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Alternate communication format available upon request, call (916) 322-8911. Call the California Relay (telephone) Service for the deaf or hearing-impaired from TDD phones at 800-735-2929 or 711.

PARTICIPATING IN THE REGULATORY PROCESS

The California Fish and Game Commission is composed of five members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commission establishes hunting and sport fishing regulations including seasons, bag and possession limits, methods of take, area descriptions and any special conditions. In addition, the Commission formulates general policies for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Monthly topical meetings are held to hear regulation change proposals. The public may make recommendations in writing before a Commission meeting or present its proposals verbally at the meeting. The Commission's meeting schedule, including specific topics, dates and locations, is posted on their web site fgc.ca.gov.

Written comments can be directed to the Fish and Game Commission at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, or by e-mail to fgc@fgc.ca.gov. Comments sent by e-mail should include a full name and mailing address. The Commission also has established a list server for information distribution available on their web site fgc.ca.gov.

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IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO THE FOLLOWING

It is the hunter's responsibility to know and follow the law.

The California statutes governing many aspects of hunting, firearms, fishing, and the use of public lands, are found in the California Fish and Game Code (FGC). Hunting and fishing activities are further regulated by the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Natural Resources (T14 CCR), and the California Penal Code (PC). These documents may be accessed through the Department of Fish and Wildlife website: wildlife.ca.gov.

Additionally, California counties and cities have adopted local ordinances which regulate and restrict hunting activities within their jurisdiction.

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), governs many aspects of hunting and fishing on federal lands, specific species, and other activities under federal jurisdiction.

(These are not complete regulations. Some sections are abbreviated.)

Licenses

Transfer, use, possess or alter any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation. *FGC §1052*

Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tag§s and/or stamps in possession. *FGC §1054.2*

Fail to exhibit on the demand of a Wildlife Officer, all licenses, tags, fish, or wildlife taken or otherwise dealt with under the Fish and Game Code, and any device or apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take fish or wildlife. *FGC §2012*

Damage another's property or injure livestock while hunting. *FGC §2004*

Prohibited Species

Take spike buck. *T14 CCR §351(c)*

Methods of Take

Use an artificial light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal. *FGC 2005(a)*

Use of a shotgun larger than 10 gauge for the taking of any game bird or game mammal, or a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. *FGC §2010; T14 CCR §311(a) and §353(d)*

A rifle or shotgun shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine. *FGC §2006*

The provisions of this section shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces of this state or the United States, while on duty or going to or returning from duty. *FGC §2006*

Take game birds, game mammals or furbearing mammals except as permitted by regulations. *T14 CCR §250*

Hunt with a crossbow during archery season (except with a Disabled Archer Permit). *T14 CCR §354(g)*

Possess a firearm while hunting during archery season or while hunting during the general season with an archery-only tag. *T14 CCR §354(h)*

Hunt with bow or crossbow without a draw weight of at least 30 pounds for a bow or 125 pounds for a cross bow. *T14 CCR §354(f)*

Pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except when the motor is off and/or the sails furled and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole. *T14 CCR §251*

Use dogs for pursuit/take, or for dog training, during the archery seasons for deer or bear. *T14 CCR §265(a)(1)*

Use dogs to take, bear, bobcat, elk, bighorn sheep and antelope. *T14 CCR §265 (a)(2)*

Use dogs for pursuit/take of, or for dog training on, mountain lions (except under authority of a depredation permit). *T14 CCR §265(a)(3)*

Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird or mammal. *FGC §10500*

Possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are

STAY CONNECTED TO CDFW

Having your e-mail address and mobile number will enable the CDFW to send you information you can use, such as license renewal and courtesy report card deadline reminders, and California fishing information. When purchasing a license from a license agent or when you log in to the Online License Sales and Services, update your communication preferences and provide your e-mail address and mobile number.

<https://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/>

Fish and Game Code, Section 1050.6, and California Government Code, Section 11015.5, prohibit the CDFW from selling or sharing your personal information with any third party.

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unstrung. *FGC §10506*

National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.

Use of Bait

Knowingly feed big game mammals. *T14 CCR §251.3*

Take game birds and mammals within 400 yards of any baited area. This does not apply to the taking of game birds and mammals on or over standing crops, croplands, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations or procedures. *T14 CCR §257.5*

Take bears within 400 yards of any garbage dump or bait. *T14 CCR §365(e)*

Hunting Hours

Hunt big game from one- half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. *T14 CCR §352*

Firearm Safety

Possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments which is standing on or along or is being driven on or along any public highway or other way open to the public. *FGC §2006*

Nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle. *T14 CCR §354(i)*

Possess a short barreled shotgun (Barrel less than 18 inches), or a short-barreled rifle (Barrel less than 16 inches). *PC §33210*

CDFW Aerial Survey



2025 HUNTING LICENSE AND TAG FEES

License	Fee
Resident Hunting License	\$62.90
Nonresident Hunting License	\$219.81
Junior Hunting License	\$16.46
Disabled Veteran & Recovering Service Member Hunting License <i>Initial qualification must be done at a CDFW license sales office, see page 10 for more information.</i>	\$10.29
Duplicate Hunting License	\$14.04
2-Day Nonresident Hunting License <i>Valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, furbearing mammals, wild pigs, and non-game mammals</i>	\$62.90

Drawing Application, Tag, or Validation	Fee
Resident 1st Deer Tag/Application	\$41.30
Nonresident 1st Deer Tag/Application	\$368.20
Resident 2nd Deer Tag/Application	\$51.58
Nonresident 2nd Deer Tag/Application	\$368.20
Elk Tag Drawing Application	\$8.13
Pronghorn Antelope Tag Drawing Application	\$8.13
Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application	\$8.13
Resident Bear Tag	\$61.30
Resident Junior Bear Tag	\$32.97
Nonresident Bear Tag	\$387.85
Resident Wild Pig Validation	\$27.57
Nonresident Wild Pig Validation	\$98.85
Duplicate Big Game Tag <i>Available at any CDFW license sales office.</i>	\$13.39

Deer Tag Non-Reporting Fee \$21.60

Interested in a Lifetime Hunting License?

Visit wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lifetime for details!

FOREWORD

This booklet contains information from both the California Fish and Game Code (FGC) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). For detailed information, refer to the appropriate code or contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department).

These excerpts are provided as a courtesy and are not to be used as legal documents. Since the regulation and FGC sections may be amended at any time, it is the reader's responsibility to be knowledgeable of, and abide by, all laws and regulations in effect at the time they participate in any commercial or recreational fishing or hunting activity. Any discrepancies between this document and the regulation and FGC sections from which they were prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code sections and regulations in effect on the date the activity takes place.

The official California Code of Regulations may be accessed through Thompson Reuters Westlaw at <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Index>. The official Fish and Game Code may be accessed through California Legislative Information at <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>.

California Fish and Game Commission

The Mission of the California Fish and Game Commission is, on behalf of California citizens, to ensure the long term sustainability of California's fish and wildlife resources by:

- Guiding the ongoing scientific evaluation and assessment of California's fish and wildlife resources;
- Setting California's fish and wildlife resource management policies and ensuring these are implemented by the Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Establishing appropriate fish and wildlife resource management rules and regulations; and
- Building active fish and wildlife resource management partnerships with individual landowners, the public and interest groups, and federal, state, and local resource management agencies.

Department of Fish and Wildlife

The mission of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.

The Department is charged with the administration and enforcement of the FGC and Title 14. The Department is organized with the Director and headquarters staff in Sacramento, and seven regional managers coordinating the operations in their respective portions of the state. The Director is the appointing power of all Department employees, who are responsible to the Director for the proper performance of their duties and responsibilities.

Most of the revenue for the Department comes from the Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund, with a limited amount from other sources (General Fund, Sport Fish Restoration Act, Environmental License Plate Fund, and grants). The Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund is supported by the sale of sport fishing and hunting licenses, commercial licenses, fish landing taxes, and fines and penalties assessed for violation of Fish and Wildlife laws.

All laws or regulations hereunder are either reproduced verbatim from the Fish and Game Code or from Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, as adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission under authority of the Fish and Game Code.

All references to state highway, interstate highway and U.S. highway numbers appearing in regulations are as designated on the current California State Highway map issued by the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency at the time such regulations were adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission.

Accessing Hunting Regulations

- **Mammal Hunting Booklet**
includes regulations for: hunting small and big game mammals; exotic game mammals; trapping furbearers (fox, badger, beaver and raccoon, etc.); hunting nongame animals (bobcat, coyote, weasel, etc.)
- **Big Game Hunting Digest (this booklet)**
includes hunt seasons, tag quotas and drawing for deer, elk, pronghorn antelope and bighorn sheep; bear and wild pig hunting; other related hunting regulations
- **Mammal Hunting Regulations HTML**
- **Waterfowl, Upland Game, and Public Use of Department Lands Regulations Booklet**
- **Upland Game Bird Hunting Regulations HTML**
- **Waterfowl Hunting Regulations HTML**
- **Upland Game Birds Regulations Summary**
- **Waterfowl Regulations Summary**

WHAT'S NEW IN 2025

Deer Tag Classification Changes

For the 2025 deer hunting season, the following deer tags have changed classifications. Please refer to the hunt tables beginning on [page 30](#) for more information.

From Premium to Restricted:

- A19 - tag quota filled on 7/22/2024
- A31 - tag quota filled on 7/4/2024
- D9 Zone - tag quota filled on 7/31/2024

From Restricted to Unrestricted deer tag:

- A32 - tag quota filled on 8/29/2024

From Unrestricted to Restricted:

- B Zone - tag quota filled on 8/2/2024

Maximum Preference Points

For the 2025 Big Game Drawing, 23 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. To look up your total preference points log on to your customer profile at licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/ and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page.

Pronghorn Antelope Tag Quotas Reduced*

Following aerial population surveys conducted by the Department in February 2025, pronghorn populations across north-eastern California appear to be continuing to decline. In 2024, the Commission approved a reduction in tags. Given current trends, a conservative harvest approach remains warranted. For 2025, the Department is recommending the Commission adopt a further reduction of tags in two hunt zones. Of the six pronghorn hunt zones, Clear Lake and Likely Tables showed the most significant declines in minimum population estimates.

New Late Season Buck Hunt*

G-40 is a pilot late season buck hunt in the Madera County portion of D-7. The hunt season is scheduled for November 22-30, and for a total of 25 tags. See [page 32](#) for the hunt code to apply.

New Archery Elk Hunts*

Three archery only elk hunts premiere this year. The new hunts will add a total of 10 bull and 12 antlerless tags in the Siskiyou, Central Coast, and La Panza Hunt Zones. See [page 46](#) for more information.

New Periods for Two Desert Bighorn Sheep Zones*

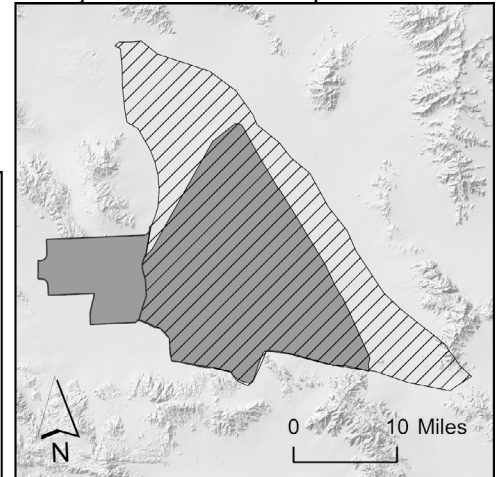
Two desert bighorn zones, the Newberry, Rodman, and Ord (Zone 10) and the White Mountains (Zone 7), will each have two hunting periods. These changes provide increased hunt-

er opportunity while maintaining some temporal separation amongst hunters. For more information see [page 59](#).

Desert Bighorn Sheep - Zone 6 Sheep-hole Mountains Boundary Modified*

The Sheep Hole Mountains (Zone 6) boundary has been adjusted to include habitat use by rams in the winter and remove unoccupied habitat. The adjustment is based upon GPS data 2025 Modifications to Zone 6 (Sheep Hole Mountains)

- Zone 6 (1991 - 2024)
- Zone 6 (2025 on)



and home range analyses.

Tag Quota Increases for Elk and Desert Bighorn Sheep*

Tag quotas for elk have increased in Gabilan Hunt Zone by six bull tags for a total of 10. In the Lake Pillsbury Hunt Zone, there are three additional periods to accommodate an increase of four bull tags and two antlerless tags. For desert bighorn sheep, there is an overall increase of seven general tags across the 10 hunt zones.

New Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zones*

- Chronic wasting disease (CWD), an always fatal neurologic disease affecting deer and elk, was confirmed for the first time in California in May 2024 ([LINK to press release](#)).
- Hunters must know the CWD and regulatory status of their hunt zone and adhere to any CWD-related requirements that may apply.
- The Department maintains CWD-related information, including where CWD has been detected and current CWD management zone requirements, at wildlife.ca.gov/CWD.

Big Game Drawing Application Period

The 2025 Big Game Drawing application period opens on April 15, 2025 and closes at midnight on June 2, 2025.

* Adopted by the CA Fish and Game Commission at its April 16, 2025 meeting. Pending OAL approval for July 1 effective date.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hunting License Requirements

First-time applicants applying for a hunting license through the CDFW's ALDS must present one of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A Two-Day Nonresident California Hunting License issued after the 2000 license year;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a unique number imprinted on it ex: (AA00000) or a California hunter education certificate with no unique number imprinted and a California hunter education validation stamp affixed;
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state or province.

Applicants that have previously purchased a hunting license through CDFW's ALDS will already have the required proof of hunter education evidence in their customer profile. To ensure the appropriate customer profile is retrieved at a license agent, the CDFW recommends hunters provide the license agent with a previously issued ALDS license.

Validation of License

To be valid, every California hunting license shall be signed by the licensee. Proof of identification must be presented at the time of initial purchase. In addition, the license must contain the following information about the licensee: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

Acceptable proof of identification:

INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between all 50 states and the District of Columbia, which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC. The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution.

- Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants who are less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification previously described or a guardian's identification (parent or legal guardian identification listed).

License Provisions

A valid California hunting license is required to take any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them upon request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown upon request.

A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals wild pigs, and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt bighorn sheep, bear, deer, elk, or pronghorn.

Junior Hunting License Eligibility

To qualify for a junior hunting license, a hunter must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying.

Disabled Veteran and Recovering Service Member Hunting Licenses

CDFW offers reduced fee hunting licenses for Disabled Veterans and Recovering Service Members.

Honorably discharged disabled veterans (resident or nonresident) with a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license. Applicants must submit a letter from the Veterans' Administration documenting that you were honorably discharged from the US military and have a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

Recovering service members are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license while undergoing medical treatment, recupera-

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tion, or therapy, and are in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member's military service. Applicants must submit a letter from your commanding officer or military medical doctor verifying your eligibility as a recovering service member, including the expected recovery date in your verification letter.

To prequalify, applicants must submit the document of eligibility along with a photocopy of your personal identification and GO ID by fax to (916) 419-7585 or by secure document upload. To upload your documentation, please email your request to LRB@wildlife.ca.gov and follow the link provided in the response. You may also apply by mail or in person at any CDFW license sales office. For more information please contact your nearest CDFW license sales offices or visit our web site at wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/hunting. Hunting tags and validations must be purchased at full price.

Upland Game Bird and California Duck Validation

Any person (except junior hunters) must have an Upland Game Bird Validation when hunting pheasant, dove, turkey, quail, grouse, ptarmigan, snipe, band-tailed pigeon, partridge or chukar. A California Duck Validation authorizes any person to hunt waterfowl in California (along with the Federal Duck Stamp and free HIP Validation). CDFW knows that many hunters collect the physical stamps. Hunters who purchase these validations can claim their collectible stamp online at the address printed on their 2025-2026 hunting licenses. Stamps will be mailed at the end of the license year (after July 1, 2026).

Harvest Information Program (HIP) Validation Requirement

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in 2025-2026 (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gallinules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey. To take the survey you must request a HIP validation at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, or online. There is no charge for the HIP validation. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP validation in their immediate possession.

Duplicate Licenses

Your customer record contains a history of all your license purchases. If you lose your license or additional validations, you can go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales and purchase a duplicate license and validations.

Disabled Entitlements

The CDFW offers the following free disabled entitlements to any resident or nonresident hunter that meets the qualifications. These entitlements must be certified by a licensed physician and submitted to the CDFW's License and Revenue

Branch. Hunters that qualify for these entitlements must also have a valid California hunting license in possession while hunting.

Disabled Archer Permit

A Disabled Archer Permit is available to any hunter who has permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs one or both upper extremities preventing the hunter from drawing and holding of a bow in a firing position. The Disabled Archer Permit authorizes the disabled archer to use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position, to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag or during archery season.

Certification from a licensed physician is required. If the physician indicates on the initial application that the disability is permanent, hunters may renew the permit every year at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales.

If the disability is temporary, the physician is required to enter the end date of the disability on the application. Temporary permits may be renewed at any CDFW's license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales every year until the temporary disability end date; once the end date has passed, re-certification is required.

Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit

A Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit is available to any visually impaired hunter having a permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs the vision of a hunter, preventing the hunter from viewing and aligning the sights of a muzzleloader rifle with the target in order to hunt deer. The Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit allows the hunter to use a 1X scope on a muzzleloader rifle while hunting under the conditions of a muzzleloader deer hunt tag. Hunters must renew the permit each license year, but hunters may provide a copy of their previously issued permit to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch to renew annually.

Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License

A Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License is available for any mobility impaired disabled hunter who must use a motor vehicle to pursue game. The Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License allows a hunter to discharge a firearm from a vehicle that is stopped and its engine turned off. To qualify a person must be either permanently or fully confined to a wheelchair, a single or double amputee above the knee or double amputee below the knee, or depend upon the aid of a walker, crutches, etc. to walk. Certification from a licensed physician is required. The license is only available from CDFW's License and Revenue Branch.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Class Options

Hunter education classes include instruction in firearms safety and handling, sportsmanship and ethics, wildlife management and conservation, archery, black powder, wildlife identification, game care, first aid, and survival. Classes are offered in three formats:

- 1. Traditional (minimum of 10 hours of classroom, homework, and field instruction) or
- 2. Online course and follow-up class. For more information or to register for a class, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education.

Hunter Education Equivalency Exams

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment only at CDFW regional offices for a fee. In some states, the California equivalency certificate may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education. For more information on the hunter education equivalency exam, contact your nearest CDFW regional office.

Duplicate Hunter Education Certificates

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class. If the class was completed prior to 1989, CDFW does not have records before this date; the hunter should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course.

Visit the hunter education web page at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education for more information.

Advanced Hunter Education

Advanced Hunter Education Clinics are species-specific or skill-specific. Learn how to field dress a deer, call in a mallard, find your way out of the woods, process and prepare your game for the table, plus much more!

Upcoming Clinics include:

- Hunting with Air Guns
- Wild Pig Hunting
- Introduction to Archery/Bowhunting (Family Friendly)
- Long Range Shooting
- Wild Turkey Hunting

For additional information, including clinic dates and locations, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced.

Bow Hunter Education Class

Although bow hunter education training is not required in California, many states do require it for all bow hunters. CDFW's bow hunter education program meets the requirements of all states. For more information or to register for a class, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education.

