

## Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 362, Title 14 CCR, is amended to read:

### § 362. Nelson Bighorn Sheep.

(a) Areas:

(1) ~~Zone 1—Marble/Clipper Mountains:~~ Zone 1 (Marble/Clipper Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the intersection of Kelbaker Road and the National Trails Highway; north on Kelbaker Road to the junction with Interstate Highway 40; east on Interstate Highway 40 to the intersection with National Trails Highway; southwest on National Trails Highway to junction with Kelbaker Road.

(2) ~~Zone 2—Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains:~~ Zone 2 (Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the intersection of Kelbaker Road and the Union Pacific Railroad in Kelso; southwest along the Union Pacific Railroad to intersection with unnamed road at Crucero; north on unnamed road to the merging with Mojave Road; northeast on Mojave Road to the junction with Zzyzx Road; north on Zzyzx Road to intersection with Interstate Highway 15; northeast on Interstate Highway 15 to the intersection with Cima Road; south on Cima Road to the intersection with the Union Pacific Railroad in Cima; southwest on the Union Pacific Railroad to the intersection with Kelbaker Road in Kelso.

(3) ~~Zone 3—Clark and Kingston Mountain Ranges:~~ Zone 3 (Clark and Kingston Mountain Ranges)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino and Inyo counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 15 and California State Highway 127 in Baker; north on California State Highway 127 to the junction with Old Spanish Gentry Road at Tecopa; southeast on Old Spanish Gentry Road to the junction with Furnace Creek Road; southeast on Furnace Creek Road to the junction with Mesquite Valley Road; north on Mesquite Valley Road to Old Spanish Trail Highway; north and east on Old Spanish Trail Highway to ~~the California/Nevada~~ California-Nevada state line; ~~southeast on California/Nevada along the California-Nevada~~ state line to the intersection with Interstate Highway 15; southwest on Interstate Highway 15 to the junction with California State Highway 127.

(4) ~~Zone 4—Orocopia Mountains:~~ Zone 4 (Orocopia Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of Riverside County beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 10 and Cottonwood Springs Road; east on Interstate Highway 10 to the junction with Red Cloud Mine Road; south on Red Cloud Mine Road to the junction with the Eagle Mountain Mining Railroad; southwest on the Eagle Mountain Mining Railroad to the junction with the Bradshaw Trail; southwest on the Bradshaw Trail to the Intersection with the Coachella Canal; west along the Coachella Canal to the junction with Box Canyon Road; northeast on Box Canyon Road to the junction with Cottonwood Springs Road; north on Cottonwood Springs Road to the intersection with Interstate Highway 10.

(5) ~~Zone 5—San Gorgonio Wilderness:~~ Zone 5 (San Gorgonio Wilderness)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of Riverside and San Bernardino counties beginning at the intersection of Interstate Highway 10 and California State Highway 62, west on Interstate Highway 10 to the junction with California State Highway 30; north on California State Highway 30 to the junction with California State Highway 38; east and north on California State Highway 38 to the junction with Forest Service Route 1N01; east on Forest Service Route 1N01 to its joining with Pipes Road; east on Pipes Road to the junction with Pioneertown Road; southeast on Pioneertown Road to the junction with California State Highway 62; southwest on California State Highway 62 to the intersection with Interstate Highway 10.

(6) ~~Zone 6—Sheep Hole Mountains:~~ Zone 6 (Sheep Hole Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of California State Highway 62 and Ironage Road; northwest on Ironage Road to the intersection with Amboy Road; north on Amboy Road to the intersection with National Trails Highway; east on National Trails Highway to the junction with Saltus Road; southeast on Saltus Road to the junction with unnamed road in Saltus that runs through Cadiz Valley; southeast on unnamed road to the intersection with California State Highway 62; west on California State Highway 62 to the junction with Ironage Road.

(7) ~~Zone 7—White Mountains:~~ Zone 7 (White Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of Mono County within a line beginning at U.S. Highway 6 and the Mono–Inyo county line; northward on Highway 6 to the California–Nevada ~~State Line~~ state line; southeasterly along the California–Nevada ~~State Line~~ state line to the Mono–Inyo ~~County Line~~ county line; westward along the Mono–Inyo ~~County Line~~ county line to the point of beginning.

(8) ~~Zone 8—South Bristol Mountains:~~ Zone 8 (South Bristol Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of Kelbaker Road and the National Trails Highway; west on the National Trails Highway to the intersection with Interstate Highway 40; east on Interstate Highway 40 to the junction with Kelbaker Road; south on Kelbaker Road to the point of beginning.

(9) ~~Zone 9—Cady Mountains:~~ Zone 9 (Cady Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 40 and Newberry Road; north on Newberry Road to intersection with Riverside Road; ~~East~~east on Riverside Road to junction with Harvard Road; north on Harvard Road to junction with Interstate Highway 15; northeast on Interstate Highway 15 to junction with Basin Road; south on Basin Road to intersection with Union Pacific Railroad; east ~~on~~ along Union Pacific Railroad to intersection with Crucero Road; south on Crucero Road to intersection with Interstate Highway 40; west on Interstate Highway 40 to the point of beginning.

(10) ~~Zone 10—Newberry, Rodman and Ord Mountains:~~ Zone 10 (Newberry, Rodman, and Ord Mountains)

(A) Area: ~~In that~~ That portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction Interstate 40 and Barstow Road; ~~South~~ south on Barstow Road to the junction with Northside Road; ~~East~~ east on Northside Road to the intersection with Camp Rock Road; ~~Northeast~~ northeast on Camp Rock Road to the intersection with Powerline Road; ~~East~~ east on Powerline Road ~~and continue on to~~ Transmission Line Road to the intersection with Interstate 40, ~~West along Interstate 40,~~; west on Interstate 40 to the point of the beginning.

(b) Seasons:

(1) Open Zone ~~Fund-raising~~ Fundraising Tag: The holder of the ~~fund-raising~~ fundraising license tag issued pursuant to subsection 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt:

(A) Zones 1 through 4, 6, 8 and 9: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(B) Zone 5: Beginning the third Saturday in November and extending through the third Sunday in February.

(C) Zone 7: Beginning the first Saturday in August and extending through the last Sunday in September.

(2) Marble/Clipper/South Bristol Mountains ~~Fund-raising~~ Fundraising Tag: The holder of the ~~fund-raising~~ fundraising license tag issued pursuant to subsection 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt:

(A) Zones 1 and 8: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(3) Cady Mountains ~~Fund-raising~~ Fundraising Tag: The holder of the ~~fund-raising~~ fundraising license tag issued pursuant to subsection 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt:

(A) Zone 9: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(4) Except as provided in subsection 362(b)(1), the Nelson bighorn sheep season in the areas described in subsection 362(a) shall be defined as follows:

(A) Zones 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 10: Beginning the ~~The~~ first Saturday in December and ~~extend~~ extending through the first Sunday in February.

(B) Zone 5: Beginning the ~~The~~ third Saturday in December and ~~extend~~ extending through the third Sunday in February.

(C) Zone 7: Beginning the third Saturday in August and extending through the last Sunday in September.

(5) Except as specifically provided in section 362, the take of bighorn sheep is prohibited.

(c) Bag and possession Limit: One mature ram defined as follows: a male Nelson bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis nelsoni*) having at least one horn, the tip of which extends beyond a point in a straight line beginning at the front (anterior) edge of the horn base, and extending downward through the rear (posterior) edge of the visible portion of the eye and continuing downward through the horn. All reference points are based on viewing the ram directly from a 90 degree angle from which the head is facing. A diagram showing the correct viewing procedure shall be distributed by the department to each successful applicant.

