

Senate Bill 856 (2022) Wild Pig Validations Advisory Meeting Agenda

Date: April 3rd, 2023

Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Invitees: The general public

Moderator: Dan Skalos, CDFW Upland Game Unit Supervisor

SB 856 Was signed into law on 9/22/22, activation date of July 1, 2024.

This bill:

Created a new category of “exotic game mammal” (FGC 3965)

Replaced pig tags with a validation.

Tags = \$25.92

Validation = \$25, will increase with inflation, per FGC 713

Included pigs in the free hunting days (FGC 3040)

Allows a validation to be purchased in conjunction with one or two-day hunting license (FGC 4654, 3031)

Requires harvest and depredation reporting (FGC 4657):

*b) (1) The commission shall adopt regulations governing the transportation of a wild pig carcass and the reporting of **any take** of a wild pig.*

(2) The regulations adopted pursuant to this section shall provide for reporting of any take of a wild pig electronically, and shall require the following information:

(A) The identity of the person taking the wild pig.

*(B) The **date** and location of the taking of the wild pig.*

(C) Any other information the commission finds would be appropriate to better understand the location and abundance, and rate of take, of wild pigs or to enforce the provisions of this code or Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

Potential issues:

FGC 3031.2 lifetime license with big game package included five pig tags worth \$129.60, validation worth \$25.00, albeit for unlimited pig take.

FGC 4652.5 halts the passing down of a license to operate a high fence hunting operation effectively creating a sunset of these business in the future. Some not happy about this.

Nothing can be done about FGC code without legislation.

CCR subdivisions listed below can be modified in this process but there are limitations.

Impacted CCR subdivisions, links provided to existing regulation:

- 325: Add new section "Exotic Game Defined" to define exotic game mammal
- 326: Add new section "Shooting Hours on Exotic Game" to define shooting hours on exotic game
- 327: Add new section "Methods for Taking Exotic Game" to define methods authorized for taking exotic game
- 328: Add new section "Wild Pig" to define species-specific restrictions
- [350](#): Remove wild pigs from the definition of Big Game
- [352](#): Remove wild pigs from Big Game shooting hours
- [353](#): Remove wild pigs from authorized methods for taking Big Game
- [368](#): Repeal section "Wild Pig" (nested in Big Game)
- [401](#): Depredation permits
- [551](#): Additional Visitor Use Regulations on Department Lands Designated as Wildlife Areas (State Type C's)
- [552](#): Public Use Regulations for National Wildlife Refuges That Are Also Designated as Wildlife Areas by the Commission (Federal Type C's)
- [671.3](#): Minimum Facility and Caging Standards for Wild Animals Housed at Permanent Facilities
- [702](#): Hunting Applications, Tags, Seals, Permits, Reservations and Fees; Department Lands Applications, Passes, Special Use Permits, and Fees
- [708.13](#): Wild Pig License Tags. Change "license tags" to "validation."

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