Hunter Education	Fee
Hunter Education Certificate (Duplicate) <i>Customers with CDFW verified Hunter Education Certificates in their ALDS customer record may purchase duplicate hunter education certificates at license agents or online.</i>	\$8.90
Hunter Education Equivalency Exam <i>Available at regional CDFW license sales offices only by appointment. NOTE: Not recognized as proof of Hunter Education.</i>	\$69.75

BIG GAME DRAWING WORKSHEET



State of California - The Natural Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

2025 BIG GAME DRAWING WORKSHEET FOR APPLYING AT A LICENSE AGENT

DO NOT MAIL OR FAX WORKSHEET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

This worksheet is to assist the salesclerk in entering your hunt choices. Select your hunt choices prior to visiting a license agent. All sales transactions for the Big Game Drawing must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2025. You may apply at CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at www.licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/ or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. **Mailed or faxed worksheets will not be accepted at a CDFW office.**

VERIFY THAT YOUR HUNT CHOICES ARE CORRECT ON YOUR DRAWING RECEIPT BEFORE LEAVING THE LICENSE AGENT. NOTE: Do not leave this worksheet with the salesclerk.

NAME _____

GO ID _____

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Enter party leader's party identification number only if you are joining an existing party.

First-Deer Tag Drawing Application:

To enter the Big Game Drawing for a premium deer hunt tag or preference point only

Party Leader's

Party Identification Number _____

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application:

Use only for junior hunters applying for Apprentice Deer Hunts, who did not apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Application

Party Leader's

Party Identification Number _____

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice

Elk Tag Drawing Application:

Party Leader's

Party Identification Number _____

Hunt Choice

Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application:

Party Leader's

Party Identification Number _____

Hunt Choice

Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application:

Party not allowed

Hunt Choice

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Deer Tags and General Information

In addition to a valid California hunting license, deer tags are also required and must be in possession when taking deer. Hunters may obtain two deer tags per license year. Applicants for deer tags must be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1 of the license year for which they are applying or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1. A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application or First-Deer Tag must be purchased before or at the same time as a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application (junior hunters only) or Second-Deer Tag.

License and Tag Privileges Can Be Revoked

It is illegal to purchase more than one First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/First-Deer Tag and one Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application/Second-Deer Tag in the same license year. Persons convicted of a deer violation during the 2024-25 license year may not apply for deer tags in 2025-26.

The Fish and Game Code provides that the California Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. (FGC 12155, CCR T-14 745.5).

Deer Tag Information

Applicants may purchase deer tags or apply in the annual Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/ or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. Allow 15 days to receive license items purchased online or by telephone.

Premium deer tags are issued by drawing. Restricted and unrestricted deer tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

Hunt Tag Descriptions**A, B, and D Zone Hunt Tags**

These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment only and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. Tags are valid for a specific zone of issuance except:

A zone deer tag is valid in both A North and A South;

B zone deer tags are valid in any B zone;

D3-5 deer tags are valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and

D11, D13, or D15 tags may be used in any of these three zones.

C Zone Hunt Tag

A C zone tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3, and C4 during the general season only, using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle,

shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. To hunt with archery equipment only during the archery season in any C zone you must apply in the Big Game Drawing for an A1 Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.

X Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the general season only, in a specific zone using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow.

Archery-Only (AO) Hunt Tag

The AO (Archery-Only) tag allows hunting with archery equipment only during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones and Hunt G10 (military only). To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag for the appropriate zone. You may not possess a firearm or crossbow when hunting under the authority of an Archery-Only deer tag except as otherwise provided.

Apprentice Hunt Tags

Applicants must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying, and must possess a valid 2025-26 California Junior Hunting License. See [page 34](#) for more information on Apprentice Deer Hunts. Junior hunters receiving Apprentice Deer Hunt tags must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting.

Area-Specific Archery Hunt Tags

These tags allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

Military Lands Hunts

J10 and A33 (Additional Hunt Deer Tags), are held on military installations and offer limited number of tags for the public. Tags are issued through the CDFW's Big Game Drawing. The G8 hunt has been cancelled by the Base Commander for the 2025 hunting season.

Additional Military Lands Hunts, G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-sex Hunt), G10 (Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base Either-sex Hunt), and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Either-sex Hunt) are for military personnel only. Military personnel must contact the base directly for information on application procedures. Hunters interested in the G7 hunt tag may contact the Beale AFB Natural Resources Office at (530) 634-2738. For information on the G10 hunt tag contact the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base at (760) 725-3360.

Deer Tag Exchanges

Premium deer tags cannot be exchanged. Non-Premium deer tags may be exchanged if all of the following conditions are met:

The earliest season (either archery or general) for the tag being exchanged has not yet opened;

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The tag quota for the tag being exchanged has not filled;

Tags are still available for the zone being requested; and

The exchange fee of \$13.39 for the exchange tag accompanies your request.

Deer tag exchanges are only processed at CDFW license sales offices (T14 CCR §708.4).

Deer Tag Preference Point Reinstatements

Tag holders unable to hunt may return their premium first-choice deer tag via mail to the CDFW License and Revenue Branch before the season starts, along with a written request to have their preference points reinstated. The tag and written statement must be postmarked prior to the opening date of the earliest season for the tag.

Tag holders in a party may return their premium first-choice deer tags only if their points are less than or equal to the party's point average. For tag holders with more points than the party's point average to have their points reinstated, all members of the party must return their tags for point reinstatement. If the request is approved, preference points will be reinstated, and one preference point will be awarded for deer for the hunt year (CCR T14-708.14(j)(1)). Premium deer tags are defined as any hunt in which the quota filled on or before the first business day after July 1 of the previous year.

Junior hunters returning their premium deer tags for preference points reinstatement must return all premium first-choice tags. All returned tags must meet eligibility requirements for preference points reinstatement (CCR T14-708.14(l)).

For information about preference point reinstatements, including instructions and deadline dates for returning tags for preference point reinstatements, visit the Exchanges, Returns, Preference Points website: wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game#exchanges.

Deer Tag Refunds

Deer tag fees are nonrefundable. Deer Tag Drawing Application fees are nonrefundable once the deer tag application has been entered into the Big Game Drawing or a deer tag has been issued regardless of closures of any zone or hunt due to fire, weather or other natural disasters.

Deer Definitions

Antlerless Deer

Female deer, fawns of either sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length (T14 CCR §351(b)).

Either-sex Deer

Antlerless deer, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler (T14 CCR §351(c)).

Forked-horn Buck

A male deer having a branched antler on either side with the branch in the upper two-thirds of the antler. Eyeguards or other bony projections on the lower one-third of the antler shall not be considered as points or branches (T14 CCR §351(a)).

Spike Buck Deer: A male deer with unbranched antlers on both sides which are more than 3 inches in length (FGC 204(d)).

Deer Tag Classifications

Deer tags are issued for a specific hunt. Each hunt has a tag quota – the total number of tags that can be issued. Deer hunts are categorized into three different classifications (premium, restricted and unrestricted) based on the prior year's demand for the tag. Hunt classification determines tag issuance method and other rules as follows:

Premium Deer Hunts

Are any hunt where the quota filled on or before the first business day after July 1, of the previous year. Hunters may only obtain one premium hunt tag per license year. To apply for a premium deer hunt tag, hunters must apply in the Big Game Drawing using a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Except junior hunters who may also apply for premium Apprentice Hunts using a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Premium Deer Tags for 2025 are:

General Zone Hunts: C, D12, D14, and D17;

X Zone Hunts: X1, X2, X3A, X3B, X4, X5A, X5B, X6A, X6B, X7A, X7B, X8, X9A, X9B, X9C, X10 and X12;

General Methods Hunts: G1, G3, G6, G12, G13, G19, G21, G37, G38, G39 and G40;

Muzzleloader Hunts: M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M11, MA1 and MA3;

Area-Specific Archery Hunts: A1, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A20, A21, A24, A25, A26, A27, A30 and A33;

Apprentice Hunts: J1, J3, J4, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20 and J21.

Restricted Deer Hunts

Are any hunt that filled on or before the first business day after August 1 of the previous year. Restricted deer hunt tags may be issued upon the purchase of a First-Deer Tag. Second-Deer Tag applicants may also obtain a restricted deer hunt tag at any time, if you do not have a pending drawing application, have not been issued a premium deer hunt tag or restricted deer hunt tag as a First-Deer Tag. Restricted tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

Restricted Deer Tags for 2025 are:

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Area-Specific Archery Hunts: A19, A22 and A31;

General Hunt Zones: B, D6 and D9.

Unrestricted Deer Hunts

Are any hunt that did not fill on or before the first business day after August 1, in the previous year. Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon the purchase of either a First-Deer Tag or Second-Deer Tag.

Unrestricted Deer Tags for 2025 are:

Archery Only Hunts: AO, A18 and A32

General Hunt Zones: A, D3-5, D7, D8, D10, D11, D13, D15, D16, and D19

First Deer Tag Drawing Application

A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application may only be used to apply for the following hunts:

First Choice – Premium Deer Hunts or PD (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.

Second and Third Choice – Second and third hunt choices are optional and may be a premium deer, restricted deer or unrestricted deer hunt tag.

Second Deer Tag Drawing Application

A Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application may ONLY be used by junior hunters to apply for Apprentice Hunts, and only if they have not applied for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application hunt choices are limited as follows:

First Choice – Must be an Apprentice Deer Hunt or PD (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.

Second and Third Choice – Second and third choice hunts are optional and may be another Apprentice Deer Hunt or unrestricted deer hunt tag. Junior hunters may select a restricted deer hunt as their second or third tag choice ONLY if they were issued an unrestricted deer tag as their First-Deer Tag or not pending a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

First Deer Tag

A First-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
 - Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
 - Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on July 2, 2025
- If any premium deer hunt tags remain after the Big Game

Drawing, First-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any leftover premium deer hunt tags starting at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2025.

Second Deer Tag

A Second-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags

Restricted Deer Hunt Tags

Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on August 2, 2025.

Second-Deer Tag applicants may obtain any restricted deer hunt tag at any time if they do not have a pending First-Deer Tag Drawing Application or have not been issued a premium or restricted deer tag as a First-Deer Tag.

Starting at 8:00 a.m. on August 2, 2025 all Second-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any remaining deer tag regardless if you have been issued a premium or restricted deer tag already.

TIP

MOST COMMON MISTAKES WHEN APPLYING IN THE DRAWING

- Online applicants forget to click on the “Submit Payment” button to process the transaction. You can double check your purchase by logging back into your profile and view your license sales history at the top of the page.
- Online applicants “Add to Cart” a first deer tag instead of the First Deer Tag Drawing Application located under the “Drawings” list.
- Applicants leave the license sales agent with a deer tag instead of a Deer Drawing Receipt. The drawing receipt shows the hunt choices you applied for in the drawing.
- An applicant who does not retrieve their existing profile, creates a duplicate profile, and is not connected to their preference points or hunter education. Therefore the customer is not able to purchase a hunting license and cannot apply in the drawing.
- Applicants miss the deadline to apply.

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All premium deer hunt tags and elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep tags are distributed through the CDFW Big Game Drawing.

See instructions for applying in the 2025 Big Game Drawing for your elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep tags.

For the 2025 Big Game Drawing, 23 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. The CDFW started tracking preference points in 2002. To look up your total preference points, log on to your customer profile at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales and click on "View My Drawing Application/Preference Points."

Applying in the Big Game Drawing

Applicants can apply for the Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. The Big Game Drawing application period begins April 15, 2025. All transactions for Big Game Drawing entries must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2025. Applicants applying for preference points only must also submit their applications by the same date and time.

You will need to purchase a California hunting license and the appropriate Big Game Drawing Tag Applications:

First-Deer Tag Application (junior hunters may apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application). See [page 30](#) for deer hunt codes.

Elk Tag Drawing Application, see [page 47](#) for elk hunt codes.

Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application, see [page 55](#) for pronghorn hunt codes.

Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application, see [page 57](#) for bighorn sheep hunt codes.

Retrieving Your Customer Record

- If applying at a CDFW license sales office or a license agent, provide a previous ALDS issued license for the agent to scan.
- If applying online or by telephone sales, use the GO ID (printed above your 'STATE ID') from a previously issued ALDS license to retrieve your customer record. See instructions on [page 18](#) for more information on applying online.

Applying for Another Person

If you are applying for someone else or party members, bring their previously issued ALDS license or their identification number and date of birth.

Proof of Hunter Education Requirement

Hunter education information must already be on file in your ALDS profile. For new applicants, please bring your required proof of hunter education with you to the license agent. **NOTE:** Hunters who have purchased hunting items via ALDS already have hunter education on file.

Items to Purchase

- Purchase your 2025-2026 California hunting license.
- Provide the sales clerk the 2025 hunting items you would like to apply for (see the list of items from the previous column) and the hunt code for each tag application for which you want to apply. **NOTE:** For deer, you should confirm the correct order of your hunt choices.

Applying as a Party

The maximum number of party members for deer is six (6). For elk and pronghorn, only residents may apply as a party of two. Hunters cannot apply as a party for bighorn sheep. You will receive a different Drawing Receipt and Party Number for each species for which you are applying. Make sure you are giving the correct Party Number from each Drawing Receipt to the correct hunting party.

When applying for a deer, elk, or pronghorn drawing tag application you will be prompted as to whether you are:

- Applying alone or creating a new party (party leader).
- Joining an existing party.

The first member of the party is considered the leader. They will be prompted for their hunt choice(s) and a Party Number will be printed on their Drawing Receipt at the end of the sales transaction. Note: A Party Number is printed on every Drawing Receipt.

The party leader must provide the Party Number to additional members to 'authorize' them to join the party. Note: CDFW license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Number.

When other party members apply they must tell the sales clerk they are joining an existing party, and provide the Party Number to the sales clerk (or enter it themselves if applying online). Note: If other members of the party are applying in the same sales transaction, they will not need the party number and can just indicate to the sales clerk that they are joining that person's party.

When the Party Number is entered in the drawing application screen it will bring up the hunting party and hunt choice information. The sales clerk should confirm that this is the correct party and hunt choice with the purchaser. If this is not the correct party, the sales clerk can cancel and re-enter the Party Number. If correct, the sales clerk can confirm, and this will link the new member to the party. (Note: If applying online, the confirmation screen will display for the customer with the options to cancel or confirm).

Hunters joining an existing party will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and all party members will be linked in the drawing together.

Party applications can be made up of transactions submitted in the same sales transaction or through several transactions. In addition, hunters can submit their drawing applications at any CDFW license sales offices, license agents, online, or by telephone sales.

IMPORTANT: Applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt for each species for which they are applying. If you were issued

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a first deer tag instead of a Drawing Receipt, at the license agent, you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will not earn a preference point and will not be drawn for a premium deer tag.

Check Your Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Hunters should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), accumulated preference points, and a Party Number. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information.

License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four-hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at LRB@wildlife.ca.gov to make any corrections.

Applying for the Big Game Drawing Online

Apply early! Don't be left out! License sales open April 15, 2025. The deadline to apply is midnight on June 2, 2025.

You must have proof of hunter education on file to purchase hunting items online. If you do not have hunter education on file, you must provide proof of hunter education to a license agent or a CDFW license sales office. You may also contact CDFW by fax at (916) 419-7585 or e-mail LRB@wildlife.ca.gov and provide proof of hunter education and GO ID, or your personal identification number. After your hunter education is updated in ALDS, you will be able to purchase hunting licenses now and in the future.

How to Apply Online

Using your last name, date of birth, and ID number (GO ID, CDL, or other ID used to create profile) log into your profile license.wildlife.ca.gov/InternetSales and click on the "Purchase Licenses" link at the top of the page.

1. From the Menu box on the left side of the screen, select the 2025 Hunting tab.
2. Add the 2025 hunting license to your cart.
3. Scroll down to the Drawings section.
4. Click on "Add to Cart" to select the desired Drawing Application.
Note: Adult hunters MUST use a First Deer Tag Drawing Application when applying for deer in the Big Game Drawing. The item 'First Deer Tag' (in the TAGS section) cannot be used to apply for the Big Game Drawing for deer.
- 5a. If you are joining an existing hunting party, select "Join Party". You will need the Party Number of the party you wish to join. See [page 17](#) for more information on applying as a party.
- 5b. If you are applying alone, or if you are the first person in your party to apply, select "Apply Alone or Create New Party."
6. Enter your hunt choices in the boxes provided.
7. Click "Submit" to enter your hunt choice. Then on the confirmation page, review your hunt choices and/or party

number and click "Submit" again to complete your hunt choice entry.

8. Repeat step 4, for each species for which you are applying.
9. Add any other items you wish to purchase to the cart.
10. Click "Check Out" from the side shopping cart or click "View Cart" at the top of the page to review the items you've selected and confirm your tag choices.
11. Click on "Check Out" to start the checkout process. Review your mailing address and enter your email address if you want confirmation of your purchase emailed to you.
12. Check the box to certify that you are 18 years of age and authorize the purchase and check the "I am not a robot" reCAPTCHA box. The transaction will not be processed if this box is not checked, which means you will not be entered in the Big Game Drawing.
13. Enter your payment information.
14. Check the box "By checking this box" and click on the "Pay Now" button. The "Transaction Complete" page will appear, stating that your order has been received and processed. Click on "Download Receipt/Licenses" so you may print your drawing receipts for your record.

Drawing Results

CDFW will conduct the drawing within 10 business days of the application deadline. Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 16, 2025 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at license.wildlife.ca.gov/InternetSales and click on "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page. Applicants will also see their new preference point totals by clicking on the tab "Preference Point." On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

Notifying Applicants

Deer tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing will be mailed to successful applicants as soon as possible after the drawing. If you do not receive your tag by July 2, 2025, please contact your nearest CDFW license sales office.

Unsuccessful deer tag applicants will also be mailed unsuccessful deer tag notices by July 2, 2025. Notices will list available deer tags as of the notice date. It is not necessary to have the drawing notice to claim an available tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales to claim available deer tags. Hunters may use their California hunting license to retrieve their customer record.

Unsuccessful nonresidents may request a refund of the difference between the fees paid for a nonresident and a resident Deer Tag Drawing Application, if the application was submitted and a deer tag was not issued or if a nonresident deer tag is issued, and all of the following conditions are met:

- The deer license tag is not a premium tag.
- The deer license tag is returned prior to the earliest opening date for the hunt.
- The tag quota has not been filled for the hunt.

Refund requests shall be submitted on or before March 1,

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each year, to CDFW's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. If the deadline to submit the request for refund falls on a weekend or holiday, requests will be accepted until the close of business on the first state business day following the deadline to submit the request.

Successful elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep tag winners and alternates should receive their payment notices in the mail by July 2, 2025; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

It is not necessary to have the successful tag letter to claim your tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office or online to purchase your elk or pronghorn tag.

How the Drawing Works

Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in Draw-By-Choice drawings. Quota splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, and other special criteria (such as those for Apprentice Hunts, elk, pronghorn and Bighorn sheep).

- CDFW will conduct the drawing within 10 business days of the application deadline.
- After the application deadline, when all applicant information has been verified, the computer will:
 - Assign each person (or party) a unique random number. Party members receive the same random number as the party leader.
 - Determine the preference point value for party applications by averaging all party members' preference points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Preference point averages are not rounded up or down. T14 CCR §708.14(e)

Steps in the Premium Deer Tag Drawing:

- Sort all applications according to the first choice tag, then preference point totals, and then random number.
- Award tag choices to applicants with the most preference points, in random number order only (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number). Tags are awarded until the preference quota is met.
- After the preference point round is completed, unsuccessful applicants are resorted by hunt choice and random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and the computer begins awarding tags based on applicant's first-choice without consideration of accumulated preference points, until all draw-by-choice tag quotas fill or until all applicants have been processed.
- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are then sorted by second choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number) and the computer conducts a second round of drawings for any zones and hunts with tags remaining without consideration of accumulated preference points.
- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are sorted once again by third choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and any remaining tags are awarded without consideration of accumulated points.

- Applicants unsuccessful for any of their hunt choices will be notified of available tags so they may reapply.
- Deer tag party applications are not split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags. T14 CCR §708.15(a)(2) Therefore, when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party, the computer bypasses that application and moves on to the next application where party count is equal to or less than the remaining quota.

