

Economic Impact Analysis

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:

The proposed falconry regulations will not have impacts to jobs and/or businesses in California.

Benefits of the Regulation:

Concurrence with Federal Law. Falconry regulations in Title 14 CCR Section 670, along with federal regulations in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations Section 21, establish the legal methods and limits of take for falconry statewide. The Service recently revised CFR 50 21.28 and 21.29 to remove federal permitting for falconry. 50 CFR 21.29(b) now requires that before falconry may be practiced in any state, that state must approve the practice by issuing permits under its own laws and regulations, and must submit copies of its laws pertaining to falconry, as well as falconry permit requirements, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for approval and certification. The State must develop falconry regulations that meet the federal standards established under 50 CFR 21.29. Submission of State regulations and federal certification must occur no later than January 1, 2014, at which point the federal permitting program will end and states will not be allowed to practice falconry if their regulations have not been approved and certified by the Service.

Benefits to the Environment: Sustainable Management of Raptors and Upland Game Resources. It is the policy of this state to encourage the conservation, maintenance, and utilization of the raptor populations for the benefit of all the citizens of the state. The objectives of this regulatory review is to ensure the raptor populations in California are not overharvested and to ensure that falconry practices support recreational opportunity for both the falconer and the public. Adoption of raptor species harvest quotas provides additional preservation of self-sustaining raptor populations for their continued existence in California.

Promotion of Businesses that Rely on the Practice of Falconry. None.

Health and Welfare of California Residents. Hunting is an outdoor activity that can provide several benefits for individuals who partake in it and for the environment. Individual health benefits come from exercise and consumption of wild game, which is generally healthier than domestic meats. The fees that hunters pay for licenses and stamps are used for conservation, which helps create a cleaner environment. In addition, the efforts of hunters can reduce the size of certain game or nongame species populations to reduce depredation on private lands. People who hunt have a special connection with the outdoors and an awareness of the relationships between wildlife, habitat, and humans. With that awareness comes an understanding of the role humans play in being caretakers of the environment. Hunting, and in this case falconry, is a tradition that is often passed on from one generation to the next creating a special bond between family members and friends.