(d) Number of License Tags:

<i>Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunt Zones</i>	<i>Tag Allocation</i>
Zone 1 – Marble/Clipper Mountains	<del>4</del> 0-5
Zone 2 – Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	<del>1</del> 0-2
Zone 3 – Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	<del>4</del> 0-4
Zone 4 – Orocopia Mountains	<del>1</del> 0-2
Zone 5 – San Gorgonio Wilderness	<del>0</del> 0-3
Zone 6 – Sheep Hole Mountains	<del>0</del> 0-2
Zone 7 – White Mountains	<del>6</del> 0-6
Zone 8 – South Bristol Mountains	<del>2</del> 0-3
Zone 9 – Cady Mountains	<del>2</del> 0-4
Zone 10 – Newberry, Rodman, Ord Mountains	<del>6</del> 0-6
Open Zone Fund-Raising Fundraising Tag	<del>1</del> 0-1
Marble/Clipper/South Bristol Mountains Fundraising Fund-Raising Tag	<del>1</del> 0-1
Cady Mountains Fund-Raising Fundraising Tag	<del>1</del> 0-1
Total:	<del>26</del> 0-42

(e) Conditions:

(1) Nelson bighorn rams shall only be taken between one-half hour before sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

(2) Only methods specified in sections 353 and 354, Title 14, CCR, for taking bighorn sheep may be used.

(3) Each tagholder shall possess a spotting telescope capable of magnification of 15 power (15X), which is not affixed to a rifle, while hunting.

(4) Successful general tagholders shall present the head and edible portion of the carcass of a bighorn ram to the department’s checking station within 48 hours after killing the animal. All successful tagholders shall notify the department’s Bishop office by telephone at (760) 872-1171 or (760) 872-1346 within 24 hours of killing the animal and arrange for the head and carcass to be examined.

(5) All successful bighorn sheep tagholders shall make the horns of each ram available to the department to be permanently marked in the manner prescribed by the department for identification purposes within 48 hours of killing the animal. The purpose of the permanent marking shall be to identify Nelson bighorn rams which were legally taken and which may be transported and possessed outside the areas described in subsection 362(a).

(6) The department reserves the right to take and use any part of the tagholder's bighorn ram, except the horns, for biological analysis as long as no more than one pound of edible meat is removed.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 203, 203.1, 265, 1050 and 4902, Fish and Game Code.  
Reference: Sections 1050, 3950 and 4902, Fish and Game Code.

## Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 364, Title 14 CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 364. Elk Hunts, Seasons, and Number of Tags.**

(a) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunts:

(1) Siskiyou General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Siskiyou County within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and the California-Oregon state line; east along the California-Oregon state line to Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; south on Hill Road to Lava Beds National Monument Road; south on Lava Beds National Monument Road to USDA Forest Service Road 49; south on USDA Forest Service Road 49 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; west on USDA Forest Service Road 77 to USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); south on USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); southwest on USDA Forest Service Road 13 to Highway 89; northwest on Highway 89 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

(2) Northwestern Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Humboldt and Del Norte ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 299 and Highway 96; north on Highway 96 to the Del Norte-Siskiyou county line; north along the Del Norte-Siskiyou county line to the California-Oregon state line; west along the California-Oregon state line to the Pacific coastline; south along the Pacific coastline to the Humboldt-Mendocino county line; east along the Humboldt-Mendocino county line to the Humboldt-Trinity county line; north along the Humboldt-Trinity county line to Highway 299; west on Highway 299 to the point of beginning.

(3) Marble Mountains General Methods Roosevelt Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Humboldt, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta and Siskiyou Counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and the California-Oregon state line; west along the California-Oregon state line to the Del Norte county line; south along the Del Norte county line to the junction of the Siskiyou-Humboldt county line; east along the Siskiyou-Humboldt county line to Highway 96; south on Highway 96 to Highway 299; south on Highway 299 to the Humboldt-Trinity county line; south along the Humboldt-Trinity county line to Highway 36; east on Highway 36 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

(b) Department Administered General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Hunts:

(1) Northeastern General Methods Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: Those portions of Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, and Shasta ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning in Siskiyou County at the junction of the California-Oregon state line and Hill Road at Ainsworth Corner; east along the California-Oregon state line to the California-Nevada state line; south along the California-Nevada state line to Lassen County Road 506 ~~Tuledad~~ (Tuledad) Road; west on Lassen County Road 506 to Lassen County Road 512 (Red Rock Road); west on Lassen County Road 512 to Lassen County Road 510 (Clark's Valley Road); west on Lassen County Road 510 to Highway 395 at Madeline; west on Lassen County Road

527 (Ash Valley Road) to Highway ~~139/299~~299/139 in Adin; south on Highway 299/139, then Highway 139 to Highway 36 in Susanville; west on Highway 36 to Interstate 5 in Red Bluff; north on Interstate 5 to Highway 89; southeast on Highway 89 to USDA Forest Service Road 13 (Pilgrim Creek Road); northeast on USDA Forest Service Road 13 to USDA Forest Service Road 15 (Harris Spring Road); north on USDA Forest Service Road 15 to USDA Forest Service Road 77; east on USDA Forest Service Road 77 to USDA Forest Service Road 49; north on USDA Forest Service Road 49 to Lava Beds National Monument Road; north on Lava Beds National Monument Road to Hill Road; north on Hill Road to the point of beginning.

(2) Tehachapi Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Kern and Los Angeles ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning at the intersection of Highways 99 and 65; north on Highway 65 to the Kern-Tulare county line; east along the Kern-Tulare county line to Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to Highway 14; southwest on Highway 14 to Highway 138; west on Highway 138 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to Highway 99; north on Highway 99 to the point of beginning.

(c) Department Administered General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(1) Mendocino General Methods Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Mendocino County within a line beginning at the Pacific coastline and the Mendocino-Humboldt county line south of Shelter Cove; east along the Mendocino-Humboldt county line to the Mendocino-Trinity county line; south and east along the Mendocino-Trinity county line to the Mendocino-Tehama county line; south along the Mendocino-Glenn county line, then the Mendocino-Lake county line to Highway 20; north and west on Highway 20 to Highway 101 near Calpella; south on Highway 101 to Highway 253; southwest on Highway 253 to Highway 128; north on Highway 128 to Mountain View Road near the town of Boonville; west on Mountain View Road to Highway 1; south on Highway 1 to the junction of the Garcia River; west along the Garcia River to the Pacific coastline; north along the Pacific coastline to the point of beginning.

(d) Department Administered General Methods Tule Elk Hunts:

(1) Cache Creek General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Lake, Colusa and Yolo ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning at the junction of Highway 20 and the Colusa-Lake county line (County Line Ridge); south along the Colusa-Lake county line to the Yolo county line; east along the Yolo ~~County~~county line to Highway 16; south on Highway 16 to Reiff-Rayhouse Road; west on Reiff-Rayhouse Road to Morgan Valley Road; west on Morgan Valley Road to Highway 53; north on Highway 53 to Highway 20; west on Highway 20 to Forest Road 303; north and east on Forest Road 303 to Walker Ridge Road; south on Walker Ridge Road to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the point of beginning.

(2) La Panza General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of San Luis Obispo, Kern, and Santa Barbara ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning in San Luis Obispo County at the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 46; south on Highway 101 to Highway 166 in San Luis Obispo County; east on

Highway 166 to Highway 33 at Maricopa in Kern County; north and west on Highway 33 to Highway 46 in Kern County; west on Highway 46 to the point of beginning.

