

**Proposed Regulatory Language**

Section 702, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, is amended to read:

**§702. Hunting Applications, Tags, Seals, Permits, Reservations and Fees; Department Lands Applications, Passes, Special Use Permits, and Fees.**

. . . [No changes to subsections (a) through (b)]

(c) Hunting Tags

(1)	<i>Tag/Application</i>	<i>Permit Fees</i>	<i>Processing Fees</i>
. . . [No changes to subsections (c)(1)(A) through (c)(1)(W)]			
(X)	<del>Upland Game Bird</del> Special Hunt Drawing Application Fee		<del>\$2.25</del> <u>\$2.50</u>

. . . [No changes to subsections (d) through (d)(2)]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 203, 265, 331, 332 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 200, 203, 203.1, 265, 331, 332, 713, 1050, 1055, 1055.1, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573, 1745, 3950, 3951, 4302, 4330, 4331, 4332, 4333, 4336, 4340, 4341, 4652, 4653, 4654, 4655, 4657, 4750, 4751, 4752, 4753, 4754, 4755, 4902, 10500 and 10502, Fish and Game Code.

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Section 715, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, is amended to read:

### **§ 715. Upland Game Bird Special Hunt Drawing Special Hunt Permit Issuance and Drawings in ALDS.**

(a) ~~Upland Game Bird Special Hunts:~~ Special Hunts. Unless otherwise specified in Fish and Game Code or these regulations, the department may issue permits for hunt opportunities where participation is limited to a set number of available permits.

(1) The department shall establish the ~~conditions~~ parameters of each hunt with consideration for hunter safety, hunt quality, and species abundance. The hunt ~~conditions~~ parameters will include, but are not limited to, species, location, season, maximum party size, applicant attributes (age, disability, etc.), method of take, ~~take and the number of reservations available.~~ permit issuance method, junior license holder status, disabled or mobility impaired status, recent California Hunter Education certification, and veteran status. Unless otherwise specified in these regulations, the department shall specify the number of permits available for the hunt.

(A) Apprentice Status: The department may offer ‘apprentice’ hunting opportunities that are limited to junior hunters as defined in subdivision 3031(a)(2) of the Fish and Game Code or parties that include at least one junior hunter.

(B) Mobility Impaired Status: The department may offer hunting opportunities that are limited to mobility impaired hunters and disabled license holders or parties that include at least one such hunter.

1. A “mobility impaired hunter” is defined as any person who possesses a valid California hunting license and one of the following:

a. A valid California special license plate for a disabled person or a disabled veteran issued pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 5007. A copy of the vehicle registration showing the special license plate for a disabled person or a disabled veteran was issued to the person must be in possession while hunting.

b. A valid California disabled person parking placard issued pursuant to California Vehicle Code Section 22511.55 or California Vehicle Code Section 22511.59. The parking placard must be issued in the disabled person’s name and the person must possess the placard identification card while hunting.

2. A “disabled license holder” is defined as any person who has been issued a hunting license for the hunting license year per Fish and Game Code Section 3033.

(C) New Hunter Status: The department may offer hunting opportunities that are limited to applicants who have been issued their first California Hunter Education Certificate of completion within the last four years and have not held a California hunting

license for more than four license years, or parties that include at least one such new hunter.

(D) Veteran Status: The department may offer opportunities that are limited to applicants based on veteran status. Veterans must provide their DD-214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, upon request.

(2) The department shall establish “hunt groups” based on common ~~conditions~~ parameters of hunts (species, season, method of take, etc.). Each hunt shall be assigned into a hunt group. The department will ~~run a separate drawing~~ establish the permit issuance method specified in subsections (c) through (e) for each hunt group.

(b) Upland Game Bird Special Hunt Application Procedures General Application Eligibility and Procedures:

(1) Applicants ~~may~~ must apply through the department’s Automated License Data System (ALDS) terminals at department license agents, department license sales offices or on the department’s website.

(2) An applicant may be a resident or nonresident and must possess an annual hunting license valid for the hunting season for which the applicant is applying.

