



Tracking Number: ( \_2022-18\_ )

To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

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

### **SECTION I: Required Information.**

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

**1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)**

Name of primary contact person: JOHN BURK

Address: [REDACTED]

Telephone number: [REDACTED]

Email address: [REDACTED]

**2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Fish & Game Code 203 (a)**

**3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: I am proposing adjusting the deer hunting season in zones D-8,9, & 10 by making the following change to:**

[Section 360, Title 14, CCR](#) (Deer)

A, B, C, and D Zone Hunts.

Under D Zone sections (7), (8), & (9), and under the (B) season section of each: PROPOSE:

(B) Season: The season in Zone D-8, D-9 & D-10 shall open on the **first Saturday in October** and extend for 30 consecutive days.

**4. Rationale (Required) - I have hunting in Southern California (Kern County) for 50 years and it has become obvious to all in this region the climate has been changing and fall temperatures are staying warmer longer into the year, making October of 2022 much like September of 2002. Temperatures, as I am sure you are aware, drastically affect deer migration and interaction behavior. We, in Kern County and specifically zones D-8, 9, & 10, are not seeing legal huntable bucks until late October/early November, after the legal hunting season ends, this year on October 23. In 2021 the deer tags issued total 8305 for the three (3) zones, the total reported bucks harvested in those same zones was 518 or**



a 6% buck success rate. That success rate is very low even if some bucks were not reported. The change I propose would align the actual weather season with the hunting season of years past in this warm and more southern zone of California and help raise the success rate for paying hunters.

**SECTION II: Optional Information**

5. **Date of Petition:** 11-09-2022

6. **Category of Proposed Change**

- Sport Fishing
- Commercial Fishing
- Hunting
- Other, please specify: [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)

7. **The proposal is to:** *(To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)*

- Amend Title 14 Section(s) [Section 360, Title 14, CCR](#) |
- Add New Title 14 Section(s): [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)
- Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)

8. **If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition** [\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)

Or  Not applicable.

9. **Effective date:** If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation. If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: 06/15/2023

10. **Supporting documentation:** Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: 2021 DEER HARVEST REPORTS ZONE D

11. **Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing: NONE

12. **Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

[\[Click here to enter text.\]](#)

**SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only**

Date received: [\[11/10/2022\]](#)

FGC staff action:



Accept - complete

Reject - incomplete

Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: | 11/23/2022 |

Meeting date for FGC consideration: | Feb 8-9, 2023 |

FGC action:

Denied by FGC

Denied - same as petition | \_\_\_\_\_ |

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Granted for consideration of regulation change