
From: Fred Broad <[REDACTED]>

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To: FGC <FGC@fgc.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: Senior Day Hunt

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To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (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).

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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: [REDACTED]

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:

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: Over the past few years I have visited state refuges offering Veteran and junior hunt days. At one state run refuge with a capacity of up to 200 hunters only 30 youth attended the first day of this year's hunt and approximately 24 on the second day. On the Veterans Day hunt the first day 18 hunters attended with a capacity of 200 and day two was also 18 hunters for a capacity of 200 hunters. The addition of a senior hunt to either of these weekends would not impact the State financially as many of the State run facilities are already staffed. No additional hunt days are being requested. Seniors have paid for licenses, stamps and access passes for many years and deserves a senior day in return. The CDFW always promotes OPPORTUNITY well this would be a great OPPORTUNITY for seniors The total number of youth hunters for the first day of the Junior hunt in the grasslands areas such as Los Banos, Salt Slough, Gadwall, San Luis, Volta, Mud Slough and West Bear etc was a total of 102 youth .

4. Click here to enter text.

5. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: Seniors need a day for them as they have purchased stamps, licenses and annual and day passes forever and should be rewarded for their loyalty and support. Other groups such as Juniors and Veterans have a day so let's get Seniors a day and add it to either the veteran weekend or the Junior weekend or even add a day on a Wednesday after the season ends.

SECTION II: Optional Information

6. Date of Petition:2/25/2023

7. Category of Proposed Change

- ☐ Sport Fishing
- ☐ Commercial Fishing
- X ☐ Hunting
- ☐ Other, please specify: Click here to enter text.

8. The proposal is to: (Amend Section 502.

9. <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)

- ☐ Amend Title 14 Section(s):Click here to enter text.
- ☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s): Click here to enter text.
 - ☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s): Click here to enter text.

10. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition
N/A.

Or X Not applicable.

11. 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: February 2024.

12. Supporting documentation: Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: Over the past few years I have visited state refuges offering Veteran and junior hunt days. At one state run refuge with a capacity of up to 200 hunters only 30 youth attended the first day of this year's hunt and approximately 24 on the second day. On the Veterans Day hunt the first day 18 hunters attended with a capacity of 200 and day two was also 18 hunters for a capacity of 200 hunters. The addition of a senior hunt to either of these weekends would not impact the State financially as many of the State run facilities are already staffed. No additional hunt days are being requested. Seniors have paid for licenses, stamps and access passes for many years and deserves a senior day in return. The CDFW always promotes OPPORTUNITY well this would be a great OPPORTUNITY for seniors The total number of youth hunters for the first day of the Junior hunt in the grasslands areas such as Los Banos, Salt Slough, Gadwall, San Luis, Volta, Mud Slough and West Bear etc was a total of 102 youth .

13. 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: There would be ZERO impact to adding a Senior day to one of the already established weekends. As noted earlier the areas are already staffed and whether 10 hunters or 100 hunters utilize the area the staff is already in place.

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

N/A

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: March 3, 2023

FGC staff action:

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

Tracking Number

Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action:

Meeting date for FGC consideration: _____

FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC

☐ Denied - same as petition _____

Tracking Number

☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change