Steps in the Elk, Pronghorn and, Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawings:

- The draw-by-choice round of the drawing is conducted first then the preference point round.
- Alternates are selected in the preference point round and parties may be split when awarding the final tag. The party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Applicants drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

Mandatory Bighorn Sheep Hunter Orientation

Successfully drawn applicants and recipients of fundraising tags must complete the hunter orientation requirement, in-person on July 19, 2025 in Sacramento.

Tag Quota Splits

Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the California Fish and Game Commission based on CDFW science-based proposals and public input. Please check the Commission's web site at www.fgc.ca.gov for information on how to become involved in the regulation-setting process.

Premium Deer Hunt Tags

Ninety percent (90%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. Ten percent (10%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing. For zones or hunts with quotas less than ten (10) tags, one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.

Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags

Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Preference Point drawing. Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

Elk, Pronghorn, and Bighorn Sheep Tags

- For quotas of one (1), the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two (2), one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three (3), two (2) tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four (4) or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

HOW TO PROPERLY FILL OUT A TAG (HUNTED, HARVESTED)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DEER TAG
See Regulations for Season Dates

Barcode: D-0040582669-0

GO ID: 100000102
STATE ID: X408**** CA
JOE HUNTER
123 HUNTING AVE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834
SEX: M HAIR: Brown EYES: Blue
HT: 6-00 WT: 240 DOB: 01/01/1985
Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months.

Doc No: D-0040582669-0
Trans: 000000000788073
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Outlet No: 302001-001
4/5/2024 10:28:01 AM

Item: 2nd Deer Tag - Resident
Total: \$50.76

*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees, and license buyer surcharge.

Deer Tag fees are nonrefundable once a deer tag has been issued regardless of closures of any zones or hunt due to fire, weather or other natural disasters (Sec. 708.2, Title 14, CCR).

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B ZONES ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK
Valid during the Archery and General Seasons in zones B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6
NONLEAD AMMO REQUIRED

TAG MUST BE IN IMMEDIATE POSSESSION WHILE HUNTING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS:
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(3) Hunter must have tag countersigned, signed by FCS-4541 by nearest validating officer (CDFW employee, forest ranger, peace officer or others listed in Sec. 708.6, Title 14, CCR).
(4) Hunter must submit Harvest Report Card within 30 days of taking a deer.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS:
(1) SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS MUST SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF TAKING THE ANIMAL.
(2) UNSUCCESSFUL HUNTERS AND THOSE WHO DID NOT HUNT MUST ANSWER ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS IN THE REPORT CARD SECTION BELOW AND MUST SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT BY JANUARY 31.

HARVEST REPORTS CAN BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT:
wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing
A confirmation number will be provided for online reporting. Hunter must record the number on the Harvest Report Card.
ALTERNATIVELY HUNTERS MAY MAIL THEIR HARVEST REPORTS TO:
CDFW Wildlife Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

NON-REPORTING PENALTY:
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REPORT CARD QUESTIONS:
DID YOU HUNT DEER: ☒ YES ☐ NO
NUMBER OF DAYS HUNTING DEER: 2
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL: ☒ YES ☐ NO

HARVEST INFORMATION
Doc No: D-0040582669-0
DATE: 8/23/24 TIME: 8:30 PM
ZONE OF KILL:
☐ B1 ☒ B2 ☐ B3 ☐ B4 ☐ B5 ☐ B6
LOCALITY OF KILL: 3 miles off Big Bear Rd near marker 13
(Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark)
COUNTY OF KILL: Trinity
KILLED ON: ☐ PRIVATE LAND ☒ PUBLIC LAND
METHOD OF TAKE:
☒ ARCHERY ☐ CROSSBOW ☐ DISABLED ARCHER PERMIT/ARCHERY ☐ CROSSBOW ☐ MUZZLELOADING RIFLE ☐ PISTOL/REVOLVER ☐ RIFLE ☐ SHOTGUN
ANIMAL GENDER: ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE
NBR. OF ANTLER POINTS: L: 2 R: 2
HARVEST REPORT CONFIRMATION NBR: 12345
Cut Along Line To Separate Tag (below) from Harvest Report Card (above) when Attaching Tag To Animal

COUNTERSIGNED BY:
GARY D. RANGER
AGENCY/TITLE: CDFW WARDEN
DATE: 8/23/24

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Answer ALL harvest info questions

Record your harvest report confirmation number here

A confirmation number is provided if you submit your report online

If you submit by mail, you will receive a confirmation number by email if you have an email address in your profile

Attach to antler portion

HARVEST REPORT BY JANUARY 31

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Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

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Doc No: D-0040582669-0
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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DEER TAG
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NONLEAD AMMO REQUIRED
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Doc No: D-0040582669-0
GO ID: 100000102
STATE ID: X408**** CA
JOE HUNTER
123 HUNTING AVE
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834
HARVEST INFORMATION

DATE: 8/23/24 TIME: 8:30 PM
ZONE OF KILL:
☐ B1 ☒ B2 ☐ B3 ☐ B4 ☐ B5 ☐ B6
LOCALITY OF KILL: 3 miles off Big Bear Rd near marker 13
(Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark)
COUNTY OF KILL: Trinity
KILLED ON: ☐ PRIVATE LAND ☒ PUBLIC LAND
METHOD OF TAKE: Archery
ANIMAL GENDER: ☒ MALE ☐ FEMALE
NBR. OF ANTLER POINTS: L: 2 R: 2
HARVEST REPORT CONFIRMATION NBR: 12345

COUNTERSIGNED BY:
GARY D. RANGER
AGENCY/TITLE: CDFW WARDEN
DATE: 8/23/24

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Record your harvest report confirmation number here

Upon harvesting a deer, cut along the dotted line to separate the Harvest Report Card (the top half) to the antler portion (the bottom half).

Fully notch/cut out the month and date of kill.

HOW TO PROPERLY FILL OUT A TAG (NO HARVEST OR NO HUNT)

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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
DEER TAG
See Regulations for Season Dates

D-0040582688-9

GO ID: 1000000113
STATE ID: X678**** CA
ALEX HUNTER
123 HUNTING ST
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834
SEX: M HAIR: Brown EYES: Brown
HT: 6-04 WT: 270 DOB: 01/01/1985
Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months

Doc No: D-0040582688-9 Outlet No: 302001-001
Trans: 000000030708072 4/5/2024 10:06:48 AM
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Item Fee
1st Deer Tag - Resident \$40.78
Total: \$40.78

*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees and license buyer surcharge.
Deer Tag fees are nonrefundable on a deer tag has been issued regardless of closures of any zone or hunt due to fire, weather or other natural disasters (Sec. 708.2, Title 14, CCR).

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ZONE A ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK
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(3) Hunter must have tag countersigned pursuant to FGC 4341, by nearest validating officer (CDFW employee, forest ranger, peace officer or others listed in Sec. 708.5, Title 14, CCR).
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Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

NON-REPORTING PENALTY:
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REPORT CARD QUESTIONS:
DID YOU HUNT DEER: ☐ YES ☒ NO
NUMBER OF DAYS HUNTING DEER: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL: ☐ YES ☒ NO

HARVEST INFORMATION
Doc No: D-0040582688-9
DATE: _____ TIME: _____ AM PM
ZONE OF KILL:
☐ A - North Unit ☐ A - South Unit
LOCALITY OF KILL: _____
(Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark)
COUNTY OF KILL: _____
KILLED ON: ☐ PRIVATE LAND ☐ PUBLIC LAND
METHOD OF TAKE:
☐ ARCHERY
☐ CROSSBOW
☐ DISABLED ARCHER PERMIT/ARCHERY
☐ CROSSBOW
☐ MUZZLELOADING RIFLE
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ANIMAL GENDER: ☐ MALE ☒ FEMALE
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Doc No: D-0040582688-9
GO ID: 1000000113
STATE ID: X678**** CA
ALEX HUNTER
123 HUNTING ST
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834

HARVEST INFORMATION
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11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
DATE: _____ TIME: _____ AM PM
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HARVEST REPORT CONFIRMATION NBR: _____
COUNTERSIGNED BY: _____
AGENCY/TITLE: _____
DATE: _____

Answer ALL harvest info questions

Record your harvest report confirmation number here

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HARVEST TAG REPORTING

Mandatory Harvest Reporting for All Deer Tag Holders

Any person who is issued a deer tag must submit a harvest report card. T14 CCR §708.5(b)

- Successful hunters must submit a completed report within 30 days of taking a deer;
- Unsuccessful hunters; and
- Hunters who did not hunt must submit a completed report by answering the applicable questions on the harvest report card and submit the report by January 31.

Two Ways to Submit Your Harvest Report

Online

Log in to your internet sales profile at www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales and follow the steps below:

- Click the "Harvest Reporting" tab. If you are using a mobile device, the list of menu tabs is the square box (with three lines) in the upper left corner of your screen.
- Click "Start Report" next to the tag you would like to report on. If you have two of the same zone/hunt tag, you are required to key in the Document Number (located below the barcode). This is to ensure you are reporting the correct tag.
- Answer the effort questions in the reporting portion.
- Click "Submit" at the end of the page – this is a two-step process.
- Review your answers and click "Confirm" and then click "Ok" on the pop-up window to confirm that your report is complete and accurate.

The confirmation number will be generated for you to write on your tag. You will still need to retain the tag until March 1. Tags reported online must be surrendered to CDFW upon demand.

By Mail

Mail your deer tags to the address below:

CDFW Wildlife Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Tag Validation and Countersigning Requirements

All tag holders upon the killing of any big game shall immediately fill out all portions of the tag including the harvest report card. The tag shall be completely, legibly, and permanently filled out as listed:

- Fill out the effort questions
- Cut out or punch out notches for the month and date of kill. They must be completely cut out or punched out and removed.

The antler portion of the license tag must be attached to the ant-

NON-REPORTING DEER TAG PENALTY

Deer tag holders, whether successful, unsuccessful, or did not hunt, who fail to report by the January 31 deadline are subject to the non-reporting fee of \$21.60 prior to the issuance of a deer tag or deer tag drawing application in the following year.

- Online harvest reporting closes at midnight on January 31.
- The harvest report card returned by mail must be postmarked by the January 31 deadline.
- If the harvest report card is submitted by mail and not received by the CDFW, it is considered not reported and charged the non-reporting fee.
- If the harvest report card is received late (failed to report by the January 31 deadline), the non-reporting fee will be charged.

lers of an antlered animal or to the ear of an antlerless animal immediately upon being killed.

Deer and elk tags shall be countersigned before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where taken.

Bear tags shall only be countersigned by a CDFW employee before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest CDFW employee. If CDFW offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one business day of trans-

HARVEST TAG REPORTING

porting the bear from the point where taken.

SPECIES	REPORTING REQUIREMENT	TAG COUNTERSIGN REQUIREMENT	LENGTH OF TIME TO RETAIN TAG
DEER	Successful hunters must report within 30 days of harvest or by January 31, whichever comes first. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters who did not hunt must report by January 31. Hunters who do not report by the deadline will be charged a non-reporting fee of \$21.60 when purchasing their deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the following license year.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see below)	Keep tag attached for 15 days thereafter the season closes. Retain harvest report cards submitted online until March 1.
BEAR	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately. Hunters who were unsuccessful or did not hunt must return report cards by February 1.	CDFW Staff Only	Retain head and skin for 15 days thereafter season closes.
ELK	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see below)	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closes.
PRONGHORN	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Not Required	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closes.
BIGHORN SHEEP	Successful hunters must report by phone within 24 hours and meet CDFW staff within 48 hours. Successful and unsuccessful report cards must be returned within 10 days of season closure.	CDFW Staff Only	N/A
WILD PIG	Hunters are required to report take through the Online License Services website within 60 days of the end of the license year. Reporting information will include the number of pigs harvested by month and county (T14 CCR 708.13).	Not Required	N/A

Persons Authorized to Validate or Countersign Deer and Elk Tags (T14 CCR 708.6(c))

No person may validate or countersign their own deer or elk tag.

State

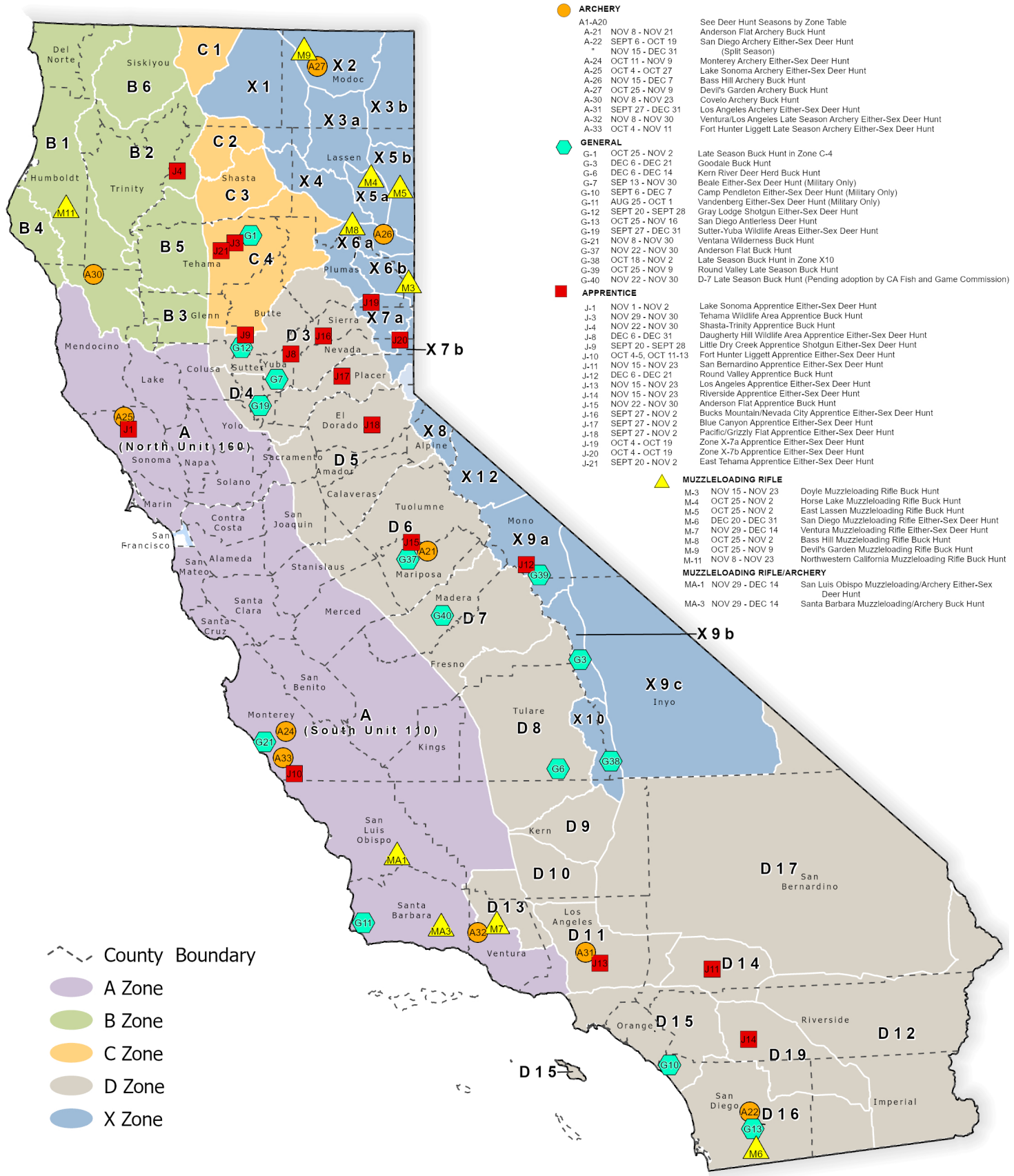
- California Fish and Game Commissioners
- Employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, including Certified Hunter Education Instructors
- Employees of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Supervising Plant Quarantine Inspectors
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors

Federal

- Employees of the Bureau of Land Management
- Employees of the United States Forest Service
- Employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service

- All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service
- Commanding Officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer taken on their reservation
- Postmasters & Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer brought to their post office
- **Miscellaneous**
- County firemen at and above the class of foreman for deer brought into their station
- Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts
- Notaries Public
- Peace Officers (salaried & non-salaried)
- Officers authorized to administer oaths
- Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage plants for deer brought to their place of business

DEER ZONES AND ADDITIONAL HUNTS



2024 PRELIMINARY DEER HARVEST BY ANTLER CLASS

The following table shows the percentage by antler class of forked-horn or better bucks and total reported buck harvest for zones and public hunts as of 3/12/2025 (a). These values may differ from final deer harvest statistics, which will be available at wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/deer.

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total
Archery Only Tags ^(b)	47.2%	33.2%	15.6%	4.0%	552
A Zone (South-110)	60.2%	30.2%	8.8%	0.7%	2,454
A Zone (North-160)	54.2%	32.4%	11.7%	1.6%	2,755
Zone B1	37.7%	37.2%	21.8%	3.3%	1,928
Zone B2	44.6%	31.4%	20.7%	3.3%	1,616
Zone B3	50.2%	30.3%	17.3%	2.2%	548
Zone B4	33.9%	40.2%	21.4%	4.5%	224
Zone B5	46.1%	37.1%	13.7%	3.1%	622
Zone B6	36.3%	36.1%	21.9%	5.6%	515
Zone C1	30.2%	40.7%	21.7%	7.4%	189
Zone C2	39.7%	38.1%	16.7%	5.4%	239
Zone C3	36.1%	35.7%	24.1%	4.1%	266
Zone C4	45.2%	33.1%	18.2%	3.5%	516
Zone D3	48.9%	30.9%	17.2%	3.0%	1,307
Zone D4	42.3%	33.5%	18.9%	5.3%	525
Zone D5	43.0%	32.2%	21.0%	3.8%	1,259
Zone D6	42.3%	35.7%	17.9%	3.9%	560
Zone D7	51.4%	29.1%	15.3%	4.1%	706
Zone D8	54.7%	30.4%	11.6%	3.0%	362
Zone D9	52.8%	32.5%	10.6%	4.1%	123
Zone D10	61.5%	22.9%	12.5%	3.1%	96
Zone D11	70.6%	20.3%	6.5%	2.6%	310
Zone D12	28.3%	42.5%	23.9%	5.3%	113
Zone D13	67.8%	22.6%	8.9%	0.7%	146
Zone D14	64.6%	20.4%	12.7%	2.3%	261
Zone D15	56.3%	34.4%	9.4%	0%	32
Zone D16	63.1%	29.9%	5.9%	1.1%	187
Zone D17	43.7%	26.8%	22.5%	7.0%	71
Zone D19	59.8%	30.9%	8.2%	1.0%	97
Zone X1	36.7%	31.7%	22.9%	8.7%	219
Zone X2	16.4%	37.3%	40.3%	6.0%	67
Zone X3A	28.3%	31.9%	36.2%	3.6%	138
Zone X3B	38.0%	31.5%	26.9%	3.7%	108
Zone X4	33.6%	34.4%	27.2%	4.8%	125
Zone X5A	31.3%	25.0%	34.4%	9.4%	32
Zone X5B	12.0%	40%	44.0%	4.0%	25
Zone X6A	33.8%	23.8%	35.0%	7.5%	160

