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### California Fish and Game Code

- [Department Powers and Duties \(Animal Take\) \[FGC §1001\]](#).  
Nothing in this code or any other law shall prohibit CDFW from taking any form of plant or animal life for scientific, propagation, public health or safety, prevention or relief of suffering, or law enforcement purposes.
- [Conflict Resolution \[FGC §1017\]](#).  
It is the policy of the state to anticipate and resolve potential conflicts between the management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources and private/public activities that may affect them.
- [Declaration of Policy \[FGC §1801\]](#).
- [Taking and Possessing in General \[FGC §2000 - 2023\]](#)  
It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state to encourage the preservation, conservation, and maintenance of wildlife resources under the jurisdiction and influence of the state.
- [California Endangered Species Act \[FGC §2050 - 2068\]](#).
- [Importation, Transportation, and Sheltering of Restricted Live Wild Animals \[FGC §2116 - 2210\]](#)
- [Birds and Mammals - Methods of Take \[FGC §3000 - 3012\]](#).  
Use of any net, cage, trap, or poison is unlawful, except as authorized; it is unlawful to capture, possess or confine any wildlife taken from the wild, except as authorized.
- [Take Wildlife with Net, Cage, Trap, Poison \[FGC §3005\]](#).
- [Capture or Possess Wildlife \[FGC §3005.5\]](#). – Current: Through June 30, 2024
- [Capture or Possess Wildlife \[FGC §3005.5\]](#). -- Amended: Effective July 1, 2024
- [Bobcat Protection Act](#) -- It is unlawful to trap or hunt a bobcat, or attempt to do so, except as authorized.
- [Game Birds \[FGC §3500-3516\]](#)
- [Nongame Birds \[FGC §3800-3806\]](#)
- [Game Mammals \[FGC §3950-3961\]](#)
- [Fur-Bearing Mammals \[FGC §4000\]](#)
- [Methods for Taking Fur-bearing Mammals \[FGC §4002 - 4008\]](#)
- [Unlawful Methods of Taking \[FGC §4004\]](#)
- [Trapping Provisions \[FGC §4003\]](#)
- [Nongame Mammals \[FGC §4150-4158\]](#)
- [Depredators \[FGC §4180-4190\]](#)
- [Take Fur-bearing Mammals; Conditions \[FGC §4180\]](#)
- [Take Elk, Bear, Beaver, Bobcat, Wild Pig, Wild Turkeys, or Gray Squirrels Damaging Property; Permit Required \[FGC §4181\]](#).
- [Take Deer Damaging or Destroying Land \[FGC §4181.5\]](#).
- [Take Cottontail or Brush Rabbits Damaging Crops of Forage \[FGC §4186\]](#).
- [Fully Protected Mammals \[FGC §4700\]](#)
- [Mountain Lions \[FGC §4800-4810\]](#) -- Mountain lions are a specially protected mammal in California.
- [Wildlife Protection Act of 1990](#)
- [Wildlife Protection Act of 2019](#)  
Commercial and recreational trapping of fur-bearing and nongame mammals prohibited in California.
- [Wildlife Traffic Safety Act of 2019 \[FGC §1023\]](#)



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### California Penal Code

- [Cruelty to Animals \[§597\]](#)

It is unlawful to maliciously and intentionally maim, mutilate, or torture any wildlife pursuant to this code.

### California Health and Safety Code

- [Rabies Control \[§121575 - 121710\]](#)

### California Food and Agricultural Code

- [Field Rodents \[§6021 - 6024\].](#)

- [Hunters and Trappers \[§11221-11223\].](#)

- [Management of Coyotes on Public Lands \[§11281-11284\].](#)

- [Management of Coyotes on State Park Lands and in Ecological Reserves \[§11301-11305\].](#)

- [Pest Control Licenses and Permits \[§11701-11711\].](#)