

Section 713, Title 14, CCR, is added to read:

713. Carcass Condemnation for Diseased, Injured, or Chemically Immobilized Big-Game Species.

(a) The Director may authorize Department employees to condemn the carcass of a diseased, injured, or chemically immobilized big-game animal (as defined in Section 350) that was lawfully taken and lawfully possessed under a license tag that is, in the opinion of the employee, unfit for human consumption, if the individual who took the animal requests it and this condition was not created by the actions of the individual who took the animal. A Department employee may condemn a big-game carcass that was chemically immobilized if the animal was taken during the established withdrawal period of that immobilizing drug.

(b) The individual who took the carcass shall surrender the entire condemned carcass and any parts thereof to the Department employee or dispose of it as instructed by the Department employee.

(c) After condemnation and surrender or verification of the appropriate disposal of the carcass as instructed by the Department employee, the Department employee shall provide written authorization to the individual who took the animal to, at their discretion, choose one of the following options:

(1) Purchase and use a duplicate tag subject to the fees established in Section 702 for the remainder of the current season under which the animal was taken;

(2) Upon payment of duplicate tag fee, receive the same tag for the next approved hunting season;

(3) Participate in the next big-game drawing for that species with one additional point added to the number of preference points the hunter had when they obtained the original tag, or;

(4) Receive a refund for the tag and have their preference point total for that species restored to the amount they had when the tag was awarded.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 220, 4304, 4336, 4657 and 4753, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1 and 207, Fish and Game Code.

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