

Section 708.6 is amended to read:

§ 708.6. Tag Validation, Countersigning and Transporting Requirements.

(a) Any person legally killing a deer in this state shall have the deer license tag ~~validated and countersigned~~ by a person authorized by the commission as described ~~below~~ in subsection (c) before transporting such deer, except for the purpose of taking the deer to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where the deer was taken (refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4341).

~~(b) No person may validate or countersign his/her own deer tag or tag.~~

(b) Any person legally killing an elk in this state shall have the elk license tag countersigned by a person authorized by the commission as described in subsection (c) before transporting such elk, except for the purpose of taking the elk to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where the elk was taken.

~~(c) Deer and Elk Tags, Persons Authorized to Validate.~~

~~(1)(c)~~ The following persons are authorized to ~~validate or countersign~~ deer and elk tags:

~~(A)(1)~~ State:

~~1.(A)~~ Fish and Game Commissioners

~~2.(B)~~ Employees of the Department of Fish and ~~Game~~ Wildlife, including Certified Hunter Education Instructors

~~3.(C)~~ Employees of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

~~4.~~ Supervising Plant Quarantine Inspectors

~~5.~~ Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors

(D) Plant Quarantine Inspector, Supervisor I, and Supervisor II

~~(B)(2)~~ Federal:

~~1.(A)~~ Employees of the Bureau of Land Management

~~2.(B)~~ Employees of the United States Forest Service

~~3.(C)~~ Employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service

~~4.(D)~~ All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service

~~5.(E)~~ Commanding Officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer or elk taken on their reservation.

~~6.(F)~~ Postmasters & Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer or elk brought to their post office.

~~(G)(3)~~ Miscellaneous:

~~1.~~ County firemen at and above the class of foreman for deer brought into their station.

(A) Firefighters employed on a full-time basis, only when the deer or elk carcass is brought to their fire station.

~~2.(B)~~ Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts.

~~3.(C)~~ Notaries Public

~~4.(D)~~ Peace Officers (salaried & non-salaried)

~~5.(E)~~ Officers authorized to administer oaths

~~6.(F)~~ Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage

plants for deer or elk brought to their place of business.

(d) No person may countersign his/her own deer tag or elk tag.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, ~~202~~, 203, 215, ~~219~~, 220, 332, 1050, ~~1572~~, 4302, and 4331, ~~4336~~, 4340, 4341 and ~~10502~~, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 201, ~~202~~, 203, 203.1, 207, 210, 215, 219, 220, 332, 1050, 1570, 1571, ~~1572~~, 3950, 4302, 4330, 4331, ~~4332~~, 4333, 4336, 4340, and 4341, 10500 and ~~10502~~, Fish and Game Code.