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total
Zone X6B	40.4%	29.8%	21.2%	8.7%	104
Zone X7A	40%	22.9%	31.4%	5.7%	35
Zone X7B	44.4%	44.4%	11.1%	0%	18
Zone X8	18.8%	31.3%	43.8%	6.3%	32
Zone X9A	44.1%	28.0%	22.9%	5.1%	118
Zone X9B	39.5%	37.2%	23.3%	0%	43
Zone X9C	38.5%	33.3%	23.1%	5.1%	39
Zone X10	48.1%	33.3%	18.5%	0%	27
Zone X12	37.3%	33.3%	18.6%	10.8%	102
Hunt A1 (C1)	58.3%	29.2%	12.5%	0%	24
Hunt A1 (C2)	29.7%	32.4%	32.4%	5.4%	37
Hunt A1 (C3)	28.6%	45.2%	16.7%	9.5%	42
Hunt A1 (C4)	58.7%	25.0%	14.0%	2.3%	172
Hunt A3	19.2%	19.2%	38.5%	23.1%	26
Hunt A4	No reported antlered buck harvest.				
Hunt A5	30%	30%	30%	10%	10
Hunt A6	50%	0%	50%	0%	6
Hunt A7	40.7%	33.3%	22.2%	3.7%	27
Hunt A8	0%	50%	0%	50%	2
Hunt A9	0%	0%	100%	0%	1
Hunt A11	31.3%	18.8%	43.8%	6.3%	16
Hunt A12	35.3%	17.6%	35.3%	11.8%	17
Hunt A13	50%	25.0%	25.0%	0%	4
Hunt A14	37.5%	12.5%	50%	0%	8
Hunt A15	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%	6
Hunt A16	25.0%	50%	25.0%	0%	12
Hunt A17	50%	33.3%	16.7%	0%	6
Hunt A18	No reported antlered buck harvest.				
Hunt A19	66.7%	0%	33.3%	0%	3
Hunt A20	28.6%	57.1%	14.3%	0%	7
Hunt A21	50%	25.0%	0%	25.0%	4
Hunt A22	76.5%	5.9%	5.9%	0%	17
Hunt A24	66.7%	33.3%	0%	0%	15
Hunt A25	0%	100%	0%	0%	1
Hunt A26	0%	36.4%	45.5%	18.2%	11
Hunt A27	0%	0%	100%	0%	1
Hunt A30	0%	58.3%	25.0%	16.7%	12
Hunt A31	48.6%	31.4%	20%	0%	35
Hunt A32	100%	0%	0%	0%	7
Hunt A33	100%	0%	0%	0%	6

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Hunt G1	32.2%	38.8%	23.4%	5.5%	667
Hunt G3	0%	22.2%	77.8%	0%	18
Hunt G6	29.4%	29.4%	41.2%	0%	17
Hunt G12	0%	33.3%	33.3%	0%	3
Hunt G13	No reported antlered buck harvest.				
Hunt G19	0%	50%	16.7%	16.7%	7
Hunt G21	66.7%	33.3%	0%	0%	6
Hunt G37	5.9%	29.4%	52.9%	11.8%	17
Hunt G38	52.4%	19.0%	19.0%	9.5%	21
Hunt G39	0%	0%	0%	100%	1
Hunt J1	100%	0%	0%	0%	4
Hunt J3	11.1%	33.3%	44.4%	11.1%	9
Hunt J4	7.7%	46.2%	38.5%	7.7%	13
Hunt J8	0%	0%	100%	0%	2
Hunt J9	No reported antlered buck harvest.				
Hunt J10	50%	45.0%	5.0%	0%	20
Hunt J11	33.3%	50%	0%	0%	7
Hunt J12	0%	14.3%	71.4%	14.3%	7
Hunt J13	50%	0%	0%	0%	3
Hunt J14	100%	0%	0%	0%	3
Hunt J15	11.1%	33.3%	33.3%	22.2%	9
Hunt J16	33.3%	33.3%	0%	0%	3
Hunt J17	0%	0%	0%	50%	2
Hunt J18	0%	0%	50%	0%	4
Hunt J19	0%	100%	0%	0%	2
Hunt J20	100%	0%	0%	0%	3
Hunt J21	33.3%	50%	16.7%	0%	7
Hunt M3	20%	20%	20%	40%	10
Hunt M4	25.0%	50%	0%	25.0%	4
Hunt M5	0%	0%	100%	0%	1
Hunt M6	100%	0%	0%	0%	2
Hunt M7	75.0%	25.0%	0%	0%	4
Hunt M8	17.6%	35.3%	17.6%	29.4%	17
Hunt M9	0%	14.3%	57.1%	28.6%	7
Hunt M11	16.7%	50%	25.0%	8.3%	12
Hunt MA1	36.4%	27.3%	18.2%	9.1%	11
Hunt MA3	46.7%	6.7%	40%	6.7%	15
Fundraising (b)	0%	0%	16.7%	83.3%	6
Statewide total	47.0%	32.4%	17.2%	3.4%	

(a) Table does not include percentages for antlerless, unclassified or spike bucks. Percentages may not total 100%.

(b) Archery Only and Fundraising Tags are listed separately and are not included within the individual zone or hunt.

SHARE (SHARED HABITAT ALLIANCE FOR RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's SHARE program provides public access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on private land.

For property and hunt information please visit the SHARE webpage at: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE



DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING

The Big Game Drawing opens April 15, 2025. You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent or online at CDFW's website at www.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales.

Telephone license sales are also available at (800) 565-1458. All applications for the Big Game Drawing must be submitted and the sales transaction completed before midnight on June 2, 2025.

2024 DEER TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Tag Quota	PREFERENCE DRAWING							RANDOM DRAWING			
		Preference Point Tag Quota	Random Tag Quota Quantity	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Point (22) Applicants	Total Tags Awarded by Preference Drawing	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag in Preference Drawing	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag in Preference Drawing	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants
PD	0	0	0	12,797	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZONE HUNTS												
C	8,150	7,335	815	6,913	0	6,913	10	0	1,237	0	1,237	0
D9	2,000	1,800	200	540	0	540	11	0	1,143	0	860	283
D12	950	855	95	1,071	0	855	6	0	95	95	0	0
D14	3,000	2,700	300	2,569	0	2,569	17	0	431	0	431	0
D17	500	450	50	956	0	450	11	0.833	50	50	0	0
X1	760	684	76	3,173	0	684	16	3	76	76	0	0
X2	189	171	18	1,633	0	171	19	9	18	18	0	0
X3A	354	319	35	1,943	0	319	19	5	35	35	0	0
X3B	499	450	49	1,576	0	450	18	3	49	49	0	0
X4	479	432	47	1,664	0	432	15	3	47	47	0	0
X5A	75	68	7	640	0	68	17	6.5	7	7	0	0
X5B	50	45	5	3,190	1	45	22	18	5	5	0	0
X6A	329	297	32	2,778	0	297	18.5	6	32	32	0	0
X6B	309	279	30	1,120	0	279	16	4	30	30	0	0
X7A	229	207	22	1,486	0	207	11	5	22	22	0	0
X7B	134	121	13	650	0	121	10	4	13	13	0	0
X8	210	189	21	1,164	0	189	13	4	21	21	0	0
X9A	269	243	26	3,972	0	243	16	8	26	26	0	0
X9B	230	207	23	523	0	207	9	2	23	23	0	0
X9C	325	293	32	656	0	293	17	1	32	32	0	0
X10	400	360	40	530	0	360	15	0	40	40	0	0
X12	349	315	34	4,481	0	315	17	8	34	34	0	0
AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS												
A1	1,945	1,751	194	544	0	544	7	0	1,401	0	1,401	0
A3	100	90	10	313	0	90	4	3	10	10	0	0
A4	10	9	1	45	0	9	9	5	1	1	0	0
A5	40	36	4	111	0	36	5	2	4	4	0	0
A6	70	63	7	86	0	63	4	0	7	7	0	0
A7	120	108	12	271	0	108	6	2	12	12	0	0
A8	10	9	1	41	0	9	11	4	1	1	0	0
A9	5	4	1	68	0	4	12	10	1	1	0	0
A11	50	45	5	340	0	45	10	6	5	5	0	0
A12	90	81	9	216	0	81	5	1	9	9	0	0

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A13	45	41	4	112	0	41	9	3	4	4	0	0
A14	25	23	2	114	0	23	7	4	2	2	0	0
A15	40	36	4	99	0	36	9	2	4	4	0	0
A16	30	27	3	324	0	27	8	7	3	3	0	0
A17	210	189	21	36	0	36	4	0	174	0	174	0
A18	100	90	10	24	0	24	3	0	43	0	31	12
A19	40	36	4	258	0	36	8	6	4	4	0	0
A20	25	23	2	176	0	23	9	6	2	2	0	0
A21	100	90	10	209	0	90	5	1	10	10	0	0
A22	1,000	900	100	475	0	475	12	0	289	0	227	62
A24	100	90	10	205	0	90	6	1	10	10	0	0
A25	35	32	3	128	0	32	7	2	3	3	0	0
A26	30	27	3	488	0	27	19	13	3	3	0	0
A27	10	9	1	236	0	9	18	15	1	1	0	0
A30	40	36	4	269	0	36	10	5	4	4	0	0
A31	1,000	900	100	380	0	380	4	0	552	0	437	115
A33	50	45	5	158	0	45	10	1	5	5	0	0
GENERAL METHODS HUNTS												
G1	2,710	2,439	271	3,638	0	2,439	18	0	271	271	0	0
G3	25	23	2	4,162	117	23	22	22	2	2	0	0
G6	50	45	5	995	0	45	20	12	5	5	0	0
G12	30	27	3	190	0	27	9	4	3	3	0	0
G13	300	270	30	655	0	270	4	0	30	30	0	0
G19	25	23	2	392	0	23	8	6	2	2	0	0
G21	25	23	2	114	0	23	10	3	2	2	0	0
G37	25	23	2	2,784	2	23	22	21	2	2	0	0
G38	300	270	30	214	0	214	21	0	86	0	86	0
G39	2	1	1	825	21	1	22	22	1	1	0	0
APPRENTICE HUNTS												
J1	25	13	12	61	0	13	3	1	12	12	0	0

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J3	15	8	7	427	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J4	15	8	7	392	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J8	15	8	7	130	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J9	5	3	2	12	0	3	2	1	2	2	0	0
J10	30	15	15	186	0	15	3	3	15	15	0	0
J11	40	20	20	147	0	20	3	1	20	20	0	0
J12	10	5	5	530	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0
J13	40	20	20	62	0	20	2	0	20	20	0	0
J14	30	15	15	51	0	15	2	0	15	15	0	0
J15	10	5	5	358	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0
J16	75	38	37	103	0	38	2	0	37	37	0	0
J17	25	13	12	32	0	13	3	0	12	12	0	0
J18	75	38	37	132	0	38	3	1	37	37	0	0
J19	25	13	12	88	0	13	3	2	12	12	0	0
J20	20	10	10	50	0	10	3	2	10	10	0	0
J21	50	25	25	174	0	25	3	2	25	25	0	0
MUZZLELOADER HUNTS												
M3	20	18	2	630	1	18	22	19	2	2	0	0
M4	10	9	1	82	0	9	15	9	1	1	0	0
M5	5	4	1	129	0	4	21	18	1	1	0	0
M6	80	72	8	82	0	72	2	0	8	8	0	0
M7	150	135	15	190	0	135	5	0	15	15	0	0
M8	20	18	2	123	0	18	18	8	2	2	0	0
M9	15	14	1	701	3	14	22	20	1	1	0	0
M11	20	18	2	696	0	18	17	14	2	2	0	0
MA1	150	135	15	131	0	131	8	0	19	0	19	0
MA3	150	135	15	98	0	98	9	0	52	0	52	0

2025 BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST

2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

Applications for premium deer hunt tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing must be submitted to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or telephone sales before midnight on June 2, 2025. You must use your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for a premium deer hunt tag. Exception: junior hunters may use a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts, but only one application may be used to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts.

♦ – Tag quota filled in the 2024 Big Game Drawing conducted on June 10, 2024.

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
PD	Preference Point Only - Deer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GENERAL ZONES

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
C	C1 Zone General Seasons - Buck	21%	8,150	♦	For Archery Deer Seasons in the C Zones See Hunt A-1	Sep 20 - Oct 19
	C2 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 20 - Oct 26
	C3 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 20 - Oct 26
	C4 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 20 - Oct 5
D12	Zone D12 Archery and General Seasons - Buck	18%	950	♦	Oct 4 - Oct 26	Nov 1 - Nov 23
D14	Zone D14 Archery and General Seasons - Buck	13%	3,000	♦	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 11 - Nov 9
D17	Zone D17 Archery and General Seasons - Buck	20%	500	♦	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 11 - Nov 2

C Tag is valid in zones **C1**, **C2**, **C3** and **C4** General Seasons only.

C1 Large areas of private land where access is restricted. Some private land owned by timber companies is open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131; fair access. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

C2 Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

C3 Good access in middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151, and fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

C4 Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timber-lands open to public. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

D12 Extremely dry and hot desert deer zone. Wilderness areas severely restrict vehicle access; 4x4 recommended for entire zone.

D14 Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

D17 Wilderness Area and Mojave National Preserve restrict vehicle access (909) 484-0167.



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2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

X ZONES

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
X1	Zone X1 General Season - Buck	39%	760	♦	For Archery in Zone X-1 See Hunt A-3	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X2	Zone X2 General Season - Buck	47%	190	♦	For Archery in Zone X-2 See Hunt A-4	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X3A	Zone X3a General Season - Buck	52%	355	♦	For Archery in Zone X-3a See Hunt A-5	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X3B	Zone X3b General Season - Buck	31%	500	♦	For Archery in Zone X-3b See Hunt A-6	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X4	Zone X4 General Season - Buck	36%	480	♦	For Archery in Zone X-4 See Hunt A-7	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X5A	Zone X5a General Season - Buck	56%	75	♦	For Archery in Zone X-5a See Hunt A-8	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X5B	Zone X5b General Season - Buck	62%	50	♦	For Archery in Zone X-5b See Hunt A-9	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X6A	Zone X6a General Season - Buck	60%	330	♦	For Archery in Zone X-6a See Hunt A-11	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X6B	Zone X6b General Season - Buck	43%	310	♦	For Archery in Zone X-6b See Hunt A-12	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X7A	Zone X7a General Season - Buck	22%	230	♦	For Archery in Zone X-7a See Hunt A-13	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X7B	Zone X7b General Season - Buck	17%	135	♦	For Archery in Zone X-7b See Hunt A-14	Oct 4 - Oct 19
X8	Zone X8 General Season - Buck	21%	210	♦	For Archery in Zone X-8 See Hunt A-15	Sep 27 - Oct 12
X9A	Zone X9a General Season - Buck	56%	270	♦	For Archery in Zone X-9a See Hunt A-16	Sep 20 - Oct 13
X9B	Zone X9b General Season - Buck	29%	230	♦	For Archery in Zone X-9b See Hunt A-17	Sep 20 - Oct 13

X1 Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

X2 Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

X3a Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

X3b Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM property (530) 279-6101 for information. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

X4 Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

X5a Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

X5b Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

X6a CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

X6b Good access on public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

X7a Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

X7b Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

X8 Good access on public lands except two wilderness areas (916) 358-2900.

X9a Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

X9b Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

X ZONES, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
X9C	Zone X9c General Season - Buck	19%	325	♦	For Archery in Zone X-9c See Hunt A-18	Oct 18 - Nov 9
X10	Zone X10 General Season - Buck	10%	400	♦	For Archery in Zone X-10 See Hunt A-19	Sep 27 - Oct 12
X12	Zone X12 General Season - Buck	40%	350	♦	For Archery in Zone X-12 See Hunt A-20	Sep 20 - Oct 13

X9c Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

X10 Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

X12 Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

GENERAL METHODS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 General Season Dates
G1	Late Season Buck Hunt In Zone C4 - General Methods	35%	2,710	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 2
G3	Goodale Buck - General Methods	83%	25	♦	Dec 6 - Dec 21
G6	Kern River Deer Herd Buck - General Methods	48%	50	♦	Dec 6 - Dec 14
G12	Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-sex	34%	30	♦	Sep 20 - Sep 28
G13	San Diego antlerless - General Methods	23%	300	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 16
G19	Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-sex - Shotgun/Archery/Crossbow	58%	25	♦	Sep 27 - Dec 31
G21	Ventana Wilderness Buck - General Methods	32%	25	♦	Nov 8 - Nov 30
G37	Anderson Flat Buck - General Methods	76%	25	♦	Nov 22 - Nov 30
G38	X-10 Late Season Buck - General Methods	10%	300	♦	Oct 18 - Nov 2
G39	Round Valley Late Season Buck - General Methods	50%	2	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 9
G40	Late Season D7 Buck Hunt	-	25	-	Nov 22 - Nov 30

G1 Late season tag, valid in **C4** only. Instructions for how to apply for the G1 Tehama Wildlife Area Access Permit can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer#54774-zones--hunts. CDFW contact (530) 597-2201.

G3 Good public access; unpredictable weather (760) 872-1171.

G6 Good access on public lands. Vehicle use may be limited due to seasonal road closures. Contact the National Forest Service for current road closures (559) 243-4005.

G8 Access fee required; date subject to change (831) 386-2954.

G12 Gray Lodge Wildlife Area only; shotguns with solid slugs only (916) 358-2900.

G13 Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

G19 Archery-crossbow-shotguns with solid slugs only; all portions walk-in only (916) 358-2900.

G21 Open only on lands designated USFS Ventana Wilderness Area in Monterey County; steep, rugged, brushy; vehicle restrictions (831) 649-2870.

G37 Good access on National Forest Service lands (559) 243-4005.

G38 Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

G39 Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

G40 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005. G40 hunt boundaries are: that portion of Madera County within the area described as D-7.

NON-REPORTING OF 2025 DEER TAGS WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY

Deer tag holders who fail to submit a harvest report for any 2025 deer tag by January 31, 2026, will be assessed a non-reporting fee when purchasing a deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the 2026 license year.

2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

MUZZLELOADING HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 General Season Dates
M3	Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	60%	20	♦	Nov 15 - Nov 23
M4	Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	40%	10	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 2
M5	East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	20%	5	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 2
M6	San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-sex	6%	80	♦	Dec 20 - Dec 31
M7	Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-sex	19%	150	♦	Nov 29 - Dec 14
M8	Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	89%	20	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 2
M9	Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	54%	15	♦	Oct 25 - Nov 9
M11	Northwestern Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	65%	20	♦	Nov 8 - Nov 23
MA1	San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Rifle/ Archery Either-sex	22%	150	♦	Nov 29 - Dec 14
MA3	Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/ Archery Buck	16%	150	♦	Nov 29 - Dec 14

M3 Good access on public lands. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M4 Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M5 Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M6 Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

M7 Good access; hunt on public lands (858) 467-4201.

M8 Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M9 Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

M11 Contact CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493 or CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

MA1 Open only on that portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the Los Padres National Forest. Good access on public lands; rugged terrain (831) 649-2870.

MA3 Fair access on public lands vehicle use limited (858) 467-4201.



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2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

APPRENTICE HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 General Season Dates
J1	Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	20%	25	♦	Nov 1 - Nov 2
J3	Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck - General Methods	67%	15	♦	Nov 29 - Nov 30
J4	Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck - General Methods	100%	15	♦	Nov 22 - Nov 30
J8	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	20%	15	♦	Dec 6 - Dec 31
J9	Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-sex	20%	5	♦	Sep 20 - Sep 28
J10	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice EitherSex - General Methods	80%	30	♦	Oct 4-5 & Oct 11-13
J11	San Bernardino Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	58%	40	♦	Nov 15 - Nov 23
J12	Round Valley Apprentice Buck - General Methods	100%	10	♦	Dec 6 - Dec 21
J13	Los Angeles Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	45%	40	♦	Nov 15 - Nov 23
J14	Riverside Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	50%	30	♦	Nov 15 - Nov 23
J15	Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck - General Methods	90%	10	♦	Nov 22 - Nov 30
J16	Bucks Mountain-Nevada City Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	43%	75	♦	Sep 27 - Nov 2
J17	Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	26%	25	♦	Sep 27 - Nov 2
J18	Pacific - Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	36%	75	♦	Sep 27 - Nov 2
J19	Zone X7a Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	40%	25	♦	Oct 4 - Oct 19
J20	Zone X7b Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	80%	20	♦	Oct 4 - Oct 19
J21	East Tehama Apprentice Either-sex - General Methods	63%	50	♦	Sep 20 - Nov 2

J1 Rugged oak/grassland habitat with good deer numbers. Boats required in two-thirds of area. No dogs allowed (707) 944-5500.