(B) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(3) Central Coast General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Monterey and San Luis Obispo ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning in Monterey County at the junction of Highway 1 and Elkhorn Slough; westward to the Pacific coastline at the Moss Landing Harbor mouth entrance; south along the Pacific coastline to the junction of the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek in San Luis Obispo County; south and east along Santa Rosa Creek to the bridge at Highway 1; south on Highway 1 to Highway 46; east on Highway 46 to Highway 101; north on Highway 101 to North Main Street in Salinas in Monterey County; south on North Main Street to Highway 183; north on Highway 183 to Highway 1; north on Highway 1 to the point of beginning, excluding the full extent of the Fort Hunter Liggett military installation.

(B) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(4) Gabilan General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Monterey, San Benito, and Fresno ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning in Monterey County at the junction of the Pajaro River and the Pacific coastline; east along the Pajaro River to Highway 25; south on Highway 25 to San Felipe Road; south on San Felipe Road to San Benito Street; south on San Benito Street to Nash Road; east on Nash Road to Highway 25; south on Highway 25 to County Road J1 (Panoche Road) near the town of Paicines; southeast on County Road J1 to County Road J1 (Little Panoche Road); north on County Road J1 to Interstate 5 in Fresno County; south on Interstate 5 to Highway 33; south on Highway 33 to Highway 46; west on Highway 46 to Highway 101; north on Highway 101 to North Main Street in Salinas in Monterey County; south on North Main Street to Highway 183; north on Highway 183 to Highway 1; north on Highway 1 to the junction with Elkhorn Slough; westward to the Pacific coastline at the Moss Landing Harbor mouth entrance; north along the Pacific coastline to the point of beginning.

(B) Special Conditions: All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting upon receipt of their elk license tags.

(5) Bishop General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and Highway 6 in the town of Bishop; north and east ~~along~~ on Highway 6 to Silver Canyon Road; east on Silver Canyon Road to Forest Service Road 4S01 (White Mountain Road); south on Forest Service Road 4S01 to Highway 168 at Westgard Pass; south and west on Highway 168 to Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

(6) Independence General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:



(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and Aberdeen Station Road; east on Aberdeen Station Road to its terminus at the southern boundary of Section 5, Township 11S, Range 35E; east along the southern boundary of sections 5, 4, 3, and 2, Township 11S, Range 35E to the Papoose Flat Road at Papoose Flat; south and east on Papoose Flat Road to Mazourka Canyon Road; south, then west on Mazourka Canyon Road to Highway 395; north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

. . . [No change to subsections (d)(7) through (d)(10)]. . .

(11) Whitney General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Inyo County within a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and Onion Valley Road; south on Highway 395 to Whitney Portal Road; west on Whitney Portal Road to the northern boundary of Section 36, Township 15S, Range 34E; west along the northern boundary of sections 36, 35, 34 and 33 Township 15S, Range 34 E to the Inyo-Tulare county line; north along the ~~the~~ Inyo-Tulare county line to the junction of Section 27 Township 13S, range 33E; east along the southern boundary of sections 27, 26 and 25 Township 13S, Range 33E; north along the eastern boundary of Section 25 Township 13S, Range 33E to Onion Valley Road; east on Onion Valley Road to the point of beginning.

. . . [No change to subsections (d)(12) through(d)(14)]

(15) East Park Reservoir General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Glenn and Colusa ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning in Glenn County at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 162 at Willows; west on Highway 162 (Highway 162 becomes Alder Springs Road) to the Glenn-Mendocino county line; south along the Glenn-Mendocino county line to the Glenn-Lake county line; east and then south along the Glenn-Lake county line to the Colusa-Lake county line; west, and then southeast along the Colusa-Lake county line to Goat Mountain Road; north and east on Goat Mountain Road to Lodoga-Stonyford Road; east on Lodoga-Stonyford to Sites-Lodoga Road at Lodoga; east on Sites-Lodoga Road to Maxwell-Sites Road at Sites; east on Maxwell-Sites Road to Interstate 5 at Maxwell; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

(B) Special Conditions:

1. All tagholders will be required to attend a mandatory orientation. Tagholders will be notified of the time and location of the orientation meeting after receipt of their elk license tags.
2. Access to private land may be restricted or require payment of an access fee.
3. A Colusa County ordinance prohibits firearms on land administered by the USDI Bureau of Reclamation in the vicinity of East Park Reservoir. A county variance currently allows for the use of muzzleloaders (as defined in Section 353) on Bureau of Reclamation land within the hunt zone. Hunters are responsible for checking with county authorities for any change in the variance.

(16) San Luis Reservoir General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Merced, Fresno, San Benito, and Santa Clara ~~Counties~~counties within a line beginning in Merced County at the intersection of Highway 152 and

Interstate 5 near the town of Santa Nella; west on Highway 152 to Highway 156 in Santa Clara County; southwest on Highway 156 to Highway 25 near the town of Hollister in San Benito County; south on Highway 25 to County Road J1 (Panoche Road) in the town of Paicines; south and east on County Road J1 to County Road J1 (Little Panoche Road); north and east on County Road J1 (Little Panoche Road) to Interstate 5 in Fresno County; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

(17) Bear Valley General Methods Tule Elk Hunt

(A) Area: In those portions of Colusa, Lake, and Yolo ~~Counties~~ counties within a line beginning in Colusa County at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Maxwell-Sites Road at Maxwell; west on Maxwell-Sites Road to Sites-Lodoga Road; west on Sites-Lodoga Road to Lodoga-Stonyford Road; west Road to Goat Mountain Road; west and south on Goat Mountain Road to the Colusa-Lake county line; south and west along the Colusa-Lake county line to Forest Route M5; south on Forest Route M5 to Forest Road 303; east on Forest Road 303 to Walker Ridge Road; south on Walker Ridge Road to Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to the Colusa-Lake county line (County Line Ridge); south along the Colusa-Lake county line to the Yolo county line; east along the Yolo county line to Highway 16; south on Highway 16 to Rayhouse Road; south and west on Rayhouse Road to the Yolo-Napa county line; east and south along the Yolo-Napa county line to Road 8053; east on Road 8053 to County Road 78A; east on County Road 78A to Highway 16; east on Highway 16 to Route E4 at Capay; north and east on Route E4 to Interstate 5; north on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

(18) Lake Pillsbury General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In that portion of Lake County within a line beginning at the Glenn-Lake-Mendocino county line; south and west along the Mendocino-Lake county line to Highway 20; southeast on Highway 20 to the Bartlett Springs Road; north and east on Bartlett Springs Road to Forest Route M5; northwest on Forest Route M5 to the Colusa-Lake county line; northwest and east along the Colusa-Lake county line to the junction of the Glenn county line; north and west on along the Lake-Glenn County Line to the point of beginning.

(19) Santa Clara General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Merced, Santa Clara, and Stanislaus ~~Counties~~ counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and the San Joaquin-Stanislaus county line; southeast on Interstate 5 to Highway 152; west on Highway 152 to Highway 101 near the town of Gilroy; north on Highway 101 to Interstate 680 near San Jose; north on Interstate 680 to the Alameda-Santa Clara county line; east along the Alameda-Santa Clara county line to the junction of the San Joaquin-Stanislaus-Alameda-Santa Clara county lines; northeast along the San Joaquin-Stanislaus county line to the point of beginning.

(20) Alameda General Methods Tule Elk Hunt:

(A) Area: In those portions of Alameda and San Joaquin ~~Counties~~ counties within a line beginning at the junction of Interstate 5 and the San Joaquin-Stanislaus county line; southwest along the San Joaquin-Stanislaus county line to junction of the San Joaquin-Stanislaus-Alameda-Santa Clara county lines; west along the Alameda-Santa Clara county line to Interstate 680; north on Interstate 680 to Interstate 580; east and south on Interstate 580 to Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to the point of beginning.

... [No change to subsections (e) through (u)(13)(l)]. . .

