lone Pine Zone—2 antlerless tags. Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones—1 bull tag and 9 antlerless tags.~~
0-10 bull tags, 0-30 antlerless tags, 0-10 either-sex tags for each of the following zones: Bishop, Tinemaha, West Tinemaha, Independence and Lone Pine.

(F) Archery Only Season: ~~5~~0-10 either-sex tags.

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

(5) Special Conditions:

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

(B) Elk may be taken during Period 1 within the Independence, Tinemaha and West Tinemaha zones using Archery Equipment only, as specified in Section 354.

(C) Elk may be taken during Period 1 within the Bishop and Lone Pine zones using Muzzleloader equipment only, as specified in Section 353.

(D) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt License tags. Apprentice Hunt tag holders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(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 General and Apprentice Hunt seasons 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: ~~20~~4 bull tags and ~~20~~4 antlerless tags.

A. Period One Apprentice Hunt: ~~40~~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. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt License tags. Apprentice Hunt tag holders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(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) 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: ~~30-12~~ antlerless tags.

1. Period One Apprentice Hunt: ~~40-2~~ spike bull tags, and ~~0-2~~ antlerless tags.

(B) Period Two: ~~20-3~~ bull tags, ~~0-6~~ spike bull tags, and ~~20-12~~ antlerless tags.

1. Period Two Apprentice Hunt: ~~0-2~~ spike bull tags.

(C) ~~Fund-raising Hunt: 2 bull tags. Period Three: 0-3 bull tags, 0-6 spike bull tags, and 0-12 antlerless tags.~~

(D) Fund raising Hunt: 1-2 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. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(j) La Panza Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: In those portions of San Luis Obispo, Kern, Monterey, Kings, Fresno, San Benito, and Santa Barbara counties within a line beginning in San Benito County at the junction of Highway 25 and County Highway J1 near the town Pacines, south along Highway 25 to La Gloria road, west along La Gloria rd, La Gloria road becomes Gloria

road, west along Gloria road to Highway 101 near Gonzales, 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, north along Highway 33 to Interstate 5 in Fresno County, north along Interstate 5 to Little Panoche road/County Highway J1, southwest along Little Panoche road/County Highway J1 to the intersection of Little Panoche road/County Highway J1 and Panoche road/County Highway J1 in San Benito County, northwest along Panoche road/County Highway J1 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.

(C) The Fund Raising season shall open on the first Saturday in October and extend for 65 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of Tags:

(A) Period One: ~~5~~0-12 bull tags and ~~6~~0-12 antlerless tags.

1. Period One Apprentice Hunt: ~~4~~0-2 bull tags and ~~0~~0-2 antlerless tags.

(B) Period Two: ~~6~~0-12 bull tags and ~~6~~0-12 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. Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunter tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.

(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 September 1 and December 31 by the Commanding Officer.

(A) For Period One, the season shall open on the second Thursday in October and continue for 5 consecutive days.

(B) For Period Two, the season shall open on the fourth Wednesday in November and continue for 5 consecutive days.

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

(D) Archery Only Either-Sex Season shall be open the ~~last Saturday in August~~ first Thursday in September and continue for 5 consecutive days.

(E) Archery Only Antlerless Season shall open on the second Thursday in October and continue for 5 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of Tags:

- (A) Period One: 40-28 antlerless tags (70-14 military and 70-14 general public).
1. Period One Apprentice Hunt: 40-8 antlerless tags (20-4 military and 20-4 general public).
- (B) Period Two: 60-28 antlerless tags (80-14 military and 80-14 general public).
- (C) Period Three: 40-28 bull tags (70-14 military and 70-14 general public).
1. Period Three Apprentice Hunt: 20-4 bull tags (40-2 military and 40-2 general public).
- (D) Archery Only Season: 60-12 either-sex tags and 400-20 antlerless tags (30-6 either-sex tags military, 30-6 either-sex tags general public, 50-10 antlerless tags military and 50-10 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.
- (E) Only persons possessing valid junior hunting licenses may apply for Apprentice Hunt license tags. Apprentice Hunt tagholders shall be accompanied by a nonhunting, licensed adult chaperon 18 years of age or older while hunting.
- (I) 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 the ~~second Monday~~ first Saturday in September and continue for 427 consecutive days.
- (B) For Period Three, the season shall open on the first Saturday in September and continue for 27 consecutive days.
- (3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 elk per season.
- (4) Number of Tags:
- (A) Period One: 20-2 bull tags.
- (B) Period Three: 50-10 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.

(m) Northwestern California Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: In those portions of Humboldt and Del Norte counties not owned or leased by the California Redwood Company and the Green Diamond Resource Company within existing elk hunt boundaries as described in subsections 364(c)(1), (e)(1) and (f)(1), within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 299 and Highway 96, north along Highway 96 to the Del Norte-Siskiyou county line, north along the Del Norte-Siskiyou county line to the California-Oregon state line, west along the state line to the Pacific Coastline, south along the Pacific coastline to the Humboldt-Mendocino county line, east along the Humboldt-Mendocino county line to the Humboldt-Trinity county line, north along the Humboldt-Trinity county line to Highway 299, west along Highway 299 to the point of beginning.

(2) Season:

(A) The season shall open on the first Wednesday in September and continue for 12 consecutive days.

(B) The Fund Raising season shall open on last Wednesday in August and continue for 17 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of License Tags: 200-25 either-sex tags.

(n) San Luis Reservoir Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Area: In those portions of Merced, Fresno, San Benito, and Santa Clara counties within a line beginning in Merced County at the junction of Highway 152 and Interstate 5 near the town of Santa Nella, west along Highway 152 to Highway 156 in Santa Clara County, southwest along Highway 156 to Highway 25 near the town of Holister in San Benito County, south along Highway 25 to the town of Paicine, south and east along J1 to Little Panoche Road, North and east along Little Panoche Road to Interstate 5 in Fresno County, north along Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

(2) Season: The season shall open on the first Saturday in October and continue for 23 consecutive days.

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

(4) Number of License Tags: 30-10 either-sex tags, 0-10 bull tags and 0-5 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.

(o) Multi-zone Fund Raising License Tag.

(1) Area: The multi-zone tag shall be valid in the areas described in section 364(a)(b)(d)(j)(m).

(2) Season: The multi-zone tag shall be valid during the authorized seasons described in section 364(a)(b)(d)(j)(m).

(3) Bag and Possession Limit: 1 bull elk as described in subsection 364(p)(1) per tag.

(4) Number of tags 0-1.

(øp) Definitions:

(1) Bull elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.

(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, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull.

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

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

(qr) 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.

(rs) 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.