J3 Hunt area is restricted to CDFW's Tehama Wildlife Area. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

J4 Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2300 and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

J8 Good access. Wildlife Area only (916) 358-2900. **J9** Good access. Wildlife Area only. Shotguns using slugs only (916) 358-2900.

J10 Adult chaperones will need a guest permit or hunting permit. A fishing permit is not a valid permit. Tag holders must purchase a hunting permit from the installation. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (see <https://fthunter.isportsman.net/> or call 831-241-1182).

J11 Within D14 and San Bernardino County only. Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

J12 Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

J13 Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.

J14 Within zone D19 and Riverside County only. Good access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

J15 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

J16 Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Butte, Colusa and Glenn counties.

J17 Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations. (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Colusa County.

J18 Good access on National Forest lands; mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

J19 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

J20 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

J21 Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Tehama Wildlife Area is not open to J21 hunters during the G1 season. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates
A1	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-1 Season)	20%	1,945	♦	Aug 16 - Aug 31
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-2 Season)				Aug 16 - Sep 7
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-3 Season)				Aug 16 - Sep 7
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-4 Season)				Aug 16 - Aug 31
A3	Archery Hunt In Zone X1 - Buck	33%	100	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A4	Archery Hunt In Zone X2 - Buck	0%	10	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A5	Archery Hunt In Zone X3a - Buck	33%	40	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A6	Archery Hunt In Zone X3b - Buck	12%	70	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A7	Archery Hunt In Zone X4 - Buck	32%	120	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A8	Archery Hunt In Zone X5a - Buck	25%	10	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A9	Archery Hunt In Zone X5b - Buck	33%	5	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A11	Archery Hunt In Zone X6a - Buck	40%	50	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A12	Archery Hunt In Zone X6b - Buck	28%	90	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A13	Archery Hunt In Zone X7a - Buck	10%	45	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A14	Archery Hunt In Zone X7b - Buck	42%	25	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7
A15	Archery Hunt In Zone X8 - Buck	18%	40	♦	Aug 16 - Sep 7

A1 tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3 and C4 during the Archery Season only.

A1-C1 Fair access. Much private land, some owned by timber companies and open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest; (530) 842-6131. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

A1-C2 Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

A1-C3 and C4 Good access at middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forestland (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Sierra Pacific Industries property is restricted to walking only; no motorized vehicle access behind locked gates without Sierra Pacific Industries' prior written permission. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

A3 Good access on public lands administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity N.F. (530) 226-2500, Modoc N.F. (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Road management areas within zone - refer to national forest maps for detail. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

A4 Good access on public lands, primarily administered by Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A5 Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A6 Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office BLM (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM lands (530) 279-6101 for more information. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A7 Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

A8-A9 Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

A11 CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

A12 Good access to public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

A13 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

A14 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

A15 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

2025 PREMIUM DEER HUNTS

AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates
A16	Archery Hunt In Zone X9a - Buck	48%	30	♦	Aug 16-Sep 7
A17	Archery Hunt In Zone X9b - Buck	3%	210	♦	Aug 16-Sep 7
A20	Archery Hunt In Zone X12 - Buck	24%	40	♦	Aug 16-Sep 7
A21	Anderson Flat Archery Buck	25%	25	♦	Nov 08-Nov 21
A24	Monterey Archery Either-sex	23%	100	♦	Oct 11-Nov 09
A25	Lake Sonoma Archery Either-sex	16%	35	♦	Oct 04-Oct 27
A26	Bass Hill Archery Buck	66%	30	♦	Nov 15-Dec 07
A27	Devil's Garden Archery Buck	13%	10	♦	Oct 25-Nov 09
A30	Covelo Archery Buck	46%	40	♦	Nov 08-Nov 23
A33	Fort Hunter Liggett Late Season Archery Either-sex	31%	50	♦	Oct 4-Nov 11

A16 Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

A17 Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

A20 Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

A21 Good public access on national forest lands (559) 243-4005.

A24 Fair access on public land; steep terrain; possible fire closures on National Forest lands (831) 649-2870.

A25 Sat-Sun-Mon only; rugged terrain, oak/grassland and chaparral habitat with good deer numbers (707) 944-5500.

A26 Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

A27 Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A30 Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, and Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493, CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

A33 Tag holders must purchase a hunting permit from the installation. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (see <https://fthunter.isportsman.net/> or call 831-241-1182). Access, for the most part, is granted on weekends and holidays.

2025 RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS

Restricted Deer Hunts

Restricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request to hunters applying on a First Deer Tag. Hunters may apply for a restricted deer hunt tag as their Second Deer Tag if they do not have a pending first deer tag drawing application or do not have a premium or restricted deer tag issued as their First Deer Tag. Hunters who have a premium or restricted First Deer Tag will have to wait until August 2, 2025 at 8 a.m. to apply for a restricted deer hunt tag as their Second Deer Tag. The restricted deer hunt tag will be available at CDFW license agents, online and telephone sales until tag quotas fill.

AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
A19	Archery Hunt in X10 - Buck	4%	100	7/2/2024	Aug. 16 - Aug. 31	N/A
A22	San Diego Archery Either-sex Deer - Split Season Hunt	6%	1,000	7/24/2024	Sep. 6 - Oct. 19 Nov. 15 - Dec. 31	N/A
A31	Los Angeles Archery Either-sex	12%	1,000	7/4/2024	Sep. 27 - Dec. 31	N/A

A19 Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

A22 Split season. Good access on public lands, rugged at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

A31 Good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.



Joel F.

2025 RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS

GENERAL ZONES

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
B	B1 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	24%	35,000	8/2/2024	Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 20 - Oct. 26
	B2 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 20 - Oct. 26
	B3 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 20 - Oct. 26
	B4 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Jul. 26 - Aug. 17	Aug. 23 - Sep. 28
	B5 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 20 - Oct. 26
	B6 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 20 - Oct. 19
D6	Zone D6 Archery and General Seasons - Buck	8%	10,000	7/17/2024	Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 20 - Nov. 2
D9	Zone D9 Archery and General Seasons - Buck	9%	2,000	7/31/2024	Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	Sep. 27 - Oct. 26

B Zone B Tag is valid in Zones B1 - B6

B1 Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

B2 Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 934- 3316, Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Six Rivers National Forest (707)442-1721, and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

B3 Good public access to Mendocino National Forest lands in western part of hunt area (530) 934-3316 CDFW Rancho Cordova office (916) 358-2900.

B4 Largely private, limited public access on King Range Conservation area,administered by Arcata Field Office BLM (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

B5 In the western portion of the zone, public access is good on Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316 and Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

B6 Public access good in Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131. Foothills of Scott and Shasta valleys are largely private. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

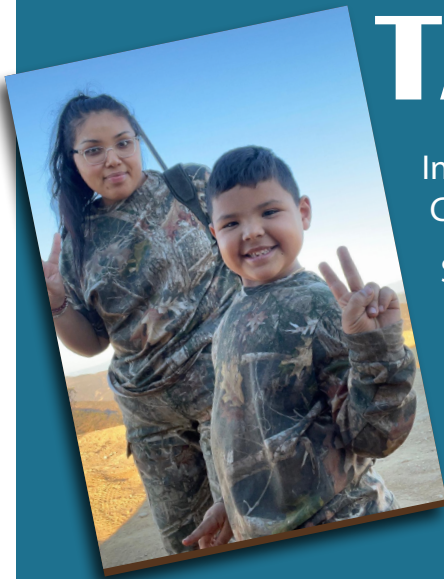
D6 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

D9 Good access on public land (559) 243-4005.

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2025 UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS

Unrestricted Deer Hunts

Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request until tag quotas fill. You may use your First Deer Tag and/or Second Deer Tag to apply for unrestricted deer hunt tags.

AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
AO	Archery-Only	14%	100,000	N/A	Valid during the archery and general seasons in the A, B, and D Zones and Hunt G-10 (Archery Methods Only); NOT valid during any C or X Zone season or hunt.	
A18	Archery Hunt in Zone X9c - Buck	0%	350	N/A	Aug. 16 - Sep. 7	N/A
A32	Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-sex	5%	250	9/4/2024	Nov. 8 - Nov. 30	N/A

AO Archery only (AO) Tags are valid for archery equipment during the archery season in zones A, B, any D zone, hunt G10 (military personnel only).

A18 Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

A32 Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information (626) 574-5200.



Joey T.

2025 UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS

GENERAL ZONES

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Estimated Hunter Success	2025 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2025 Archery Season Dates	2025 General Season Dates
A	A Zone - Archery and General - Buck	31%	65,000	N/A	Jul 12 - Aug 3	Aug 9 - Sep 21
D3-5	D3-5 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	15%	33,000	10/16/2024	Aug 16 - Sep 7	Sep 27 - Nov 2
D7	D7 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	12%	9,000	8/19/2024	Aug 16 - Sep 7	Sep 20 - Nov 2
D8	D8 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	10%	8,000	N/A	Aug 16 - Sep 7	Sep 27 - Oct 26
D10	D10 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	25%	700	N/A	Aug 16 - Sep 7	Sep 27 - Oct 26
D11	D11 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	12%	5,500	N/A	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 11 - Nov 9
D13	D13 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	9%	4,000	N/A	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 11 - Nov 9
D15	D15 Zone - Archery and General Seasons - Buck	5%	1,500	N/A	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 11 - Nov 9
D16	D16 Zone - Archery and General Seasons - Buck	8%	3,000	8/17/2024	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 25 - Nov 23
D19	D19 Zone - Archery and General Seasons - Buck	9%	1,500	8/30/2024	Sep 6 - Sep 28	Oct 4 - Nov 2

A Mostly private land. Public access on BLM and National Forest lands. For specific information regarding these areas contact the local BLM field office or National Forest at: Ukiah BLM (707) 468-4000, Hollister BLM (831) 630-5000, or Bakersfield BLM, (661) 391-6000; Mendocino NF in Willows (530) 934-3316, or Los Padres NF in Goleta (805) 968-6640. For additional information contact the nearest Department Regional office.

D3-5 Tag is valid in Zones D3, D4 and D5. Good public access on National Forest lands, mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900.

D7 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

D8 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

D10 No public land available; hunting normally restricted to landowners and permittees (559) 243-4005.

D11 Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200; for closure information (858) 467-4201.

D13 Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands; portion of zone on private lands (858) 467-4201.

D15 Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands (858) 467-4201.

D16 Good access on public lands; higher elevations rugged (858) 467-4201.

D19 Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (909) 484-0167.

ELK, PRONGHORN & BIGHORN SHEEP

Elk Tag Fee:

Resident - \$595.25

Nonresident - \$1,825.85

Resident Junior - \$27.26

Pronghorn Tag Fee:

Resident - \$200.62

Nonresident - \$613.60

Resident Junior - \$27.26

Bighorn Sheep Tag Fee:

Resident - \$571.90

Nonresident - \$2,122.75

Elk, Pronghorn & Bighorn Sheep Hunting Information

For the 2025 Big Game Drawing, 23 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. To look up your total preference points log on to your customer profile at license.wildlife.ca.gov/InternetSales and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page.

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted. All applicants must submit the \$8.13 nonrefundable processing fee for their application.

Definitions (T14 CCR)

Antlerless Elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull. §364(l)(3).

Bull Elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull. §364(l)(1).

Either-sex Elk: Bull elk, spike elk, or antlerless elk. §364(l)(4).

Spike Bull Elk: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base. §364(l)(2).

Buck Pronghorn: Pronghorn with horns longer than the ears. §363(l)(2).

Doe Pronghorn: Pronghorn with horns shorter than the ears. §363(l)(2).

Either-sex Pronghorn: Buck or doe pronghorn. §363(l)(2).

Applying as a Party

Up to two residents may apply as a party. Nonresidents cannot apply as a party for elk or pronghorn tags. See page 17 for instructions on applying as a party.

If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

Bighorn sheep applicants may not apply as a party.

Elk and Pronghorn Tag Application Restrictions

Applicants must be 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2025, and possess a valid 2025-26 California hunting license. Only one nonresident may be drawn for an elk or pronghorn tag annually.

Apprentice Elk & Pronghorn Hunts

Applicants must possess a valid 2025-26 California Junior Hunting License. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied when hunting, by a licensed adult chaperone at least 18 years of age.

Bighorn Sheep Tag Application Restrictions

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2025, and possess a valid 2025-26 California hunting license and must not have drawn a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year. Not more than 10 percent of the bighorn sheep tags shall be awarded to non-residents each year.

Bighorn sheep applicants may not apply as a party.

Check Your Big Game Drawing Receipt Carefully!

All applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt containing the applicants name, hunt choice, accumulated preference points and a Party Number. Applicants should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information. License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four-hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at LRB@wildlife.ca.gov to make any corrections.

Drawing Results

Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 16, 2025 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/ and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page. On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

Successful elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 2, 2025. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

Tag Fees & Payment Deadline

Fee payments from successful applicants for elk and pronghorn tags must be received by the designated CDFW license sales office or purchased online by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2025. Fee payments for bighorn sheep tags must be received by CDFW's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2025. Should there be unclaimed tags for any hunt after that date, the alternate list for that hunt shall be used. Tags will be awarded on an individual basis in the order drawn.

ELK HUNT ZONES

Northern Region

Northwestern

Hunt codes 355, 374, 483. Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. (707) 498-1908 and (707) 502-4078.

Marble Mountains

Hunt codes 301, 302, 303, 408. Opportunity on public land; limited opportunity on private land with restricted access. Substantial access fees likely on private land. Hunters seeking private land opportunities are recommended to make access arrangements before applying. Difficult terrain requiring hiking and elevation gain. Deer and elk season partially overlap. (530) 598-6011 and (530) 515-1382. High daytime temperatures to be expected, pack animals recommended. Difficult hunt. Elk may be Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain hybrids.

Siskiyou

Hunt codes 300, 401. Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make access arrangements before applying. Deer and elk season partially overlap. Elk may be Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain hybrids. (530) 598-6011.

Northeastern

Hunt codes 304, 305, 409, 411. Opportunity for elk on public land and some private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. Horse management activities may overlap with elk season; contact USFS for more information on horse management activities at (530) 233-5811. For local hunt information call (530) 598-6011

Mendocino

Hunt code 328. Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who provide access. Hunters seeking opportunities on private land are recommended to make access arrangements before applying. (707) 445-5363.

North Central Region

Lake Pillsbury

Hunt codes 331, 332. Good access to public land. (916) 240-6350.

East Park Reservoir

Hunt codes 461, 463. Colusa County Ordinance prohibits firearms (including archery equipment) on East Park Reservoir (Bureau of Reclamation, BOR) property. A variance allows the use of muzzleloaders (as defined in CCR T14-353). East Park Reservoir (BOR) property will be open to bull hunting Sep 13-

16; and antlerless hunting Sep 20-23 and Sep 27-30. Other restrictions apply. Mandatory orientation prior to hunt day. (916) 240-6350.

Bear Valley

Hunt codes 329, 330. Elk almost entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. (916) 240-6350.

Cache Creek

Hunt codes 406, 416, 484. Elk on public and private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. (916) 240-6350.

Bay Delta Region

Grizzly Island

Hunt codes 357, 358, 359, 360, 362, 363, 381, 433, 437, 466, 469. Hunt CDFW land only. Hunters strongly encouraged to bring one non-hunting companion for assistance. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. (707) 425-3828.

Alameda

Hunt code 333.

Santa Clara

Hunt code 334.

Central Region

San Luis Reservoir

Hunt code 497. Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. State Park property not open to hunting. Public land method restricted to archery. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Low probability of hunter success (209) 668-3170.

Gabilan

Hunt codes 377, 378. Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees.

Central Coast

Hunt codes 375, 376. Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees.

Access to Camp Roberts National Guard Post may be available pending authorization. A National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index background

ELK HUNT ZONES

check and purchase of an installation hunting pass may be required prior to authorization, and a mandatory hunter orientation may be required prior to each hunt. (805) 238-8156

Fort Hunter Liggett

Hunt codes 447, 448, 449, 450, 471, 472. Tag holders must purchase a hunting permit from the installation. Season dates and hunt areas in Title 14 are subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt. See <https://fthunter.isportsman.net/> or call (831) 241-1182.

La Panza

Hunt codes 464, 417, 418, 419, 464. Elk on public and private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Access restrictions on CDFW properties. Low probability of hunter success. Off road travel is prohibited on Carrizo Plain National Monument. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. Public land access limitations apply to CDFW wildlife areas. (805) 594-6152 and (559) 243-4005.

Tehachapi

Hunt codes 379, 380. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. There is some public land with few elk.

Inland Deserts Region/ Owens Valley Hunts

Bishop

Tinemaha Mountain

West Tinemaha

Hunt code 315. Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

Independence

Hunt codes 367, 368, 369, 370, 371. Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

Goodale

Hunt codes 365, 366, 373. Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

Whitney

Hunt codes 323, 324. Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

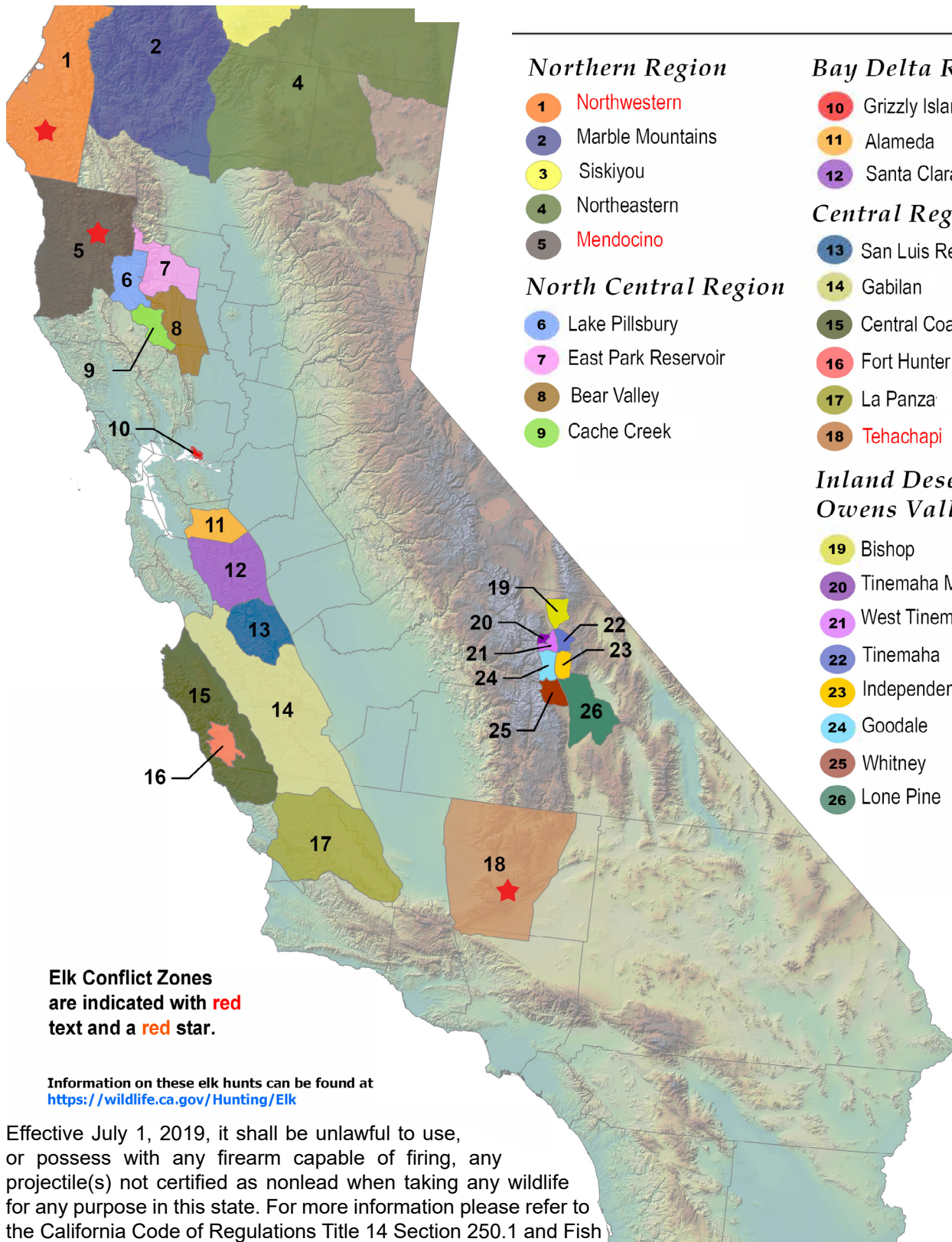
Lone Pine

Hunt codes 337, 486.