~~(3) An applicant for an apprentice junior hunt must possess a junior hunting license valid for the hunting season for which the applicant is applying.~~

~~(4) Two-day nonresident hunting licenses shall not be used to apply for Upland Game Bird Special Hunt Drawings.~~

~~(5) The applicant shall submit a non-refundable fee as specified in Section 702 of these regulations for each drawing application submitted.~~

~~(6) An applicant may submit one application per hunt group with up to three hunt choices. An applicant may only be drawn once per hunt group.~~

~~(7) Applications must be submitted at least 21 days prior to the first hunt date for each hunt group.~~

~~(8) Each applicant shall specify if the applicant is applying as an individual, a party leader or joining an existing party.~~

~~(A) Each applicant applying as an individual or as a party leader shall be assigned a Party Identification Number from the department’s Automated License Data System at the time of application.~~

~~(B) To apply as a party, the party leader shall apply first and provide the assigned Party Identification Number to the other party members.~~

~~(C) An applicant joining an existing party shall provide the Party Identification Number of the party leader. An applicant joining a party shall be assigned the same application choices in the same order as the party leader.~~

~~(c) Upland Game Bird Special Hunt Drawing Procedures:~~

- ~~(1) The department will conduct drawings by hunt group within five (5) business days following the application deadline for the hunt group.~~
- ~~(2) Draw-By-Choice Drawings. Each application shall be assigned a computer-generated random number. Each party application shall be assigned a single computer-generated random number. Reservations are awarded to applications based on hunt choice and random number (lowest to highest) until the reservation quota has been met. A party application shall not be split to meet the number of reservations available.~~
- ~~(3) Successful applicants will be notified. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Drawing results will be available on the department website, wildlife.ca.gov.~~

(c) Issued Upon Request Procedures

- (1) Permits for the hunt group will be made available at least 10 days prior to the hunt season start date.
- (2) Eligible applicants are limited to one permit per hunt group and may claim a permit until all available permits are issued.
- (3) The applicant shall submit a non-refundable fee as specified in Section 702 of these regulations for each issued upon request permit.

(d) Draw-By-Choice Procedures

- (1) Drawing applications must be submitted in ALDS at least 21 days prior to the first hunt date for each hunt group.
- (2) The applicant shall submit a non-refundable fee as specified in Section 702 of these regulations for each application submitted.
- (3) For drawings that allow party applications, each applicant shall specify if the applicant is applying as an individual, a party leader, or joining an existing party.
- (4) Each applicant applying as an individual or as a party leader shall be assigned a unique party identification number from ALDS.
  - (A) To apply as a party, the party leader shall apply first and provide the assigned party identification number to the other party members.
  - (B) An applicant joining an existing party shall provide the party identification number of the party leader. An applicant joining a party shall be assigned the same application choice(s) as the party leader.
- (5) Applicants are limited to one application per hunt group and may select up to the maximum allowable number of hunt choices within the hunt group, in their order of preference. The department will set the maximum hunt choices based on the parameters of the hunt grouping and the number of permits available within that hunt group.

(6) Each application shall be assigned a computer-generated random number. Party applications will be assigned one number for the entire party.

(7) The department will conduct drawings at least 10 business days prior to the earliest hunt date. When a party application is processed in the drawing and the available permit quota is less than the total number of party members, the department shall not exceed the quota established for each hunt and the application shall be unsuccessful.

(8) Permits are awarded to applications based on hunt choice and random number (lowest to highest) until the permit quota has been met.

(e) Draw-By-Hunt Procedures.

(1) Drawing applications must be submitted in the Automated License Data System at least 21 days prior to the hunt date.

(2) The applicant shall submit a non-refundable fee as specified in Section 702 of these regulations for each hunt for which they apply.

(3) Party applications are not allowed but permits may be valid for one or more additional hunters provided the permit holder participates in the hunt.

(4) Each applicant may apply only once for each hunt.

(5) Each application shall be assigned a computer-generated random number.

(6) Permits are awarded to applications based on hunt choice and random number (lowest to highest) until the permit quota has been met.

(7) The department will conduct drawings at least 10 business days prior to the hunt date.

(f) Drawing Results. Successful applicants will be notified. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. Drawing results will be available by logging in to the customer's ALDS profile.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 203 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 1050, ~~3500,~~ and 3682.1 and 3683, Fish and Game Code.