

Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 555.1, Title 14 CCR, is added as follows:

§ 555.1. Conflict Zone Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas.

Option 1:

- (a) Definition and Scope. A conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area is an area of private land located within the boundary of an area open to public elk hunting as identified in subsections 364(a)(1)(A), 364(a)(2)(A), 364(b)(2)(A), and 364(c)(1)(A), in which landowners experience chronic, elevated levels of human-elk conflict, as determined by the department. The conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area shall be contiguous parcels of at least 60 acres in size.
- (b) Within the conflict zones open to public elk hunting, the number of conflict zone cooperative elk hunting license general methods antlerless tags issued shall be up to 100 percent of the number of public license general methods antlerless tags issued annually for the corresponding public hunt (i.e., a 1 to 1 public license antlerless tag to landowner antlerless tag ratio). The corresponding public hunt is comprised of the annual sum of general methods license tags issued across sections 364 and 364.1. Within a conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area, the remaining tag designations (i.e., spike bull, bull, or either-sex) shall be issued consistent with subsection 555(a). Any elk zones described in Section 364 excluded from this subsection shall conform to all criteria described in Section 555.
- (c) An elk license tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this subsection is valid commensurate with the first day of the general methods elk season in which the conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area occurs, as described under Section 364, through November 30 annually. All provisions described under Section 555, including 555(b) shall apply to this subsection.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1575, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 67 and 1575, Fish and Game Code.

Option 2:

- (a) Definition and Scope. A conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area is an area of private land located within the boundary of an area open to public elk hunting as identified in subsections 364(a)(2)(A), 364(b)(2)(A), and 364(c)(1)(A), in which landowners experience chronic, elevated levels of human-elk conflict, as determined by the department. The conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area shall be contiguous parcels of at least 60 acres in size.

- (b) Within the conflict zones open to public elk hunting, the number of conflict zone cooperative elk hunting license general methods antlerless tags issued shall be up to 100 percent of the number of public license general methods antlerless tags issued annually for the corresponding public hunt (i.e., a 1 to 1 public license antlerless tag to landowner antlerless tag ratio). The corresponding public hunt is comprised of the annual sum of general methods license tags issued across sections 364 and 364.1. Within a conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area, the remaining tag designations (i.e., spike bull, bull, or either-sex) shall be issued consistent with subsection 555(a). Any elk zones described in Section 364 excluded from this subsection shall conform to all criteria described in Section 555.
- (c) An elk license tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this subsection is valid commensurate with the first day of the general methods elk season in which the conflict zone cooperative elk hunting area occurs, as described under Section 364, through November 30 annually. All provisions described under Section 555, including 555(b) shall apply to this subsection.

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