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A	Randall Cleveland PEACE 01/27/2015 Letter	1	The mammal hunting regulations should benefit the wildlife and not be based on “maximum sustained yield.” The quotas should be reduced until the Department can complete population surveys.	A1	Upon completion of annual spring herd composition surveys, consultation with the Interstate Deer Committee and final population modeling, the Department determines and recommends to the Commission final hunting tag quotas. “Maximum sustained yield” is not a criterion used in this determination.
		2	Supports a “lawful mandate” on hunters who fail to report their harvest and encourages stiffer penalties for repeat offenders.	A2	As currently set forth in regulation, the harvest report is required but no penalty exists for non-reporting. The proposal sets a modest fee “sufficient to recover all reasonable administrative...costs” (FGC §1050) on non-reporting hunters.
		3	Ease difficult task by making required tag reporting via the ALDS computer process.	A3	There are different methods of reporting (on-line, by mail, in person, telephone, etc.) making the report very simple and without any added cost.
B	Rich Bulloch APECS Society 01/29/2015 Letter	1	Supports the mandatory deer harvest report (§702 and 708.5) provided that hunters be given at least a one year delay in imposing the fee in order to become familiar with the new regulation.	B1	Based on public and Commission comments, the proposed provisions of 708.5 were amended and public notice given that will delay the imposition of the fee until the 2016-17 season, while the department works to educate the deer hunting public.
		2	Supports the other proposed changes related to tag quota ranges.	B2	The support of the ranges provided has been noted.
C	Roman Porter California Deer Assoc. 02/06/2015 Letter	1	See Comment B1	C1	See Response B1

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D	Michael Payne 02/20/2015 Email	1	Does not support the addition of a new fee (\$702 and 708.5) on hunters.	D1	The proposed fee will only be imposed on hunters who do not report their harvest (or non-harvest). Different methods of reporting (on-line, by mail, in person, telephone, etc.) make the report very simple and without any added cost. Current regulations required the report but are routinely ignored by the majority of hunters, thus losing important deer management information that support the hunter.
E	Lassen County Board of Supervisors 4/21/2014 Resolution #14-019	1	Allocate 10% of available big-game tags to junior hunters.	E1	<p>Deer tags are allocated based on Demand/Success criteria. This method takes into account the demand (based on first choice applications) and weapon success rate(s) to determine where tags should be allocated. Arbitrarily allocating 10% to junior license holders does not take into account the demand for these tags across the board regardless of hunter age. Additionally, junior license holders may apply for Apprentice Hunts (not open to other hunters) as well as submit a second deer tag application in the drawing for Apprentice Hunts. Numerous opportunities to obtain these tags already exist for junior license holders without allocating more tags specifically to them.</p> <p>There is a very high demand for these tags and the Department strives to allocate them in a reasonable and fair method. Although the Department values our youth hunters it must strike a balance in its recommendations to the Commission between encouraging apprentice hunters versus consideration for hunters who have applied for tags successfully year after year.</p>

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F	Joe Becker 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Prefers an incentive program rather than penalty program for mandatory deer tag return change.	F1	Current regulation requires successful deer hunters report their kill within 30 days of that kill. Even with this requirement, the non-reporting rate for deer hunters has been as high as 60% for certain zones. The Department's ability to provide "incentives" for following State law and/or regulation is limited and highly likely not to produce the same hunter response as the imposition of a fee. The proposed fee will only be imposed on hunters who do not report their harvest (or non-harvest). Different methods of reporting (on-line, by mail, in person, telephone, etc.) make the report very simple and without any added cost.
G	Robert Moore Ca Bowman Hunters/State Archery Association. 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Requests early notification from Department regarding final big-game quota recommendations.	G1	Final quota recommendations are not developed until an assessment of over-winter loss can be determined. Quota recommendations are normally made at the April Commission meeting as late as possible to avoid any emergency action(s) later in the year due to over-winter losses that may be experienced. Administrative timelines that do not match survey timelines make providing this information earlier than currently done an extremely difficult task.
		2	Request one-year delay on imposition of non-reporting fee for deer hunters	G2	See Response B1
H	Roman Porter CA Deer Association 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Supports mandatory deer reporting but requests one-year delay on imposition of non-reporting fee for deer hunters	H1	See Response B1

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I	Bill Gaines Ca Bowman Hunters/State Archery Association. 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Requests early notification from Department regarding final big-game quota recommendations.	I1	See Response G1
		2	Requests one year delay on imposition of non-reporting fee for deer hunters	I2	See Response B1
J	Rick Bullock APECS 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Supports mammal regulation change proposals submitted by Department	J1	Thank you
		2	Requests one year delay on imposition of non-reporting fee for deer hunters	J2	See Response B1
K	Matt Davis CA Houndsmen for Conservation 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Supports mammal regulation change proposals submitted by Department	K1	Thank you
		2	Requests one year delay on imposition of non-reporting fee for deer hunters	K2	See Response B1
L	Kimberly Richards 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Hunting is obsolete and we should be pursuing other options	L1	Hunting is a legal activity in the State of California
		2	Does not think a \$20.00 fee is enough for someone who breaks a regulation	L2	The imposition of a fee is designed to remind people to report what the tag was used for. The fee was developed after review of other State's regulations designed to achieve similar results

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M	Teri Faulkner Ca Bowman Hunters/State Archery Association 2/12/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Prefers an incentive program rather than penalty program for mandatory deer tag return change.	M1	See Response F1
N	Rick Bullock APECS 4/9/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Supports the final proposals including the tag reporting proposal.	N1	Support has been noted.
		2	Supports the one year moratorium for implementing the \$20 penalty.	N2	The Commission adopted the one year moratorium as suggested by the public.
O	Wayne Raupe Ca Bowman Hunters/State Archery Association. 4/9/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Appreciated the increase of 14 Elk tags but wished at least one of them could go to archery hunts.	O1	There were no “archery only” options within those hunt areas where increased tag quotas were recommended. However, archery is a legal method of take in these hunt areas.
P	Bill Gaines Ca Bowman Hunters/State Archery Association. 4/9/2015 Oral Testimony	1	Supports the one year moratorium for implementing the \$20 penalty.	P1	The Commission adopted the one year moratorium as suggested by the public.