(u) Department Administered General Methods Tule Elk Hunts

§	Hunt	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags	5. Season
(13)(J)	Grizzly Island Period 10	3 [4-5]	0	0	0	Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of Period 9 and continue for four consecutive days.
(13)(K)	Grizzly Island Period 11	0	4	0	0	Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of Period 10 and continue for four consecutive days.
(13)(L)	Grizzly Island Period 12	3 [4-5]	0	0	0	Shall open on the first Thursday following the opening of Period 11 and continue for four consecutive days.
(13)(M)	Grizzly Island Period 13	0 [2-4]	4	0	0	Shall open on the first Tuesday following the opening of Period 12 and continue for four consecutive days.

... [No change to subsections (u)(14)(A) through (aa)]. . .

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 203, 203.1, 265, 332 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 332, 1050, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1573 and 1574, Fish and Game Code.

Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 364.1, Title 14 CCR, is amended to read:

**§ 364.1. Department Administered Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Elk Hunts**

(a) Season: The overall season shall open on August 15 and continue through January 31. Individual SHARE properties will be assigned seasons corresponding with management goals.

(b) Bag and Possession Limit: Each elk tag is valid only for one elk per season and only in the SHARE hunt area drawn, and persons shall only be eligible for one elk tag per season through section 364.1.

(c) Individual property boundaries will be identified in the SHARE application package.

(d) Method of Take: Only methods for taking elk as defined in Sections 353 and 354 may be used.

(e) Tagholder Responsibilities: See subsection 364(n).

(f) The use of dogs to take or attempt to take elk is prohibited.

(g) Applicants shall apply for a SHARE Access Permit, and pay a nonrefundable application fee as specified in Section 602, through the department’s Automated License Data System terminals at any department license agent, department license sales office, or online.

(h) Upon receipt of winner notification, successful applicants shall submit the appropriate tag fee as specified in Section 702 through any department license sales office or online through the department’s Automated License Data System.

(i) Department Administered SHARE Roosevelt Elk Hunts

§	(A) Hunts	1. Bull Tags	2. Antlerless Tags	3. Either-Sex Tags	4. Spike Tags	(B) Area
(1)	Siskiyou	2 <u>20</u>	2 <u>20</u>	0	0	The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(1)(A).
(2)	Northwestern	34 <u>40</u>	34 <u>60</u>	0	0	The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(2)(A).

§	(A) Hunts	1.Bull Tags	2.Antlerless Tags	3.Either-Sex Tags	4.Spike Tags	(B) Area
(3)	Marble Mountain	1	2	0	0	The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(a)(3)(A).

(j) Department Administered General Methods SHARE Rocky Mountain Elk Hunts

§	(A) Hunts	1.Bull Tags	2.Antlerless Tags	3.Either-Sex Tags	4.Spike Tags	(B) Area
(1)	Northeastern	2	0	2	0	The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(b)(1)(A).
(2)	Tehachapi	<del>20</del> <u>40</u>	<del>45</del> <u>60</u>	0	0	The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(b)(2)(A).

(k) Department Administered SHARE Roosevelt/Tule Elk Hunts

§	(A) Hunts	1.Bull Tags	2.Antlerless Tags	3.Either-Sex Tags	4.Spike Tags	(B) Area
(1)	Mendocino	<del>2</del> <u>20</u>	<del>4</del> <u>30</u>	0	0	The tag shall be valid in the area described in subsection 364(c)(1)(A).

... [No change to subsection (l)] ...

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 332 and 1050, Fish and Game Code.  
Reference: Sections 332, 1050 and 1574, Fish and Game Code.

## Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 554, Title 14 CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 554. Cooperative Deer Hunting Areas.**

To encourage the protection and enhancement of critical deer habitat, to provide added protection to landowners from depredations of trespassers and to provide greater access for the public to hunt on privately owned or controlled lands, the department may establish cooperative hunting areas and issue permits for the take of deer as specified subject to the following conditions:

(a) Definition and Scope. A cooperative deer hunting area is an area of private land located within critical deer habitat as determined by the department in deer quota zones (see Section 360) which require public drawings. The cooperative hunting area shall encompass not less than a total of 5,000 acres, except that such area may consist of neighboring lands not less than 640 acres in size under the control of one or more owners.

(b) Application Process.

~~Application forms~~ Applications designated on a form issued by the department are available from the Department's website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer>, headquarters, and regional offices; ~~The applicant for a cooperative deer hunting area permit shall be an owner of said land. The completed application form and a completed one deer tag application for the appropriate deer zone shall be submitted to one of the following offices of the Department of Fish and Game~~

Region 1, 601 Locust Street, Redding 96001 (530) 225-2300

Region 2, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova 95670 (916) 358-2900

~~Region 3, 7329 Silverado Trail, Box 47, Yountville 94599 (707) 944-5500~~ Region 3, 2825 Cordelia Rd., Suite 100, Fairfield 94594 (707) 428-2002

Region 4, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno 93710 (559) 243-4005

~~Region 5, 4949 View Ridge Avenue, San Diego 92123 (858) 467-4201~~ Region 5, 3883 Ruffin Rd., San Diego 92123 (858) 467-4201

~~Region 6, 4775 Bird Farm Road, Chino Hills 91709 (909) 597-9823~~ Region 6, 3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Ste. C-220, Ontario 91764 (909) 484-0167

~~The completed applications must be received prior to the first Friday in August. No individual may submit more than one cooperative deer hunting area application per deer season nor may there be more than two cooperative deer hunting area applicants for a given parcel of land.~~

(1) Definitions.

(A) 'Immediate family' is defined as 'the spouse of such person, any child or stepchild of such person or of the spouse of such person, any spouse of any such child or stepchild, any grandchild or step-grandchild of such person or of the spouse of such person, any spouse of

such grandchild or step-grandchild, any sibling of such person sharing ownership in the property, and any spouse of any such sibling.’ Immediate family need not live in the household or reside on the property to qualify.

(2) Eligibility Requirements.

(A) A person (as defined by Fish and Game Code Section 67) owning at least 640 acres within a cooperative deer hunting area shall be eligible to apply for a cooperative deer hunting area permit. Applicants shall designate up to two individuals eligible to receive deer tags by the date below, except for applicants in zones X3a, X5a, and X5b; applicants may apply for one deer tag in those zones. Such individuals shall be at least 12 years of age, possess a valid California hunting license, and be either the landowner or immediate family of the landowner. Individuals shall not be eligible for a cooperative deer hunting tag if they hold a deer tag in the same license year for a premium or restricted hunt as defined in 708.1 of these regulations.

(B) No individual may submit more than one cooperative deer hunting area application per deer season nor may there be more than two cooperative deer hunting area applicants for a given parcel of land.

(3) Application Materials.

The following application materials must be submitted to the department’s regional office nearest the proposed cooperative deer hunting area and must be received prior to the first Friday in August.

(A) Completed application form pursuant to subsection (b)(4)

(B) Applicable fees for first deer tag resident, second deer tag resident, or non-resident, or previous year’s Unsuccessful Deer Tag Letter per applicant, pursuant to subsection 702(c) of these regulations.

(C) Proof of property ownership (copy of deed)

(D) Proof of property size (property map)

(4) Application Form. Application forms are available pursuant to subsection (b).

(A) For both First and Second Applicant:

Applicant’s name, relationship to owner, mailing address, home phone number, day phone number, driver’s license number, GO ID number, printed name, applicant signature, and acknowledgement of compliance with provisions.

(B) Deer hunting zone in which qualifying lands are located.

(5) Review and Approval.

The department shall review the cooperative deer hunting application, verify the content thereof, and certify that the lands consist of critical deer habitat prior to the issuance of a cooperative deer hunting area permit and deer tag. Only those applications that are filled out

completely will be accepted. ~~Incomplete applications will be returned within 15 days of receipt by the department.~~ There shall be no fee for a cooperative hunting area permit.