ELK, PRONGHORN & BIGHORN SHEEP

ELK

Information on these elk hunts can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/elk*Northern Region*

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- 23 Independence
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- 25 Whitney
- 26 Lone Pine

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2025 BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST

2025 ELK HUNTS

Preference Point Only

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
499	Preference Point Only - Elk	0	0	0	10,761	356	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2025		

Apprentice Hunts - Applicants must be under 16 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (T14 CCR §708.11(b)(2)).

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (3) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
484	Cache Creek Apprentice - Bull (Tule)	1	0	1	210	34	100	1	Oct 11 - Oct 26
471	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice - Antlerless (Tule)	1	0	1	63	8	100	1	Dec 23 - Jan 01
472	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice - Bull (Tule)	1	0	1	365	51	100	1	Dec 23 - Jan 01
466	Grizzly Island Apprentice - Period 1 - Antlerless (Tule)	2	1	1	163	15	100	2	Aug 12 - Aug 15
469	Grizzly Island Apprentice - Period 2 - Spike Bull (Tule)	2	1	1	160	21	100	2	Aug 14 - Aug 17
464	La Panza Apprentice Period 1 - Spike Bull (Tule)	1	0	1	49	6	100	1	Oct 11 - Nov 02
408	Marble Mountains Apprentice - Either-sex (Roosevelt)	4	3	1	277	44	67	4	Sep 10 - Sep 21
409	Northeastern Apprentice - Either-sex (Rocky Mountain)	2	1	1	284	67	100	2	Sep 17 - Sep 28

2025 BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST

2025 ELK HUNTS

Archery Hunts

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
383	Central Coast Archery Bull (Tule)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	Sep 01 - Sep 30
382	Central Coast Archery Antlerless (Tule)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	Sep 01 - Sep 30
450	Fort Hunter Liggett Archery Antlerless (Tule)	8	6	2	120	0	50	8	Nov 01 - Nov 09
449	Fort Hunter Liggett Archery Either-sex (Tule)	6	5	1	627	19	75	6	Jul 26 - Aug 03
385	La Panza Archery Bull (Tule)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	Sep 01 - Sep 30
386	La Panza Archery Antlerless (Tule)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	Sep 01 - Sep 30
337	Lone Pine Period 1 Archery Antlerless (Tule)	1	0	1	66	0	0	1	Sep 13 - Sep 28
411	Northeastern Archery - Either-sex (Rocky Mountain)	10	8	2	568	11	30	10	Sep 03 - Sep 14
422	Owens Valley Multiple Zone Archery - Bull (Tule)	3	2	1	805	71	100	3	Aug 09 - Aug 17
384	Siskiyou Archery Bull	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	Aug 27 - Sep 09

411 Archery season typically not during the rut. (530) 598-6011.

422 Tag is valid in Bishop, Independence, Goodale, and Lone Pine. See Tule hunts for zone-specific dates. Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

Muzzleloader/Archery Hunts - Roosevelt Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
303	Marble Mountains - Muzzleloader/Archery - Either-sex	10	8	2	402	1	30	10	Oct 25 - Nov 02

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Muzzleloader Hunts - Tule Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
367	Independence Period 1 Muzzleloader Bull	1	0	1	247	10	0	1	Sep 13 - Sep 28

General Methods Hunts - Roosevelt Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
301	Marble Mountains General Methods - Antlerless	8	6	2	234	0	63	8	Sep 10 - Sep 21
302	Marble Mountains General Methods - Bull	34	26	8	2,841	6	97	34	Sep 10 - Sep 21
374	Northwestern General Methods - Antlerless	15	12	3	196	0	78	15	Sep 03 - Sep 25
355	Northwestern General Methods - Bull	25	19	6	1,222	16	100	25	Sep 03 - Sep 25
483	Northwestern General Methods - Either-sex	3	2	1	330	1	100	3	Sep 03 - Sep 25
401	Siskiyou General Methods - Antlerless	30	23	7	386	1	58	30	Sep 10 - Sep 21
300	Siskiyou General Methods Bull	20	15	5	975	4	50	20	Oct 08 - Oct 19

General Methods Hunts- Roosevelt/Tule Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
328	Mendocino General Methods - Bull	2	1	1	389	11	100	2	Sep 24 - Oct 05

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2025 ELK HUNTS

General Methods Hunts- Rocky Mountain Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
304	Northeastern General Methods - Antlerless	10	8	2	356	3	60	10	Nov 12 - Nov 23
305	Northeastern General Methods - Bull	15	12	3	3,839	290	93	15	Sep 17 - Sep 28
379	Tehachapi General Methods - Antlerless	10	8	2	123	0	80	10	Sep 06 - Oct 05
380	Tehachapi General Methods - Bull	5	4	1	430	16	100	10	Sep 06 - Oct 05

General Methods Hunts - Tule Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
329	Bear Valley General Methods - Antlerless	1	0	1	75	0	100	1	Oct 11 - Oct 19
330	Bear Valley General Methods - Bull	2	1	1	386	13	100	2	Oct 11 - Oct 19
406	Cache Creek Period 1 General Methods - Bull	2	1	1	962	22	0	2	Oct 11 - Oct 26
416	Cache Creek Period 2 General Methods - Antlerless	2	1	1	186	0	100	2	Oct 18 - Nov 02
375	Central Coast General Methods - Antlerless	10	8	2	120	0	100	10	Oct 04 - Dec 02
376	Central Coast General Methods Bull	10	8	2	621	36	100	10	Oct 04 - Dec 02
463	East Park Reservoir General Methods Antlerless	2	1	1	112	0	50	2	Sep 06 - Oct 02
461	East Park Reservoir General Methods Bull	2	1	1	894	84	100	2	Sep 06 - Oct 02
448	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 2 General Methods Antlerless	6	5	1	298	0	100	6	Nov 22 - Nov 30
447	Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 General Methods Bull	8	6	2	1,765	86	100	8	Dec 20 - Jan 01
377	Gabilan General Methods Antlerless	6	5	1	98	0	86	6	Nov 08 - Nov 30

2025 BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST

2025 ELK HUNTS

General Methods Hunts - Tule Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
378	Gabilan General Methods Bull	4	3	1	342	7	100	10	Nov 08 - Nov 30
373	Goodale Period 1 General Methods Bull	1	0	1	311	8	100	1	Sep 13 - Sep 28
365	Goodale Period 2 General Methods Antlerless	1	0	1	103	0	0	1	Oct 04 - Oct 12
366	Goodale Period 3 General Methods Antlerless	1	0	1	60	0	0	1	Oct 18 - Oct 26
433	Grizzly Island Period 1 General Methods Antlerless	2	1	1	353	0	100	2	Aug 12 - Aug 15
437	Grizzly Island Period 2 General Methods Spike Bull	2	1	1	208	2	100	2	Aug 14 - Aug 17
357	Grizzly Island Period 8 General Methods Spike Bull	6	5	1	289	3	83	6	Sep 04 - Sep 07
358	Grizzly Island Period 9 General Methods Antlerless	4	3	1	219	0	100	4	Sep 09 - Sep 12
359	Grizzly Island Period 10 General Methods Bull	4	3	1	2,630	303	100	4	Sep 11 - Sep 14
360	Grizzly Island Period 11 General Methods Antlerless	4	3	1	227	0	100	4	Sep 16 - Sep 19
362	Grizzly Island Period 12 General Methods Bull	4	3	1	950	87	100	3	Sep 18 - Sep 21
363	Grizzly Island Period 13 General Methods Antlerless	4	3	1	314	1	100	4	Sep 23 - Sep 26
381	Grizzly Island Period 13 General Methods Bull	3	2	1	680	35	100	3	Sep 23 - Sep 26
368	Independence Period 2 General Methods Antlerless	1	0	1	128	0	0	1	Oct 04 - Oct 12
369	Independence Period 2 General Methods Bull	1	0	1	603	30	100	1	Oct 04 - Oct 12
370	Independence Period 3 General Methods Antlerless	1	0	1	94	1	0	1	Oct 18 - Oct 26
371	Independence Period 3 General Methods Bull	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	Oct 18 - Oct 26
417	La Panza Period 1 General Methods Antlerless	5	4	1	150	2	80	5	Oct 11 - Nov 02
419	La Panza Period 1 General Methods Bull	6	5	1	593	33	100	6	Oct 11 - Nov 02

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2025 ELK HUNTS

General Methods Hunts - Tule Elk

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
418	La Panza Period 2 General Methods Antlerless	6	5	1	125	0	100	6	Nov 08 - Nov 30
420	La Panza Period 2 General Methods Bull	6	5	1	445	14	100	6	Nov 08 - Nov 30
387	Lake Pillsbury Period 1 General Methods Antlerless	4	3	1	271	0	100	4	Aug 30 - Sep 05
388	Lake Pillsbury Period 2 General Methods Antlerless	2	1	1	992	48	100	2	Sep 06 - Sep 12
389	Lake Pillsbury Period 3 General Methods Antlerless	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	Sep 13 - Sep 19
390	Lake Pillsbury Period 4 General Methods Bull	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	Sep 27 - Oct 03
391	Lake Pillsbury Period 5 General Methods Bull	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	Oct 04 - Oct 10
486	Lone Pine Period 2 General Methods Bull	1	0	1	689	35	100	1	Oct 04 - Oct 12
497	San Luis Reservoir General Methods Either-sex-	5	4	1	1,085	15	100	5	Oct 04 - Oct 26
334	Santa Clara General Methods Bull	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Oct 11 - Oct 27
315	West Tinemaha Period 1 General Methods Bull	1	0	1	300	9	100	1	Sep 13 - Sep 28
323	Whitney Period 2 General Methods Bull	1	0	1	235	9	100	1	Oct 04 - Oct 12
324	Whitney Period 3 General Methods Antlerless	1	0	1	52	1	100	1	Oct 18 - Oct 26

CAMP ROBERTS GARRISON TRAINING CENTER

Information from Camp Roberts Garrison Training Center (CRGTC) Regarding Hunting on the Garrison

Please note that this information has been provided to CDFW by CRGTC and included in the Big Game Hunting Digest as a courtesy reference.

CRGTC Contact Information

Hunting

CRGTC Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC)

(805) 238-8438

don.r.seibert.civ@army.mil

Lodging

CRGTC Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Office (MWR)

(805) 238-8312

Hunting Permits

- A CRGTC Annual Hunting Permit (\$150) is required for any hunters or hunter guests hunting or accompanying hunters on Camp Roberts Garrison Training Center.
- Elk hunting fees on Camp Roberts Garrison Training Center are \$1000 for antlered tule elk and \$700 for antlerless tule elk.
- Purchasing passes and permits is relatively easy and takes only a few minutes on the phone or online with the CRGTC Outdoor Recreation Council (ORC) to identify and select specific dates for their elk hunts. This is done at the time of CRGTC Elk pass and permit purchases.

Lodging and Services

- CRGTC has lodging available for hunters. Reservations and Coordination can be made by contacting the CRGTC Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Office (MWR) for additional information about lodging on Garrison.
- CRGTC has a small shopette/store open during most normal business hours. Food trucks are generally available for food and drinks. San Miguel is nearby with basic necessities, gas, diesel, restaurants, and general items. Contact the CRGTC ORC for additional information about basic necessity availability.

Pre-Elk Hunt Tours

- Pre-Elk hunt tours may be arranged through the CRGTC ORC July through September for Elk tag holders and their guests. Tours must be coordinated, scheduled, and purchased through the CRGTC ORC. Pre-Elk hunt tours are \$75 per person and all persons must pass a background check before admittance to the Federal property. Background checks are conducted at the Security Forces Office (SECFOR) at the main gate and take about 15 minutes per person.
- Hunting on CRGTC may be cancelled at any time and for any reason. However, CRGTC will make every effort to ensure 100% of our elk hunting guests are 100% successful in

filling their elk tags.

Background Check

- All CRGTC hunters must pass a National Crime and Information Center background check before entering the Camp Roberts Federal Garrison. This background check is conducted at the main gate SECFOR and takes approximately 15 minutes per person.

Planning Your Hunt

- CRGTC elk hunting escorts decide where hunting will occur. Escorts will make decisions based on the Garrison Commander's directives which prioritize the needs of the military mission and the garrison. The only areas consistently and strictly off limits to hunting are the dud-producing impact areas, restricted military sites, and known endangered species habitat. All other areas are subject to elk hunting if approved by escorts.
- Guides and guide services are not allowed on the Garrison. Any and all outside business for any type of compensation monetary or otherwise, must be coordinated and approved via contract between the U.S. Government and the business. Any guide service must have a standing business license with CRGTC. To date, there are no licensed and contracted guide services associated with CRGTC.
- CRGTC **will not** close or restrict training or normal operations for any hunters. However, CRGTC elk hunting escorts may coordinate to get elk hunters into areas where normal operations and training are taking place.
- Only one elk hunting party is scheduled at a time, with no overlapping bookings. The date you select with ORC is your date. You do not compete for elk with other hunting parties during your booking.

Mandatory Hunter Orientation

All tag holders and guests are required to attend a mandatory hunter orientation given the day before the hunt. Hunter orientation covers (but is not limited to) guides and guide services, restrictions, escorts, and shooting proficiency.

Elk Hunting

Hunt Escorts

- Elk hunters are escorted by CRGTC staff or volunteers who are trained and authorized to accompany hunters to any area cleared and authorized specifically for elk hunting.
- The CRGTC escorts are the authority and make the decisions on when and where to hunt.
- All hunters and guests must always be escorted.

Shooting Proficiency

- Hunters may be required to demonstrate shooting proficiency on a 200-meter range before hunting.
- If hunters shoot at an elk and miss or shoot at an elk and wound the animal with poor shot placement, the hunt may be discontinued until the hunter can demonstrate adequate marksmanship proficiency on a 200-meter range.
- Acceptable marksmanship proficiency is considered bullet placement (impact) within 6" of point of aim at 200 meters

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using the same or similar rest or shooting position the hunter intends to employ when hunting/shooting. The CRGTC Elk hunting escort is the approving authority in determining if the hunter is proficient and qualified to hunt live/big game on CRGTC.

- If an elk hunter injures an elk via poorly placed shot, the hunter, their guests, and the CRGTC escort will make every effort to track and re-engage the animal and dispatch the same animal via clean/ethical kill. No other elk will be pursued or engaged without the approval, concurrence, and authorization of the CRGTC Elk hunt escort. If the escort decides the wounded animal is lost and/or unrecoverable (for any reason) the escort is the decision maker in authorizing continuing the hunt for a different animal. The escort will inform the CRGTC environmental office, the CRGTC Range Control Office, and the California Fish and Wildlife Officer on Duty of the wounded animal and intent to cancel search and pursue a different animal.

Harvested Elk

- CRGTC will attempt to assist to get a trailer to your har-

vested elk and will solicit additional manpower (help) with loading your harvested elk.

- CRGTC will offer cold storage for your harvested elk.
- CRGTC will offer carcass removal and disposal.
- CRGTC will offer hoist and gambrel services, water, and cleaning stations for your elk.

Tag Validation and Data Collection

- All successful tag holders are required to bring elk in to the CRGTC Wildlife Check Station/Cleaning Station for biological data collection and tag validation prior to leaving CRGTC.
- All unsuccessful tag holders may coordinate with CRGTC MWR office for additional dates and hunts at no extra cost. However, if the CRGTC Elk hunt escort determines that the hunter had ample opportunity to harvest the type elk (antlered or non-antlered) indicated on the hunters' tag, the CRGTC MWR office may decline requests for additional hunt dates or may schedule on a space-available basis based on the needs and requirements of the garrison.

SHARE



Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement
California Department of Fish and Wildlife



SHARE PROGRAM HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

ELK OPPORTUNITIES

SHARE elk hunts will be offered in Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties.

Property and application information will be posted on the SHARE webpage on May 16, 2025. Preference points will not be utilized (gained or lost) for SHARE elk hunts.

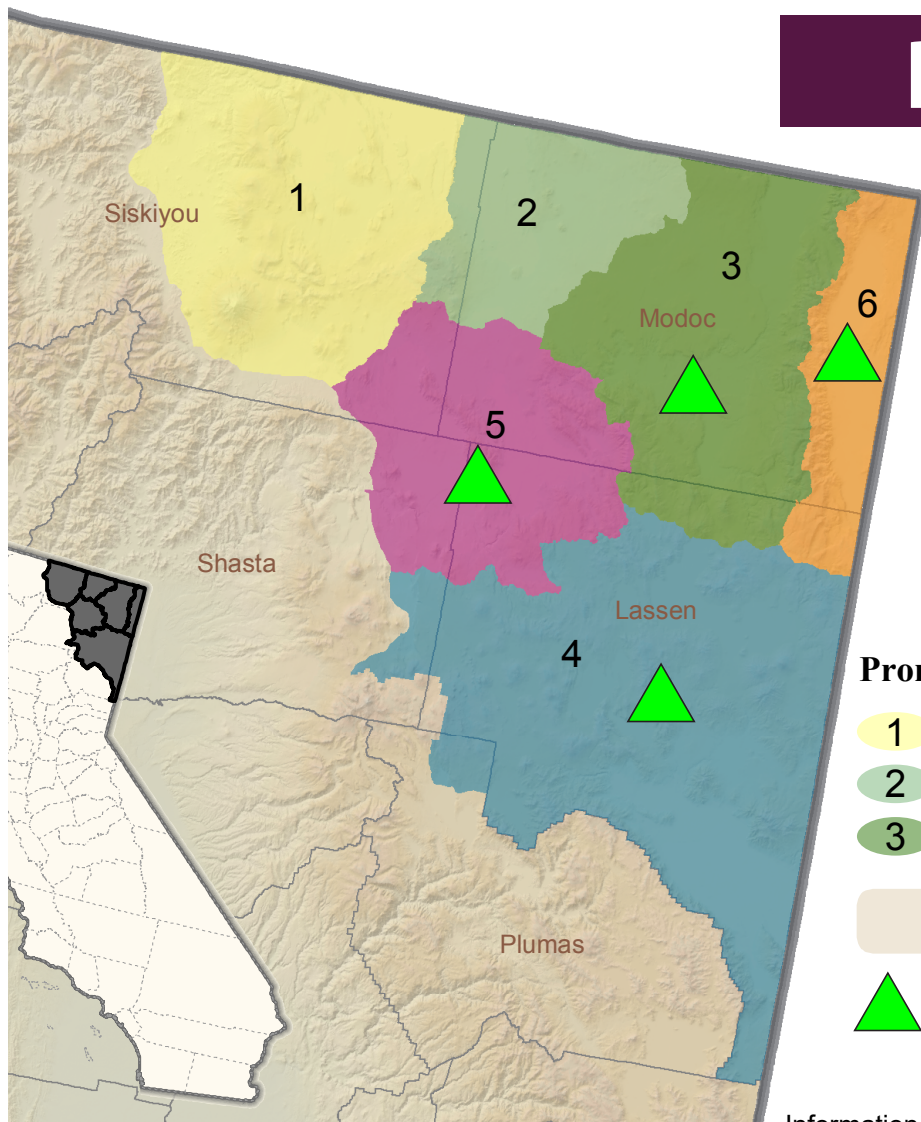
OTHER SHARE HUNTS

- Colusa and Solano counties - wild pig
- Santa Barbara County - deer (D13 and A zone), bear, wild pig, turkey, dove, and quail
- Siskiyou County - B6 deer hunt
- Merced County - waterfowl, dove, pheasant
- Tulare County - bear, turkey, dove, quail
- NEW Nevada County - turkey and pig

For more information about these hunts or the SHARE Program, please visit the website at: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE

PRONGHORN HUNT ZONES

PRONGHORN




Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

Pronghorn Hunt Zones

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| 1 Mount Dome | 4 Lassen |
| 2 Clear Lake | 5 Big Valley |
| 3 Likely Tables | 6 Surprise Valley |

 Closed To Pronghorn Hunting

 Lassen Apprentice, Surprise Valley Apprentice, Big Valley Apprentice Hunt and Likely Tables Apprentice

Information on these pronghorn hunts can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/pronghorn

PRONGHORN HUNT ZONES

Zone 1 Mount Dome

Hunt code 710. Pronghorn on public (Klamath NF (530) 863-3092; Shasta Trinity NF (530) 226-2500; & BLM (530) 224-2100) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or sub-stantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 340-5977.

