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To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Robert Larkins

Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: To amend the type of equipment that may be utilized to hunt game in California.

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: I would like to propose that big bore air rifles, typically .30 caliber up to .50 caliber be legalized for taking medium and large game mammals in California. Several states including Arizona and Texas have now legalized big bore air rifles for hunting small, medium and big game. Big bore air rifles have been proven more than capable of humanely taking the animals mentioned, in fact African Elands weighing up to 2200 pounds and water buffalos have been successfully taken with a .45 caliber air rifle, with one shot. Air rifles are normally safer than traditional firearms because they do not have the range of a firearm, they are quieter and normally hold only one round, similar to a black powder rifle and need to be recharged with compressed air typically after 2-5 shots. With the move right now for gun control, the air rifle gives hunters' an alternative to a traditional firearm. It is true that the air rifle will never replace the firearm but it does offer a safe and sensible alternative. I request a waiver of the 10 day deadline.

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: To offer an alternative to the type of equipment that may be used to hunt game. This gives hunters and those that are reluctant to use a firearm an alternative and safer method of humanely taking medium and larger game.

SECTION II: Optional Information



5. **Date of Petition: April 9, 2019**
6. **Category of Proposed Change**
- Sport Fishing
 - Commercial Fishing
 - Hunting
 - Other, please specify:
7. **The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*
- Amend Title 14 Section(s):353
 - Add New Title 14 Section(s):
 - Repeal Title 14 Section(s):
8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition**
Or Not applicable.
9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency:
10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents:
11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing:
12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Received by email on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 8:36 AM.](#)

FGC staff action:

- Accept - complete
- Reject - incomplete
- Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: May 3, 2019

Meeting date for FGC consideration: June 12-13, 2019

FGC action:

- Denied by FGC



- Denied - same as petition _____
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- Granted for consideration of regulation change

Kinchak, Sergey@FGC

From: FGC
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 8:36 AM
To: Cornman, Ari@FGC
Cc: Kinchak, Sergey@FGC
Subject: Fw: Amendment to the Fish and Game Code

From: Bob Larkins
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 08:13 AM
To: FGC
Subject: Amendment to the Fish and Game Code

I would like to add sections 200 - 203 of the Fish and Game Code to my earlier submitted petition to amend the method of taking game in California. Sections 200 -203 gives the Fish and Game Commission the authority to amend the Fish and Game regulations.

Robert Larkins