(c) A deer tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this section is valid only during the open deer season for the deer zone specified ~~on the tag~~ in subsections 360(a) and 360(b) and may only be used on the lands specified in the landowner's application.

(d) All provisions of the Fish and Game Code relating to the take of birds and mammals shall be a condition of all permits and tags issued pursuant to this section.

(e) Any permit or tag issued pursuant to Section 554 may be cancelled or suspended at any time by the commission for cause after notice and opportunity to be heard, or without a hearing upon conviction of a violation of this regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section ~~4572~~ 1575, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections ~~4570-4572~~ 713 and 1575, Fish and Game Code.





DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
**2024 APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE DEER HUNTING AREA PERMIT**

DFW 1409 (Rev. 10/23)

**FEES\* Resident fee of \$38.88 (first deer tag), \$48.41 (second deer tag), or a Nonresident fee of \$345.00 per applicant  
 Nonreporting fee of \$20.60**

**\*If applicable, the previous year's non-reporting fee must be included, or application will be rejected**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Submit the following items to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regional office in the area where your property is located (see list on the back of this application): 1) application form; 2) submit the fee (above) per applicant for applicable Deer Tag by check or money order or each applicant's Unsuccessful Deer Tag Letter; 3) proof of ownership (i.e., copy of deed); and, 4) proof of property size (property map). **Individuals shall not be eligible for a cooperative deer hunting tag if they hold a deer tag in the same license year for a premium or restricted hunt as defined in Section 708.1, nor may there be more than two (2) applicants for a given parcel of land. See Title 14 regulations on reverse side.**

**Unused deer tags will not be accepted as an exchange for a Cooperative deer tag.**

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE FIRST FRIDAY IN AUGUST**

**FIRST APPLICANT (MUST BE LANDOWNER OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY)**

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO OWNER
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET, RURAL ROUTE, CITY, COUNTY STATE, ZIP)	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	DAY PHONE NUMBER (if different)
DMV/STATE ID NUMBER	GO ID NUMBER (FROM ALDS ISSUED LICENSE)

**SECOND APPLICANT (MUST BE LANDOWNER OR IMMEDIATE FAMILY)**

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO LANDOWNER
MAILING ADDRESS (STREET, RURAL ROUTE, CITY, COUNTY STATE, ZIP)	
HOME PHONE NUMBER	DAY PHONE NUMBER (if different)
DMV/STATE ID NUMBER	GO ID NUMBER (FROM ALDS ISSUED LICENSE)

**DEER HUNTING ZONE IN WHICH QUALIFYING LANDS ARE LOCATED:**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 554, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, as the owner(s)/fee title holder(s) of not less than 640 acres of critical deer habitat within a deer quota hunting zone requiring a drawing, I (we) hereby make application for a cooperative deer hunting area permit. I (we) hereby certify that this is the only application that I (we) have filed for the current year and that the information provided above is true and correct. I have read and understand the provisions of Section 554, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, and agree to abide by those provisions.

PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE(S) OF LANDOWNERS(S) <b>X</b>	DATE
PRINTED NAME AND SIGNATURE <b>X</b>	DATE

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE APPROVAL**

The CDFW shall review the Application for Cooperative Deer Hunting Area Permit, verify the content thereof, and certify that the lands consist of critical deer habitat prior to the issuance of a Cooperative Deer Hunting Area Permit and deer tag.

REGIONAL MANAGER'S SIGNATURE	REGION	DATE
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## SECTION 554, TITLE 14, California Code of Regulations

### 554. Cooperative Deer Hunting Areas.

To encourage the protection and enhancement of critical deer habitat, to provide added protection to landowners from depredations of trespassers and to provide greater access for the public to hunt on privately owned or controlled lands, the department may establish cooperative hunting areas and issue permits for the take of deer as specified subject to the following conditions:

(a) Definition and Scope. A cooperative deer hunting area is an area of private land located within critical deer habitat as determined by the department in deer quota zones (see Section 360) which require public drawings. The cooperative hunting area shall encompass not less than a total of 5,000 acres, except that such area may consist of neighboring lands not less than 640 acres in size under the control of one or more owners.

#### (b) Application Process.

Applications designated on a form issued by the department are available from the Department's website at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer>, headquarters, and regional offices:

Region 1, 601 Locust Street, Redding 96001 (530) 225-2300  
Region 2, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova 95670 (916) 358-2900  
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Region 4, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno 93710 (559) 243-4005  
Region 5, 3883 Ruffin Rd., San Diego 92123 (858) 467-4201  
Region 6, 3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Ste. C-220, Ontario 91764 (909) 484-0167

#### (1) Definitions.

(A) 'Immediate family' is defined as 'the spouse of such person, any child or stepchild of such person or of the spouse of such person, any spouse of any such child or stepchild, any grandchild or step-grandchild of such person or of the spouse of such person, any spouse of such grandchild or step-grandchild, any sibling of such person sharing ownership in the property, and any spouse of any such sibling.' Immediate family need not live in the household or reside on the property to qualify.

#### (2) Eligibility Requirements.

(A) A person (as defined by Fish and Game Code Section 67) owning at least 640 acres within a cooperative deer hunting area shall be eligible to apply for a cooperative deer hunting area permit. Applicants shall designate up to two individuals eligible to receive deer tags by the date below, except for applicants in zones X3a, X5a, and X5b; applicants may apply for one deer tag in those zones. Such individuals shall be at least 12 years of age, possess a valid California hunting license, and be either the landowner or immediate family of the landowner. Individuals shall not be eligible for a cooperative deer hunting tag if they hold a deer tag in the same license year for a premium or restricted hunt as defined in 708.1 of these regulations.

(B) No individual may submit more than one cooperative deer hunting area application per deer season nor may there be more than two cooperative deer hunting area applicants for a given parcel of land.

#### (3) Application Materials.

The following application materials must be submitted to the department's regional office nearest the proposed cooperative deer hunting area and must be received prior to the first Friday in August.

- (A) Completed application form pursuant to subsection (b)(4)
- (B) Applicable fees for first deer tag resident, second deer tag resident, or non-resident, or previous year's Unsuccessful Deer Tag Letter per applicant, pursuant to subsection 702(c) of these regulations.
- (C) Proof of property ownership (copy of deed)
- (D) Proof of property size (property map)

#### (4) Application Form. Application forms are available pursuant to subsection (b).

- (A) For both First and Second Applicant:  
Applicant's name, relationship to owner, mailing address, home phone number, day phone number, driver's license number, GO ID number, printed name, signature, and acknowledgement of compliance with provisions.
- (B) Deer hunting zone in which qualifying lands are located.

#### (5) Review and Approval.

The department shall review the cooperative deer hunting application, verify the content thereof, and certify that the lands consist of critical deer habitat prior to the issuance of a cooperative deer hunting area permit and deer tag. Only those applications that are filled out completely will be accepted. There shall be no fee for a cooperative hunting area permit.

(c) A deer tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this section is valid only during the open deer season for the deer zone specified in subsections 360(a) and 360(b) and may only be used on the lands specified in the landowner's application.

(d) All provisions of the Fish and Game Code relating to the take of birds and mammals shall be a condition of all permits and tags issued pursuant to this section.

(e) Any permit or tag issued pursuant to Section 554 may be cancelled or suspended at any time by the commission for cause after notice and opportunity to be heard, or without a hearing upon conviction of a violation of this regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 1575, Fish and Game Code.  
Reference: Sections 713 and 1575, Fish and Game Code.

## Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 555, Title 14 CCR, is amended to read:

### **§ 555. Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas.**

To encourage protection and enhancement of elk habitat and provide eligible landowners an opportunity for limited elk hunting on their lands, the department may establish cooperative elk hunting areas and issue license tags to allow the take of elk as specified in Section 364, and subject to the following conditions:

(a) Definition and Scope. A 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 Section 364).~~ Minimum size of a cooperative elk hunting area shall be 5,000 acres, except that contiguous parcels of at least 640 acres in size may be combined to comprise a cooperative elk hunting area. hunting. The cooperative hunting area shall encompass not less than a total of 5,000 acres, except that such area may consist of neighboring lands not less than 640 acres in size under the control of one or more owners.

Within an area open to public elk hunting, the number of cooperative elk hunting license tags issued shall not exceed 20 percent of the number of general methods public license tags for the corresponding public hunt and shall be of the same designation (i.e., antlerless, spike bull, bull or either-sex) as the public license tags. Public license tags shall equate to the sum of the general methods elk license tags under Section 364 and the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) elk license tags under Section 364.1 for the corresponding hunt and for the same designation issued annually.

(b) Application Process. ~~Application forms~~ Applications, designated on a form issued by the department, are available from the department's headquarters and regional ~~offices.~~ offices:

Region 1, 601 Locust Street, Redding 96001 (530) 225-2300

Region 2, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova 95670 (916) 358-2900

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Region 5, 3883 Ruffin Rd., San Diego 92123 (858) 467-4201

Region 6, 3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Ste. C-220, Ontario 91764 (909) 484-0167

#### (1) Eligibility Requirements.

A person (as defined by Fish and Game Code Section 67) owning at least 640 acres within a cooperative elk hunting area shall be eligible to apply for a cooperative elk hunting area permit. The applicant for a cooperative elk hunting area permit shall be an owner of said land and they ~~Applicants~~ shall designate one individual eligible to receive one elk license tag by the date indicated under subsection (35) below. Such individuals shall be at least 12 years of age and possess a valid California hunting license. A person may annually submit a cooperative elk hunting area application where they own sufficient habitat as described in subsection (a) above, for each public hunt area in which their property occurs.

~~(1) Applications shall be submitted to the department's regional office nearest the proposed cooperative elk hunting area. Department of Fish and Game regional offices are located as follows:~~

~~Northern California and North Coast Region, 601 Locust Street, Redding 96001 (530) 225-2300~~

~~Sacramento Valley and Central Sierra Region, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova 95670 (916) 358-2900~~

~~Central Coast Region, 7329 Silverado Trail, Box 47, Yountville 94599 (707) 944-5500~~

~~San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno 93710 (559) 243-4005~~

~~South Coast Region, 4949 View Crest Avenue, San Diego 92123 (858) 467-4201~~

~~Eastern Sierra and Inland Deserts Region, 4775 Bird Farm Road, Chino Hills 91709 (909) 597-9823~~

(2) Application Materials.

The following application materials must be submitted to the department's regional office nearest the proposed cooperative elk hunting area by the first business day following July 1.

(A) Completed application form pursuant to subsection (b)(3)

(B) Applicable fees for resident or non-resident elk tags, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 332, subdivision (c) and adjusted annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713.

(C) Proof of property ownership (copy of deed)

(D) Proof of property size (property map)

(3) Application Form. Application forms are available pursuant to subsection (b).

(A) Applicant: applicant's name, title (if applicable), mailing address, business name (if applicable), driver's license number, telephone number, applicant signature, and acknowledgement of compliance with provisions.

(B) Property: location of qualifying lands (county, section, township, and range), and name of elk zone where qualifying land is located.

(C) First through third preference tag: bull, antlerless, or either-sex, and hunt code.

(4) Review and Approval

~~(2) Completed applications must be received by the first business day following July 1. Only those applications that are filled out completely will be accepted. The department shall review the cooperative elk hunting application, verify the content thereof, and certify that the lands consist of important elk habitat prior to the issuance of a cooperative elk hunting permit and elk tag. The Department will evaluate applications to determine if the specified parcels are~~

~~of sufficient size within the boundary of a public elk hunt area, and contain important elk habitat. Rejected applications and those that are incomplete will be returned within 15 days of receipt by the department.~~ If the number of accepted applications exceeds the license tags available, the department will determine successful applicants and a list of alternates by conducting a random drawing from the pool of qualified applicants as soon as possible after the application deadline. For any license year that the demand for cooperative elk hunting license tags within an area open to public hunting (as identified in Section 364) exceeds the number of tags available, tags will be first issued to applicants that did not receive a tag the previous year. If the quota is not filled, tags will be issued to the remaining applicants by random drawing. ~~(3)~~ Successful applicants will be notified by the department as soon as possible after the application deadline.

(5) Designated Recipients. Applicants shall submit the name, address, and valid California hunting license number of designated elk license tag recipients and payment of elk license tag fees by check, money order, or credit card authorization in the amount specified by subsection 702(~~bc~~)(1)(~~L~~)(~~M~~), to the department's regional office nearest the proposed cooperative elk hunting area, by the first business day following August 1.

(c) An elk license tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this section is valid only during the general elk season in which the cooperative elk hunting area occurs and shall only be used on land specified in the landowner's application. License tags are not transferable.

(d) All provisions of the Fish and Game Code and Title 14, CCR, relating to the take of birds and mammals shall be conditions of all license tags issued pursuant to this section.

(e) Any permit issued pursuant to Section 555 may be canceled or suspended at any time by the commission for cause after notice and opportunity to be heard, or without a hearing upon conviction of a violation of this regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

Reference: Sections 67, 713 and 1575, Fish and Game Code.



**2024 APPLICATION FOR COOPERATIVE ELK HUNTING AREA TAG**

DFW 1449 (Rev. 10/23)

**FEE\*: RESIDENT—\$528.75 | RESIDENT JUNIOR TAG — \$24.21 | NONRESIDENT—\$1,619.75**

\*FEE REQUIRED ONLY IF APPLICANT IS DRAWN. FEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER AUGUST 1.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE FIRST BUSINESS DAY AFTER JULY 1**

If the number of accepted applications for a hunting area exceeds the tags available, the Department will determine successful applicants and a list of alternates by conducting a random drawing from the pool of qualified applicants as soon as possible after the application deadline. Qualified applicants will consist of applicants that were not issued the same tag in the previous year. Please contact your CDFW regional office for more information.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete this application and mail with the following items to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department regional office for the area where your property is located: 1) proof of ownership (such as copy of deed); and 2) Proof of property size (plat map from county assessor). See regulations on the back of this form.

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

DMV STATE ID NUMBER

APPLICANT'S FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME	TITLE (If any)
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MAILING ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	TELEPHONE
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BUSINESS NAME/TITLE (If any)

LOCATION OF QUALIFYING LANDS (COUNTY, SECTION, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE)

**USE INFORMATION AND HUNT CODES FROM THE CALIFORNIA BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING**

**NAME OF ELK HUNT ZONE WHERE QUALIFYING LAND IS LOCATED:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PREFERENCE TAG (CIRCLE ONE):**

BULL      ANTLERLESS      EITHER-SEX      HUNT CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>ND</sup> PREFERENCE TAG (CIRCLE ONE):**

BULL      ANTLERLESS      EITHER-SEX      HUNT CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**3<sup>RD</sup> PREFERENCE TAG (CIRCLE ONE):**

BULL      ANTLERLESS      EITHER-SEX      HUNT CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 555, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, as the owner(s)/fee title holder(s) of not less than 640 acres of critical elk habitat within an elk tag quota hunting zone requiring a drawing, I hereby make application for a Cooperative Elk Hunting Area Permit. I hereby certify that this is the only application that I have filed for the current year and that the information provided above is true and correct. I have read and understand the provisions of Section 555, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, and agree to abide by those provisions.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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**X**

With accordance to California Civil Code §1633.5(b), I acknowledge that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree that my electronic signature is legal binding equivalent to a handwriting signature. I hereby confirm that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE APPROVAL**

The CDFW has verified the contents of this application and confirmed that lands specified above are located within the boundaries of a public elk hunting area.

