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TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

This is to provide you with a continuation of the notice of proposed regulatory actions relative to "Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations" in Section 354, identified in Title 14, California Code of Regulations, which appeared in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 11, 2019.

Proposed changes to text as set forth in Notice Register 2019, No. 2-Z, remain the same, except non-substantial and substantial modifications sufficiently related to the text of the regulations as originally proposed are now shown in ~~strikeout~~ and **bold** in an amended Initial Statement of Reasons. All documents including the Amended Initial Statement of Reasons are made available on the Commission's website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov/regulations/2019/index.aspx#354>.

The proposed amended text for Section 354 reflects stakeholder requests made via oral testimony made at the Commission's February 6, 2019 meeting requesting proposed 40 pound bows be changed to 30 pound bows.

Please note that additional information from the notice including dates of the public hearing related to this matter remain the same as in the original notice. Comments on the revised proposed regulations mailed, or emailed to the Commission office, must be received before 12:00 noon on April 12, 2019. All comments must be received no later than April 17, 2019, at the hearing in Santa Monica, California.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

§ 354. Archery Equipment and Crossbow Regulations.

. . . [No changes to subsections (a) through (e)]

(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. It shall be unlawful to use any bow or crossbow without a draw weight of at least 40~~ **30** ~~pounds for a bow or 125 pounds for a cross bow.~~

(g) Except as described in subsection 354(j), crossbows may not be used to take game birds and game mammals during archery seasons.

(h) ~~Except as provided in subsection 353(g) of these regulations and in Section 4370 of the Fish and Game Code, 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. Archers may not use or possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting during an archery season or while hunting during a general season under the provisions of an archery only tag except as provided in subsections (h)(1) or (h)(2).~~

(1) An archer may carry a firearm capable of being concealed on his or her person while engaged in the taking of big game other than deer with a bow and arrow in accordance with subdivision (h), but shall not take or attempt to take big game with the firearm.

(2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lawful possession of a firearm capable of being concealed on his or her person by an active peace officer listed in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code or a retired peace officer in lawful possession of an identification certificate issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 25455 authorizing the retired officer to carry a concealed firearm.

. . . [No changes to subsections (i) through (k)]

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, ~~202, 203, and 240,~~ and 265, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, ~~202, 203, 203.1, 265, and 2005,~~ and 4370, Fish and Game Code, Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2, and Section 25455, Penal Code.