Zone 2 Clear Lake

Hunt codes 720, 728, 730. Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. Tag holders may submit an application for hunting access to Peninsula "U" portion of Clear Lake NWR. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

Zone 3 Likely Tables

Hunt codes 730, 732, 734, 738, 790. Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581. Horse management

activities may overlap with pronghorn season. Contact USFS for more info. (530) 233-3581.

Zone 4 Lassen

Hunt codes 740, 742, 745, 790. Pronghorn on public (Lassen NF (530) 257-2151; BLM (530) 257-0456) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

Zone 5 Big Valley

Hunt codes 750, 755, 780. Pronghorn on Public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; Lassen NF (530) 257-2151; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

Zone 6 Surprise

Hunt codes 760, 765, 766. Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 224-2100) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

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2025 PRONGHORN HUNTS

Preference Point Only

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
799	Preference Point Only - Pronghorn	0	0	0	10,749	216	-	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2025	

Apprentice Hunts - Applicants must be under 16 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (T14 CCR §708.11(b)(2)).

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (3) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
734	Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 1 Either-sex Apprentice	5	4	1	246	39	100	0	Aug 23 - Aug 31
790	Zone 4 Lassen Period 1 Either-sex Apprentice	5	4	1	654	111	80	5	Aug 23 - Aug 31
780	Zone 5 Big Valley Either-sex Apprentice	1	0	1	100	16	0	1	Aug 23 - Aug 31
766	Zone 6 Surprise Valley Either-sex Apprentice	4	3	1	146	24	100	4	Aug 23 - Aug 31

780 To hunt Ash Creek Wildlife Area call (530) 294-5824. To hunt the wildlife area, a mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day is required.

Archery Hunts

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
728	Zone 2 Clear Lake Archery Buck	1	0	1	119	0	0	1	Aug 09 - Aug 17
738	Zone 3 Likely Tables Archery Buck	5	4	1	273	0	25	0	Aug 09 - Aug 17
745	Zone 4 Lassen Archery Buck	5	4	1	472	1	50	5	Aug 09 - Aug 17
755	Zone 5 Big Valley Archery Buck	1	0	1	85	0	0	1	Aug 09 - Aug 17

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2025 PRONGHORN HUNTS

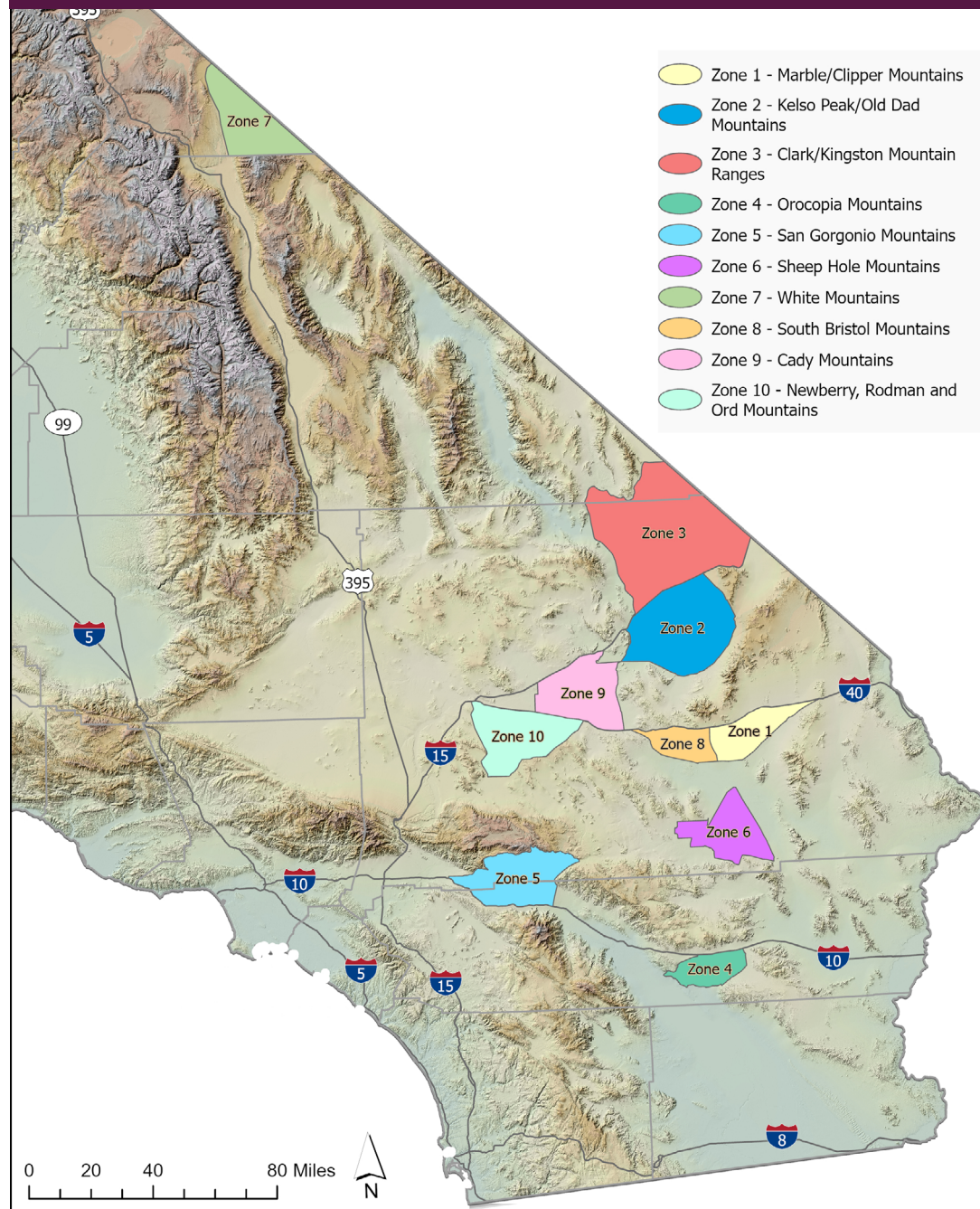
Archery Hunts

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
765	Zone 6 Surprise Valley Archery Buck	1	0	1	71	0	0	1	Aug 09 - Aug 17

General Methods Hunts

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
710	Zone 1 Mount Dome General Methods Buck	2	1	1	451	2	50	2	Aug 23 - Aug 31
720	Zone 2 Clear Lake General Methods Buck	12	9	3	1,475	3	70	6	Aug 23 - Aug 31
730	Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 1 General Methods Buck	5	4	1	2,418	1	75	5	Aug 23 - Aug 31
732	Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 2 General Methods Buck	5	4	1	1,561	0	40	0	Sep 06 - Sep 14
740	Zone 4 Lassen Period 1 General Methods Buck	35	27	8	5,541	84	94	35	Aug 23 - Aug 31
742	Zone 4 Lassen Period 2 General Methods Buck	35	27	8	3,614	12	93	35	Sep 06 - Sep 14
750	Zone 5 Big Valley General Methods Buck	5	4	1	972	0	50	5	Aug 23 - Aug 31
760	Zone 6 Surprise Valley General Methods Buck	10	8	2	1,387	10	78	10	Aug 23 - Aug 31

BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT ZONES

**All Bighorn Sheep Hunt Zones**

Steep and rugged terrain, vehicle access is limited and restricted to designated routes.

Zone 5 San Geronio Mountains

Travel by horseback is recommended.

Zone 7 White Mountains

Extremely steep and rugged terrain, navigating this unit is immensely physically strenuous as most bighorn sheep occur between 10,000 and 14,000 feet. Extreme safety and caution when preparing for and hunting in this unit is advised. Altitude sickness has affected previous hunters. Hunters should be in top physical condition. Vehicle access limited to none. For questions, call (760) 895-0114.

Mandatory Hunter Orientation

A mandatory hunter orientation will be held in-person on July 19, 2025 in Sacramento. Per Fish and Game Code Subsection 4902(e), a desert bighorn tag will not be issued unless the hunter completes this orientation.

Information on bighorn sheep hunts can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/bighorn-sheep

Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

2025 BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST

2025 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS

Preference Point Only

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
599	Preference Point Only - Bighorn Sheep	0	0	0	7,135	218	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2025		

General Methods Hunts

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2024 Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point (22) Applicants	2024 Hunter Success (%)	2025 Tag Quota	2025 Hunt Dates
501	Zone 1 Marble/Clipper Mountains	1	0	1	1,913	71	100	1	Dec 6 - Feb 1
502	Zone 2 Old Dad/Kelso Peak Mountains	2	1	1	1,054	92	100	3	Dec 6 - Feb 1
503	Zone 3 Clark and Kingston Mountain Ranges	3	2	1	1,435	182	100	4	Dec 6 - Feb 1
504	Zone 4 Orocopia Mountains	1	0	1	1,232	45	100	1	Dec 6 - Feb 1
505	Zone 5 San Gorgonio Mountains	0	0	0	-	-	100	1	Dec 20 - Feb 15
506	Zone 6 Sheep Hole Mountains	1	0	1	364	5	0	1	Dec 6 - Feb 1
507	Zone 7 White Mountains Period 1	4	3	1	2,232	68	50	3	Aug 16 - Sep 28
511	Zone 7 White Mountains Period 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	Jan 3 - Feb 1
508	Zone 8 South Bristol Mountains	1	0	1	997	46	100	1	Dec 6 - Feb 1
509	Zone 9 Cady Mountains	2	1	1	856	71	100	2	Dec 6 - Feb 1
510	Zone 10 Newberry, Rodman and Ord Mountains	6	5	1	2,453	540	100	-	-
512	Zone 10 Newberry, Rodman, Ord Period 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	Dec 6 - Jan 3
513	Zone 10 Newberry, Rodman, Ord Period 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	Jan 4 - Feb 1

WILD PIG HUNTING

Wild Pig Validation

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a valid annual or two-day California hunting license may purchase a wild pig hunting validation. There is no limit on the number of wild pigs one person may harvest with a validation; fees are nonrefundable and cannot be transferred from one person to another. Wild pigs no longer need to be tagged; however, the hunter is required to have their license and validation on their person while with a harvested pig.

New Reporting Requirements

Hunters are now required to report pig harvest at the end of the season in the Automated License and Data System. Reporting requirements include the number of pigs harvested by month and by county (T14 CCR 708.13).

Wild Pig Hunting Season

Wild pig validations may be used throughout the hunting year, commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 the following year. There is no daily bag or possession limit for wild pig (T14 CCR 378). For more information on pig hunting and regulations, please go to CDFW's website at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig.

Legal Methods of Take

Generally, wild pigs may only be taken using archery equipment, rifles, .40 caliber or greater muzzleloaders, shotguns and pistols, or revolvers. Knives and spears are not legal methods of take for wild pigs in California. Please see the California Hunting Regulations for Methods Authorized for Taking Exotic Game Mammals (T14 CCR §377) for detailed information.

Wild Pig Hunting Opportunities

Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve

CDFW provides limited-permit apprentice pig hunting opportunities at Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve near Gilroy. The hunts are conducted in coordination with volunteers from the California Deer Association (CDA) who operate the program.

Hunts are scheduled in the spring and fall, and applicants may only apply online by visiting wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Hunts/CDLO. Due to the high demand, hunters who are unable to attend the hunt for which they are drawn must notify our office within 5 days of being notified that they were successfully drawn. Please only apply for hunt dates you can attend.

Successful applicants will be assigned a volunteer from the CDA who will act as their guide for the duration of the hunt. Cañada de los Osos falls within the Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Area and non-lead ammunition is required for all big game hunts.

Additional information about these hunts and others may be obtained by visiting CDFW's special pig hunts webpage wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig#194443-hunts. The CDFW continues to work with resource conservation partners to provide these special pig hunts. Additional special opportunities will be announced on this webpage as they become available.

Top 15 Counties for Wild Pig Hunting

COUNTY	3-year average reported take
Monterey	832
San Luis Obispo	516
Kern	377
Tehama	202
Mendocino	169
Santa Clara	152
San Benito	151
Colusa	100
Fresno	88
Sonoma	80
Humboldt	75
Merced	73
Santa Barbara	72
Alameda	72
Napa	71

BEAR HUNTING

Bear Tags

To hunt bear in California, all residents and nonresidents must be age 12 or older and have both a valid hunting license and a bear tag. Bear tags can be purchased from any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online, or by telephone sales. Hunters may purchase only one bear tag per hunting license year.

Bag and Possession Limits

No person may possess more than one bear per hunting license year.

Bear Hunting Seasons

Archery bear season in all bear zones opens August 16, 2025, and runs through September 7, 2025.

The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 and extends through December 28, 2025. In the remaining deer X zones, the season opens October 11, 2025, and extends through December 28, 2025. CDFW shall close the season earlier if 1,700 bears have been reported taken. For daily updates on reported bear harvest, visit our website: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear or call toll-free (888) 277-6398.

GPS Collars

The CDFW Black Bear Program is deploying GPS collars on black bears to collect data to inform their conservation and management across the state. When you harvest a black bear, there is a chance it may have a GPS collar around its neck. If this is the case, please remove the collar. When removing the collar, do not cut through its belting as this damages the wiring within the collar and renders the collar unusable. Instead, use a tool such as a wrench to loosen the nuts and detach the collar's double bolt and plating with CDFW contact information from the collar's battery pack housing at the bottom. You can then remove the collar from the harvested bear.

Summary of Bear Regulations

It is unlawful to take a cub or a sow accompanied by one or more cubs.

It is unlawful to feed or bait bears for the purpose of hunting them. It is unlawful to hunt bear over bait, or within a 400-yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.

Only CDFW employees may validate bear tags. Bear tags must be validated before the bear can be transported except for the purpose of taking it directly to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag. If Department offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one (1) business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

Every licensed bear hunter who takes a bear must immediately return the validated report card portion of the bear tag. The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned

via mail, or reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting.

Any bear hunter who utilizes the services of a guide must verify that the guide has a valid guide's license and must write the guide's license number on the bear tag in the space provided. Every licensed bear hunter who is unsuccessful in taking bear must return the report card portion of the bear tag by February 1 of the current license year. The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting.

It is illegal to sell parts of any bear in California, including portions of legally-taken bears imported from other states. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull, which becomes the property of CDFW.

Mandatory Presentation of Bear Skull

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a CDFW office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become the property of CDFW. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned (T14 CCR §367.5). Please see appointment section and office phone numbers on the next page.

IMPORTANT! Place a stick or other object in the bear's jaws so that the mouth remains open. Do not present frozen skulls to have the premolar tooth removed. Premolars break easily when the skull is frozen.

Whether or not you are successful, all bear tags must be returned to the CDFW no later than February 1, 2026. If you fail to return your 2025 bear tag, even if you did not kill a bear, you will be in violation of (T14 CCR §708.12(d)).

Please call ahead before bringing your bear skull to a CDFW office.

Bear Tag Validation

If you kill a bear, you must have the tag countersigned (validated) by a CDFW employee. Bear tags must be validated prior to transporting the bear, except for the purpose of taking the bear to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag en route to your home from the point where the bear was taken. All CDFW offices will validate bear tags. The report card portion must be returned immediately after tag validation.

Bear Tooth Extraction

Premolar tooth collection is critical for CDFW's black bear population monitoring and provides essential age-at-harvest data necessary to conserve and manage black bears in California. A premolar tooth is required to be extracted from EVERY bear taken during the hunting season. Place a stick or other object between the roof of the bear's mouth and lower jaw so that the mouth remains open for ease of premolar removal. Do not present frozen skulls to have the tooth removed. For additional information, please see the [Bear Hunting Flyer](#).

BEAR HUNTING

Bear Tag Validation and Tooth Extraction Appointments

If you cannot locate a CDFW employee, please call one of the offices listed below and they will provide assistance.

All CDFW offices will validate bear tags.

Please call the following locations for an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or a tooth pulled. Please leave your bear skull in your vehicle until you check in for your appointment.

Location	Phone Number
Region 1, Redding	(530) 225-2300
Region 2, Rancho Cordova	(916) 358-2900
Region 3, Fairfield	(707) 428-2002
Region 4, Fresno	(559) 243-4005 Ext.132 or Ext.133
Region 5, San Diego	(858) 467-4201
Region 6, Ontario	(909) 484-0167
Region 7, Monterey	(831) 649-2870
Bishop	(760) 872-1171
Crystal Lake Hatchery	(530) 335-4111
Darrah Springs Hatchery	(530) 474-3141
Eureka	(707) 445-6493
Feather River Hatchery	(530) 538-2222
Iron Gate Hatchery	(530) 475-3420
Kern River Hatchery	(760) 376-2846
La Grange	(209) 853-2533 Ext. 6
Los Alamitos	(562) 342-7100
Los Banos Wildlife Area	(209) 826-0463
Mad River Fish Hatchery	(707) 822-0592
Mendota Wildlife Area	(559) 655-4645
Merced River Hatchery	(209) 563-6410
Moccasin Hatchery	(209) 989-2312
Mokelumne River Hatchery	(209) 759-3383
Mt. Shasta Hatchery	(530) 926-2215
Red Bluff Screen Shop	(530) 528-9406
Red Bluff Field Office	(530) 529-7162
Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	(530) 459-3926
Stockton	(209) 234-3420
Trinity River Hatchery	(530) 778-3931
Warm Springs Hatchery	(707) 433-6325
Yreka Screen Shop	(530) 841-2555

Definitions

Bear cub

A bear less than one year old or weighing less than 50 lbs. T14 CCR §365(c).

Bait Related to Bears

Any material capable of attracting a bear. T14 CCR §365(e).