REGIONAL MANAGER'S SIGNATURE	REGION	DATE
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ELK TAG INVENTORY NUMBER	ISSUED BY	DATE
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NAME OF DESIGNATED TAG HOLDER	GO ID NUMBER (From ALDS Issued License)
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## SECTION 555 and 555.1, TITLE 14, California Code of Regulations

### §Section 555. Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas

To encourage protection and enhancement of elk habitat and provide eligible landowners an opportunity for limited elk hunting on their lands, the department may establish cooperative elk hunting areas and issue license tags to allow the take of elk as specified in Section 364, and subject to the following conditions:

(a) Definition and Scope. A cooperative elk hunting area is an area of private land located within the boundary of an area open to public elk hunting. The cooperative hunting area shall encompass not less than a total of 5,000 acres, except that such area may consist of neighboring lands not less than 640 acres in size under the control of one or more owners.

Within an area open to public elk hunting, the number of cooperative elk hunting license tags issued shall not exceed 20 percent of the number of general methods public license tags for the corresponding public hunt and shall be of the same designation (i.e., antlerless, spike bull, bull or either-sex) as the public license tags. Public license tags shall equate to the sum of the general methods elk license tags under section 364 and the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) elk license tags under section 364.1 for the corresponding hunt and for the same designation issued annually.

(b) Application Process.

Applications, designated on a form issued by the department, are available from the department's headquarters and regional offices:

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Region 4, 1234 East Shaw Avenue, Fresno 93710 (559) 243-4005

Region 5, 3883 Ruffin Rd., San Diego 92123 (858) 467-4201

Region 6, 3602 Inland Empire Blvd., Ste. C-220, Ontario 91764 (909) 484-0167

(1) Eligibility Requirements.

A person (as defined by Fish and Game Code Section 67) owning at least 640 acres within a cooperative elk hunting area shall be eligible to apply for a cooperative elk hunting area permit. The applicant for a cooperative elk hunting area permit shall be an owner of said land and they shall designate one individual eligible to receive one elk license tag by the date indicated under subsection (6) below. Such individuals shall be at least 12 years of age and possess a valid California hunting license. A person may annually submit a cooperative elk hunting area application where they own sufficient habitat as described in subsection (a) above, for each public hunt area in which their property occurs.

(2) Application Materials.

The following application materials must be submitted to the department's regional office nearest the proposed cooperative elk hunting area by the first business day following July 1.

(A) Completed application form pursuant to subsection (b)(3)

(B) Applicable fees for resident or non-resident elk tags, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 332 (c) and adjusted annually pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 713.

(C) Proof of property ownership (copy of deed)

(D) Proof of property size (property map)

(3) Application Form. Application forms are available pursuant to subsection (b).

(A) Applicant: applicant's name, title, mailing address, business name (if applicable), driver's license number, signature, and acknowledgement of compliance with provisions.

(B) Property: location of qualifying lands (county, section, township, and range), and name of elk zone where qualifying land is located.

(C) First through third preference tag: bull, antlerless, or either-sex, and hunt code

(5) Review and Approval

Only those applications that are filled out completely will be accepted. The department shall review the cooperative elk hunting application, verify the content thereof, and certify that the lands consist of important elk habitat prior to the issuance of a cooperative elk hunting permit and elk tag.

If the number of accepted applications exceeds the license tags available, the department will determine successful applicants and a list of alternates by conducting a random drawing from the pool of qualified applicants as soon as possible after the application deadline. For any license year that the demand for cooperative elk hunting license tags within an area open to public hunting (as identified in 364) exceeds the number of tags available, tags will be first issued to applicants that did not receive a tag the previous year. If the quota is not filled, tags will be issued to the remaining applicants by random drawing. Successful applicants will be notified by the department as soon as possible after the application deadline.

(6) Designated Recipients. Applicants shall submit the name, address, and valid California hunting license number of designated elk license tag recipients and payment of elk license tag fees by check, money order, or credit card authorization in the amount specified by subsection 702(c)(1) to the department's regional office nearest the proposed cooperative elk hunting area, by the first business day following August 1.

(c) An elk license tag issued pursuant to the provisions of this section is valid only during the general elk season in which the cooperative elk hunting area occurs and shall only be used on land specified in the landowner's application. License tags are not transferable.

(d) All provisions of the Fish and Game Code and Title 14, CCR, relating to the take of birds and mammals shall be conditions of all license tags issued pursuant to this section.

(e) Any permit issued pursuant to Section 555 may be canceled or suspended at any time by the commission for cause after notice and opportunity to be heard, or without a hearing upon conviction of a violation of this regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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

Reference: Sections 67, 713 and 1575, Fish and Game Code.

### § 555.1. Conflict Zone Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas.



- (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.

## § 708.14. Big Game License Tag Drawing System.

### (a) General Conditions

(1) Except as otherwise provided, the department shall award license tags for premium deer, bighorn sheep, elk and pronghorn antelope hunts, as described in sections 360(b) and (c), 361, 362, 364 and 363, using a Modified-Preference Point drawing system.

(2) Except as otherwise provided, the Modified-Preference Point drawing system shall award proportions of hunt tag quotas, as specified for each species, using the following drawing methods:

(A) Preference Point Drawings. Tags are awarded based on the following order of priority: an applicant's hunt choice (first choice only for deer), accumulated point totals by species (highest to lowest), and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest).

(B) Draw-By-Choice Drawings. Tags are awarded according to an applicant's hunt choice and computer-generated random number (lowest to highest), without consideration of accumulated points.

(3) Except as otherwise provided, applicants unsuccessful in receiving a tag for premium deer (based on first choice selection), bighorn sheep, elk or pronghorn antelope hunts shall earn one (1) preference point for use in future Big Game Drawings.

(4) To earn and accumulate a point for any species, a person shall comply with all application requirements for that species as specified in sections 708.1, 708.9, 708.10 and 708.11 including the following conditions:

(A) Applicants for premium deer license tags, pronghorn antelope license tags, or elk license tags shall be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1 of the license year for which they are applying.

(B) Applicants for Nelson ~~big horn~~ bighorn sheep license tags shall be at least 16 years of age on or before July 1 of the license year for which they are applying.

(C) Applicants shall possess a valid annual California hunting license valid for the hunting season requested.

(D) Applications for bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope and elk hunts shall include the appropriate nonrefundable processing fees as specified in Section 702.

(E) ~~Any applicant~~ Applicants shall apply for a premium deer license tag, bighorn sheep license tag, pronghorn antelope license tag and elk license tag through the department's Automated License Data System terminals at any department license agent or department license sales office by June 2 each year.

(F) Each applicant who submits a premium license tag, as noted in (E) above, through the department's Automated License Data System terminals at department license agents and department license sales offices shall receive a "big game drawing receipt" printed from the terminal. The receipt shall contain the customer's name and permanent identification number, proof of entry into the big game drawing for the license year, hunt choices for each species, accumulated preference points for each species, and Party Identification Number.

(G) Except for apprentice deer hunt applicants, applicants shall not submit more than one drawing application for each species during the same license year.

(b) Party Applications, Residency

(1) No more than six persons shall apply together as a party for premium deer license tags. Applicants for premium deer license tags may be residents or nonresidents.

(2) No more than two residents shall apply together as a party for elk license tags. Nonresidents shall not apply as a party for elk license tags.

