

Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 708.19, Title 14 CCR, is added to read:

§708.19. Preference Points and Tag Returns.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, upon written request by the tag holder, the department may reinstate the preference points and refund the tag fees used to acquire any of the tags described in subsection (c). A refund for tag fees shall be subject to the nonrefundable processing fee specified in Section 702 with the request. This section shall only apply to tags issued through the big game drawing pursuant to section 708.14.

(b) The department has determined that holders of the tags described in subsection (c) may apply for reinstatement of the preference points, earn one preference point for the license year, and refund of tag fees by returning their unfilled tag along with a written request for them and stating that they did not harvest due to the statewide closure of all National Forests and other affected lands due to unprecedented wildfire in September 2020. Written requests, along with the unused tag, shall be submitted on or before May 1, 2021, to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. Applications postmarked after May 1, 2021, shall be denied.

(c) Big Game Species

(1) Elk

(A) Marble Mountains Apprentice (Hunt 408 - subsection 364(v)(1)(A))

(B) Marble Mountain antlerless (Hunt 301 – subsection 364(r)(3)(A))

(C) Marble Mountain bull (Hunt 302 – subsection 364(r)(3)(A))

(D) Northeastern CA Archery Only (Hunt 411 - subsection 364(w)(1)(A))

(E) Northeastern CA apprentice (Hunt 409 – subsection 364(v)(2)(A))

(F) Northeastern CA bull (Hunt 305 - subsection 364(s)(1)(A))

(G) Northwestern CA antlerless (Hunt 374 – subsection 364(r)(2)(A))

(H) Northwestern CA bull (Hunt 355 – subsection 364(r)(2)(A))

(I) Northwestern CA either sex (Hunt 483 – subsection 364(r)(2)(A))

(J) Siskiyou antlerless (Hunt 401 - subsection 364(r)(1)(A))

(K) Siskiyou bull (Hunt 300 – subsection 364(r)(1)(A))

(L) East Park Reservoir antlerless (Hunt 463 - subsection 364(u)(13)(A))

(M) East Park Reservoir bull (Hunt 461 – subsection 364(u)(13)(A))

(N) Lake Pillsbury Period 1 antlerless (Hunt 331 – subsection 364(u)(16)(A))

(2) Nelson Bighorn Sheep

(A) Zone 7 - White Mountains (subsection 362(a)(7))

(2) Pronghorn Antelope

(A) Likely Tables Period 2 buck (Hunt 732 - subsection 363(c)(2)(A))

(B) Lassen Period 2 buck (Hunt 742 – subsection 363(d)(2)(A))

(d) This section shall remain in effect only until June 30, 2021, and as of that date is repealed.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 219, 265, 331 and 1050, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 331, 713 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.