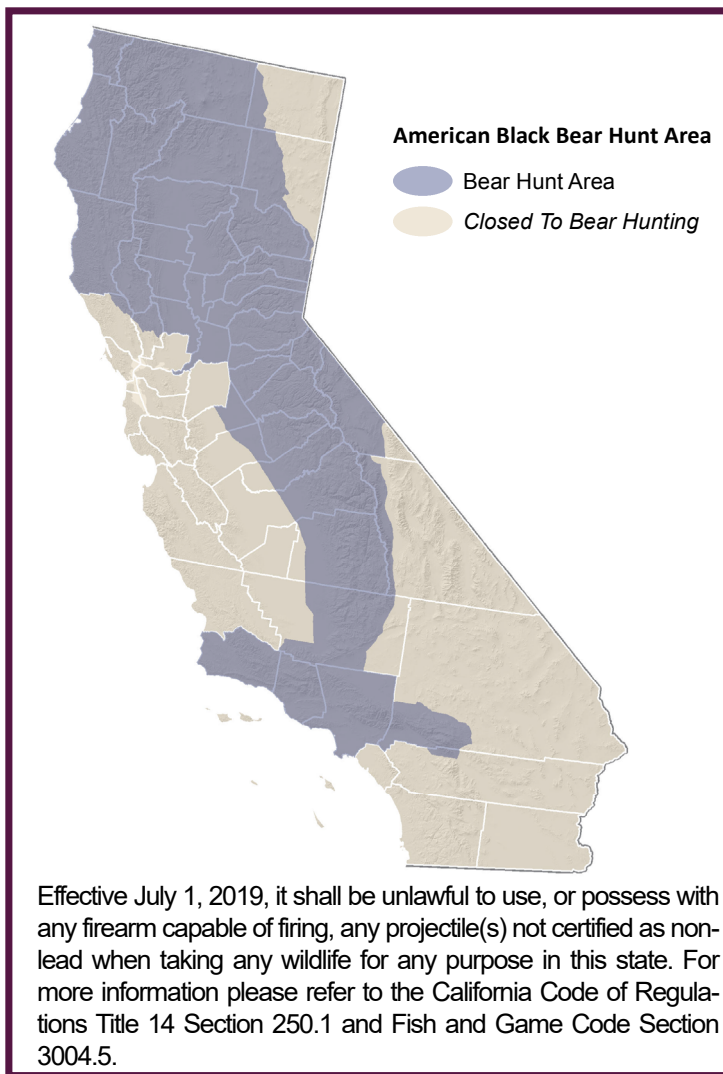
Baited Area

Any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed. T14 CCR §257.5.

Note: Scents sprayed into the air and allowed to disperse over a wide area in the wind generally do not fall within the definition of bait. Scent products that have to be applied directly to a surface such as a rock, tree or bush generally cause the game to come to that specific place, and if they feed on it, it is bait.

Use of Dogs for Pursuit/Take

Effective January 1, 2013, the use of dogs to pursue/take bears is unlawful for sport-hunting purposes.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

License Requirements

Q. Why do I need to show identification when purchasing a license?

A. When you purchase a license you are required to provide identification or a previously issued ALDS license. This ensures CDFW will have an accurate record of your license history and help CDFW serve you better in:

- Tracking customer preference points for CDFW's annual Big Game Drawing.
 - Purchasing duplicate licenses.
 - Wildlife management efforts, such as harvest reporting.
- CDFW does not share or sell customers' personal information.

Q. I tried to purchase my hunting license online, but the online sales system says 'Evidence of Hunter Education Required'. I have purchased a hunting license through the ALDS before, so why is it not on file?

A. You have created a second customer profile (another GO ID) that is not connected to your license history and hunter education record. Log out of the online license sales system and find a previously issued ALDS hunting license or drawing receipt and log in again. Enter the last name, GO ID, and date of birth as it is printed on your license document. Once you have logged into the account that has your hunter education, you will be able to purchase a hunting license and enter the drawing. If you are unable to resolve this issue yourself, contact the Department's Internet Sales Help Desk at (916) 928-6882 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for assistance.

Important: To be included in the Big Game Drawing, submit your application by midnight on June 2. If it is June 2 and you are unable to resolve this issue, go to a license sales agent. Provide your proof of hunter education and customer information for the license sales agent and apply for the Big Game Drawing there.

Q. What can I hunt for with a 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License?

A. The 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is only valid for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, wild pigs, fur-bearing mammals and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt bighorn sheep, bear, deer, elk, or pronghorn.

Q. Do I still need to have my license in possession when hunting or fishing?

A. Under California law you are required to carry your license, validation, report card, or tag with you when you are hunting or fishing.

Q. What will happen if I do not report my deer tag(s) or report my tag(s) late?

All deer tag holders who do not report their deer tag(s) by the regulatory deadline of January 31 or report them late will be assessed a non-reporting penalty of \$21.60 when purchasing their deer tag drawing application or deer tag the following license year.

NOTE: Mandatory reporting applies to all deer tags issued. Hunters who are issued two deer tags and report one but not the other will still be assessed the non-reporting penalty.

Big Game Drawing

Q. Why did I get drawn for a premium deer tag when I only wanted to apply for a preference point?

A. To apply for a deer preference point, you must tell the license sales clerk that you want to apply for the code PD (Point Deer). You do not need to indicate a hunt code when applying for a preference point only. Preference points are earned for the species and not a particular zone or hunt.

Q. I want to apply for a deer preference point in the Big Game Drawing, but I was issued my first deer tag at the license agent. Will I still earn a preference point?

A. No. If you were issued a first deer tag at the license agent then you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will need to go back to the license agent and tell the sales clerk to cancel the transaction and re-sell you a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with the code PD (Point Deer). The license agent only has four hours to cancel any sales transaction. If it has been more than four hours, contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at LRB@wildlife.ca.gov.

Q. How can I apply for a deer preference point and get an unrestricted or restricted deer hunt tag?

A. Submit a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with a first choice of PD (Point Deer); and a second choice of an unrestricted or restricted deer tag. If your second choice deer tag is available when the Big Game Drawing is conducted, it will be processed in the second round of the drawing. Please see 'How the Drawing Works' on page 19 for more information on the second choice tags.

Q. How can we apply as a party for drawing tags?

A. There are two ways to apply as a party. Members of a party can apply in the same sales transaction or in separate transactions at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales. See page 17 for details on the party

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application process.

Q. I am the party leader, where can I find my Party Number to give to members of my hunting party so they can join me?

A. The Party Number is located above your hunt choice(s) on your Drawing Receipt for each species for which you applied. Make sure you give the correct Party Number to the correct party members of each species.

Q. I don't have my party leader's Party Number. Will the license agent be able to join us together?

A. No. You must have the Party Number to join another hunter's party. This is done to ensure that only hunters the party leader allows may join his/her party. CDFW license sales offices and license agents cannot provide you with another hunter's Party Number, only the party leader or members of the party can provide you with their Party Number.

Q. Can a junior hunter apply for a premium deer zone and an Apprentice Hunt on the same application?

A. Yes. Junior hunters who wish to apply for an Apprentice Hunt and a premium deer hunt on the same application must use a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Either the Apprentice Hunt or Premium deer hunt will be your first choice (which ever you want the most) and the other as your second choice. You will be issued a preference point if you are unsuccessful in receiving your first choice and your second choice tag will be processed in the second round of the drawing (if the hunt you chose has not filled by the second round of the drawing). If the junior hunter applies for an Apprentice Hunt on the First-Deer Tag Drawing Application, they cannot submit a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Q. My daughter is a junior hunter. We want to apply together for an X zone tag. Can she apply with me for an X zone tag and still apply for an Apprentice Hunt?

A. Yes. You both can apply as a party for the X zone tag using your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Your daughter can apply for the Apprentice Hunts using her Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Q. Will a junior hunter earn two deer preference points if he/she is unsuccessful for both deer tag applications for a premium deer hunt and an Apprentice Hunt tag?

A. No. Hunters may only earn one preference point per species (T14 CCR §708.14(c)). Junior hunters submitting two applications in the drawing will earn one preference point if they are unsuccessful in their first choice tag on both applications.

If they are successful in their first choice tag on either application their preference points will be reset to zero.

Q. If a junior hunter applies for a premium deer hunt on a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application and an Apprentice Hunt on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application, how are the tag choices processed in the drawing? Which application has a higher priority?

A. Neither deer tag application has a priority. The computer assigns each deer tag application a unique random number. The preference point value for each application is calculated the same way, the success or non-success of one application does not affect the other application.

Q. How will I know that my tag choices for the drawing were entered correctly?

A. Verify that your tag choices are printed correctly on your Drawing Receipt. You may also verify your tag choices and view all your license items by accessing your customer profile online at <https://www.licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/>. Once you are signed in, you will select the 'View My Drawing Applications/Preference Points' link at the top of the page.

Q. When do I lose preference points?

A. You lose all accumulated preference points for a species, as follows:

- Deer - You lose all accumulated preference points when you are drawn for a premium tag as your first choice.
- Elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep - You lose all accumulated preference points for a species if you are drawn for and pay for the tag.
- You also lose all accumulated preference points for any species if you do not participate in the drawing for that species for five (5) consecutive years.

Q. I did not apply in the Big Game Drawing and it is now past the deadline; will I still be able to earn a preference point for this year?

A. No. You will not earn a preference point for this year and you will not lose your previously accrued preference points. However, a hunter's points are reduced to zero when they have not applied for five (5) consecutive years. A missed application deadline is considered as not applying.

If it is after midnight on June 2, the drawing applications for deer, elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep will not be available in the "Drawings" list to purchase and apply for the drawing.

Q. I cannot hunt this year. How can I earn a preference point for deer, elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep?

A. At a license agent, CDFW license sales office or by tele-

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

phone sales at (800) 565-1458, you will need to purchase a California hunting license and inform the sales clerk you are applying in the Big Game Drawing. You will need to indicate to the sales clerk, which drawing application(s) you want to apply for; such as: deer, elk, pronghorn or bighorn sheep. To earn a preference point for deer the code is PD, elk is 499, pronghorn is 799 and bighorn sheep is 599.

If applying online, select the "2025 Hunting" tab and "add to the cart" a California hunting license and in the "Drawing" menu, "add to the cart" the drawing applications you want to apply for and enter the corresponding preference point code as indicated above.

To earn the preference point(s), the transaction must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2025.

Q. What if my premium deer, elk, pronghorn, or bighorn sheep hunt was impacted by public land closures due to wildfire?

A. Eligible tag holders may return their unfilled premium deer, elk, pronghorn, and/or bighorn sheep tags and appeal for their preference points reinstatement and may also earn a preference point for the species for the affected season. In addition, eligible elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep tag holders may request a refund of their tag fees. For more information, visit licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales.

Q. How can I check my preference point totals in ALDS?

A. Your preference point totals are printed on your Drawing Receipt(s). The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), and accumulated preference points. You can also check your preference points by logging on to your customer profile at licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales/ and click on the link "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page.

Q. How will CDFW track my preference points?

A. CDFW tracks preference points for current and future drawings using your Get Outdoor (GO) ID. To accurately track your preference points, you must use the same GO ID number to apply in the drawing each year. If you have changes or corrections to your mailing address, you may log into your customer profile and update at licenses.wildlife.ca.gov/internetsales. If you have changes or corrections to your name, identification number, such as a driver's license number or date of birth, you must notify CDFW in writing at:

License and Revenue Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
or email: LRB@wildlife.ca.gov

Obtaining Hunting Maps

Q. Where can I obtain hunting maps for deer zones?

A. General maps detailing individual zone or deer hunt boundaries can be found at CDFW's website: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer.

Additional maps are also available from:

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) online at www.fs.fed.us/visit/maps/;

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, by phone at (916) 978-4400 or online at www.blm.gov/california;

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from sporting goods, backpacking or engineering stores or by contacting the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Branch of Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225, by phone at 888-ASK-USGS or online at www.usgs.gov/products/maps/overview.

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DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION

To declare importation of dead fish and wildlife, please print and complete the form on the following page, or complete the [online form](#).



State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife

DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION OF DEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE

DFW 901 (NEW 01/01/22)

 You can submit online at wildlife.ca.gov/qr/declaration-form

Form Instructions

BEFORE COMPLETING: Pursuant to Title 14, Section 712.5, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Fish and Game Code Section 2353, notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful to import (or bring into the state of California) any dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibia legally taken and legally possessed from outside of California, unless a declaration is submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) at or immediately prior to the time of entry. The importation of live animals is regulated under separate laws and regulations, therefore this form is not required for importation of live wildlife. Situations by which this form would be used include dead wildlife imported into California from out of state (including out of the country in accordance with that country's export requirements):

- Legally hunted or fished for personal consumption;
- Legally taken for trophy or taxidermy;
- Legally taken specimens for scientific or other research, notwithstanding other laws for their possession and/ or importation; and
- Other legal uses.

Section 1 – Original Permitholder Information. For importation of dead wildlife and/or parts thereof, indicate the Importer's first name, last name, Government-Issued ID or Driver's License #, birthdate, physical (mailing) address, and optional email address.

Section 2 – Dead Wildlife and/or Parts Thereof Information. Provide a description of the wildlife imported, including species, quantity, sex and antler points when applicable, etc. State or Federal permits under which authority the take and/or possession (collection) of the salvaged animals, and/or parts thereof occurred. For categories that don't apply, indicate N/A.

Section 3 – CERTIFICATION The importer signs here certifying under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct and that the fish or wildlife described are legally possessed/imported by the signer.

DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION



State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife

DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION OF DEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE

DFW 901 (NEW 01/01/22)

You can submit online at wildlife.ca.gov/gr/declaration-form

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CLEAR

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2353 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 712.5, this declaration form shall be completed by the person importing dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians, prior to or upon entry (within 24 hours) into the State of California. This declaration form shall be submitted online at wildlife.ca.gov/gr/declaration-form or postmarked to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement Division, PO Box 944209, Sacramento CA 94244-2090. A copy of this completed declaration form, or a confirmation number if completed online, shall be retained with the dead fish or wildlife.

SECTION 1. IMPORTER INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	
GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID or DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH	PREFERRED TELEPHONE	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS (Voluntary)
IMPORTATION VEHICLE LICENSE #		LOCATION AND DATE OF IMPORTATION	

SECTION 2. DEAD WILDLIFE, AND/ OR PARTS THEREOF INFORMATION

Description of Fish or Wildlife (species, quantity, sex, antler points when applicable, etc.)	Carcass or Part type ^A	Out of State Fishing or Hunting License #, or permit #	Out of State Hunting Tag #	Harvest Location (County, State, or country)

SECTION 3. CERTIFICATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information above is true and correct and that the fish or wildlife described above are legally possessed/imported by the undersigned.

Signature _____

Date _____

Information regarding Chronic Wasting Disease: The California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk (cervid) into California. Only some parts of a harvested deer or elk can be imported, and no portions of the brain or spinal cord may be imported. For more information go to:

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health/Monitoring/CWD>

^A Carcass or Part Type codes: **WC** = whole fresh/frozen carcass; **MC** = meat cuts (processed); **MQ** = meat cuts (quarter); **TS** = tissue samples; **TA** = taxidermy/ trophy mount; **H** = hide; **S** = scientific specimens; **O** = other

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

CWD Management Plan

The Department finalized a statewide [CWD Surveillance, Response and Management Plan](#) to guide CWD decision making.

CALIFORNIA'S CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) MANAGEMENT PLAN

August 2024



X9c be sampled for CWD testing. This greatly increased the Department's CWD surveillance efforts. California's CWD surveillance suggests that CWD prevalence remains low ([LINK to 2024 Surveillance Report](#)).

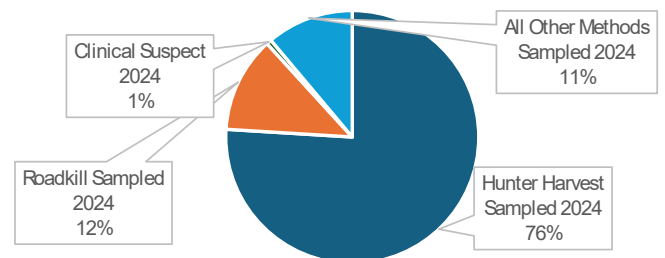
CWD Management Zones

Pending adoption by the CA Fish and Game Commission at its April 16, 2025 meeting, new regulations define CWD management zones to be adaptive to changes in CWD detections and provide the CDFW director the authority to designate specific requirements, like mandatory sampling or carcass handling, for CWD management zones. Proposed regulatory language: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=229589&inline>

How Can Hunters Help?

Over 75% of CWD samples in 2024 came from hunter-harvested animals. Hunters are a vital partner for CWD surveillance and management. Please consider having your sample harvest for CWD Testing.

2024 CWD Samples



What is CWD?

CWD is a fatal neurologic disease of cervids (e.g., deer, elk, moose, reindeer). It is caused by a misfolded form of a normal protein, known as a prion. The misfolded proteins aggregate in tissues, particularly the brain, causing progressive damage. CWD belongs to a group of human and animal diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE). Examples of TSEs in animals include bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in cattle, also known as "mad cow disease," and scrapie in sheep and goats, which has been known to veterinary medicine for over 200 years. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), a sporadic prion disease arising in 1:1,000,000 people, and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD), which has been linked to the consumption of infected cattle during the "mad cow disease" outbreak in Great Britain and Europe in the 1990s, are examples of TSEs in humans.

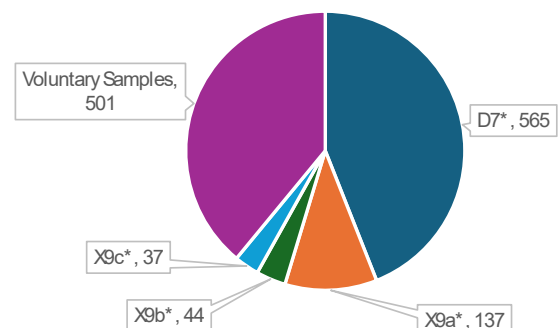
Response to California CWD Detections in 2024

In response to the first CWD detections in California (in Inyo and Madera counties), the Fish and Game Commission adopted emergency regulations for the 2024 deer hunting season that required hunter-harvested deer from **D7**, **X9a**, **X9b**, and

How to Have Your Deer or Elk Tested for CWD

- Bring the deer, or head, to a CDFW operated sampling station or office: wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station.
- Bring the deer, or head, to a participating meat processor or taxidermist: wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Meat-Processors-Taxidermists.
- Collect and submit samples yourself by following these instructions: wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Collect-Submit-Samples.

2024 Hunter-Harvested Samples



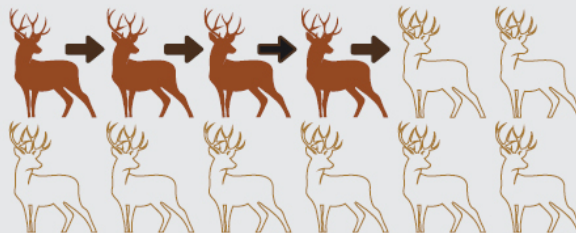
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): What you need to know

WHAT IS CWD?

CWD is a **fatal neurological disease** of cervids (i.e., deer, elk, moose and reindeer).



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?



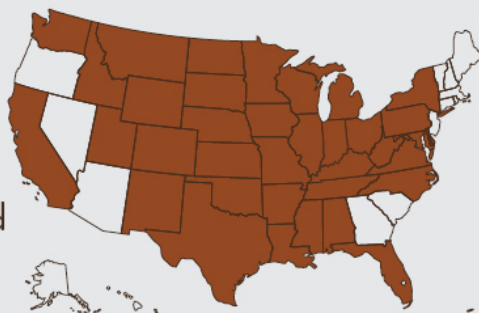
CWD spreads to cervids through contact with infected animals, tissues and environments.



HOW CAN WE HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CWD?

Testing deer samples helps us know if CWD is present and allows us to better respond and manage the disease.

WHICH U.S. STATES HAVE DETECTED CWD?



■ States with detected cases of CWD

(Non-positive CWD states are OR, NV, AZ, SC, GA, ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NJ, AK and HI.)



Hunters can bring their harvested deer or elk to a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) sampling station or regional office to be sampled for CWD. Alternatively, the head can be brought to a meat processor or taxidermist participating in CDFW's CWD Sampling Program. CDFW will collect paired lymph nodes, dime to quarter-sized tissues, located behind the jaw along the spine.



OUT-OF-STATE HUNTING & HARVEST IMPORT



The California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk (cervid) into California. Only some parts of a harvested deer or elk can be imported, and no portions of the brain or spinal cord may be imported. Visit wildlife.ca.gov/CWD to learn more.

For more information on keeping California's deer and elk herds safe and free from CWD, please visit CDFW's CWD web page: wildlife.ca.gov/CWD.



**NO TIME
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LIMIT CWD'S SPREAD