(3) No more than two residents shall apply together as a party for pronghorn antelope license tags. Nonresidents shall not apply as a party for pronghorn antelope license tags.

(4) Applicants shall not apply as a party for bighorn sheep license tags.

(5) Each year upon application, each applicant shall specify if the applicant is applying as an individual, a party leader or joining an existing party.

(6) Applicants applying as an individual or as a party leader shall be assigned a Party Identification Number from the department's Automated License Data System terminal at the time of application each year. Applicants shall be assigned a Party Identification Number for each species.

(7) To apply as a party, the party leader shall apply first and provide ~~his/her~~ their assigned Party Identification Number to the other party members.

(8) Applicants joining an existing party shall provide the Party Identification Number of the party leader when ~~he/she applies~~ they apply to join the party.

(9) Applicants joining a party shall be assigned the same tag choices in the same order of preference as the party leader.

(10) All party members shall be awarded tags according to the choices selected by the party leader.

(c) No applicant shall earn more than one (1) preference point per species, per drawing, for use in future drawings. Preference points are accumulated by species and shall not be transferred to another species or another person. Preference points are not zone or hunt specific.

(d) Except as otherwise provided, successful applicants receiving tags for their first choice premium deer, bighorn sheep, elk or pronghorn antelope hunts shall lose all preference points for that species.

(e) For party applications, the department shall use the average preference point value of all party members (total preference points for the party divided by number of party members) as the basis for consideration in the drawing for that species. Point averages shall not be rounded.

(f) Except as otherwise provided, persons who do not wish to apply for an antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or premium deer tags, may earn one (1) preference point for any or all of these

species, by submitting the appropriate application(s), as specified in sections 708.1, 708.9, 708.10 and 708.11, and selecting the point code number for that species, as defined by the department, as the hunt choice (first choice only for deer) through the department's Automated License Data System terminals at any department license agent or department license sales office. Persons applying for a preference point in this manner shall be subject to the same application requirements as regular drawing applicants as specified in subsection 708.14.

(g) The department shall maintain records of preference points earned by individual applicants based on the identification number assigned to each customer by the department's Automated License Data System. The customer's identification number, Get Outdoors ID (GO ID), will be printed on each drawing receipt issued by the Automated License Data System. Applicants shall notify the department's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento, in writing, of any changes or corrections regarding name, mailing address, or date of birth.

(h) Persons not applying for premium deer, bighorn sheep, elk, or pronghorn antelope hunts through the department's Big Game Drawings for five (5) consecutive years shall have their preference points for that species reduced to zero (0). For the purposes of this subsection, persons whose applications are disqualified from drawing shall be considered the same as persons not applying. Applying for preference points as described in (f) above, will keep an applicant's file active.

(i) Any person may appeal incomplete, late and ineligible applications or applications submitted without the appropriate processing fee that were not included in the department's big game drawing and the hunter did not earn a preference point. The appeal shall be in writing and describe the basis for the appeal. The appeal shall be received by the department's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento, or if mailed, postmarked on or before May 31 of the following year. The department, upon consideration of the appeal, may grant the appeal and award one preference point to the appellant. If the department grants the appeal for a preference point, the appellant shall pay all the applicable fees. The department shall not award a preference point unless the appellant pays all the applicable fees.

(j) Any applicant who was drawn for the applicant's first deer tag choice in the big game drawing (becoming a tag holder) and cannot hunt for any reason may return their entire unfilled tag (including carcass portion) and submit a written request to retain their accumulated preference point total and earn one preference point for deer for that license year. If the request is granted, the tag holder shall retain the preference point total the tag holder accumulated prior to the big game drawing and earn one preference point for deer for that license year. The department shall not refund the fees paid for a resident deer tag. To be eligible for preference point reinstatement, tag holders must meet one of the criteria below:

(1) Before a season starts. The tag holder must return the entire unfilled tag (including carcass portion) with their written request to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, postmarked prior to the earliest date the tag is valid for hunting. For tags that are valid for both an archery season, and a general season pursuant to sections 360 and 361 of these regulations, the written request must be postmarked prior to the opening date of the earliest season. The department may refund the difference between the fee paid for a nonresident deer tag and a resident deer tag for any nonresident. Party members may return their deer tags only if their points are less than or equal to the

party's point average. For party members who have more points than the party's point average to have their points reinstated, all members of the party must return their tags for point reinstatement.

(2) After a season starts.

~~(A) For the 2021 hunting license year, a tag holder whose hunt zone was inaccessible for sixty-six percent (66%) or more of a hunt season (pursuant to sections 360 and 361 of these regulations) due to a public land closure caused by wildfire may return their unfilled tag with their written request for preference point reinstatement. For tags that are valid for both an archery season and a general season, only the general season shall be considered for the calculation of the percentage of hunt season lost. The tag holder must return their unfilled deer tag with their written request to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, postmarked prior to May 1, 2022. Requests postmarked on or after May 1, 2022 shall not be considered.~~

~~(B) Commencing with the 2022 hunting license year beginning July 1, 2022, a tag holder whose hunt zone was inaccessible for sixty-six percent (66%) or more of a hunt season (pursuant to sections 360 and 361 of these regulations) due to a public land closure caused by wildfire may return their unfilled tag with their written request for preference point reinstatement. For tags that are valid for both an archery season and a general season, only the general season shall be considered for the calculation of the percentage of hunt season lost. The tag holder must return their entire unfilled deer tag (including carcass portion) with their written request to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, postmarked on or prior to February 28 of the current license year. Requests postmarked after this date shall not be considered.~~

(k) Any applicant who was awarded an elk, antelope, or bighorn sheep tag in the big game drawing (becoming a tag holder) and cannot hunt for any reason may return their entire unfilled tag (including carcass portion) and submit a written request to retain their accumulated preference point total, earn one preference point for elk, antelope or bighorn sheep for that license year, and seek refund of the tag fee. The tag holder shall pay the nonrefundable processing fee specified in Section 702 with the request. If the request is granted, the tag holder shall retain the preference point total the tag holder accumulated prior to the big game drawing and earn one preference point for elk, antelope, or bighorn sheep. The department may refund the tag fee. To be eligible for preference point reinstatement and/or tag refund, tag holders must meet one of the criteria below:

(1) Before a season starts. The tag holder must return ~~the~~ their entire unfilled tag (including carcass portion) with their written request to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, postmarked prior to the opening date of the season for which the tag is valid.

(2) After a season starts.

~~(A) For the 2021 hunting license year, a tag holder whose hunt area was inaccessible for sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the hunt season (pursuant to sections 362, 363 and 364 of these regulations) due to a public land closure caused by wildfire may return their unfilled tag with their written request for preference point reinstatement and/or tag refund. The tag~~

~~holder must return their unfilled tag with their written request to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, postmarked prior to May 1, 2022. Requests postmarked on or after May 1, 2022 shall not be considered.~~

(B) Commencing with the 2022 hunting license year beginning July 1, 2022, a tag holder whose hunt zone was inaccessible for sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the hunt season (pursuant to sections 362, 363, and 364 of these regulations) due to a public land closure caused by wildfire may return their unfilled tag with their written request for preference point reinstatement and/or tag refund. The tag holder must return their entire unfilled tag (including carcass portion) with their written request to the department's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, postmarked on or prior to February 28 of the current license year. Requests postmarked after this date shall not be considered.

(I): Apprentice hunters must return all premium first-choice tags to be eligible for preference points reinstatement. All returned tags must meet eligibility requirements for point reinstatement. Tagholders must submit written request along with entire unfilled tags (including carcass portion) for preference point reinstatement.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 203, 219, 265, 270, 275, 331, 332, 1050, 1572, 4302 and 10502, Fish and Game Code.

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