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INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between 26 states, which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC. The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution.

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING

You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent or online at CDFW's website at <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/</u> <u>InternetSales</u>. Telephone license sales are also available at (800) 565-1458. All applications for the Big Game Drawing must be submitted and the sales transaction completed before midnight on June 2, 2023.

HUNTING LICENSE & TAG FEES

HUNTING LICENSES

Resident\$58.58		
Nonresident\$204.69		
Junior\$15.38		
Disabled Veteran &		
Recovering Service Member*\$9.46		
Duplicate Hunting License\$12.96		
2-Day Nonresident Hunting License -		
Valid only for taking resident and migratory game		
birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing		
mammals, wild pigs, and non-game		
mammals\$58.58		

TAGS & DRAWING APPLICATIONS

First Deer Tag/Drawing Application

Resident	\$38.62	
Nonresident	\$343.25	
Second Deer Tag/Drawing Application		
Resident	\$48.09	
Nonresident	\$343.25	

BEAR TAG

Resident	\$56.98
Resident Junior	\$30.81
Nonresident	\$361.90

WILD PIG TAG

Resident	\$28.08
Nonresident	\$94.22

BIG GAME DRAWING APPLICATIONS

Elk Tag Drawing Application	\$8.13
Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application	\$8.13
Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application	\$8.13

OTHER FEES

Duplicate Big Game Tag**	\$12.96
Deer Tag Non-Reporting F	ee\$21.60

HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunter Education	
Equivalency Exam***	\$65.00
Duplicate Hunter	
Education Certificate****	\$8.13

* Initial qualification must be done at a CDFW license sales office, see page 8 for more information.

** Available at any CDFW license sales office.

*** Available at regional CDFW license sales offices only by appointment. NOTE: Not recognized as proof of Hunter Education.

**** Customers with CDFW verified Hunter Education Certificates in their ALDS customer record may purchase duplicate hunter education certificates at license agents or online.

Interested in a Lifetime Hunting License?

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NEW ELK HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

CDFW has proposed several elk hunting regulation changes beginning in the 2023 season, pending adoption by the Fish and Game Commission. These changes include increasing bull and antlerless tags in two Roosevelt Elk Hunt Zones, modified Hunt Zone boundaries for the Bear Valley and Cache Creek Tule Elk Hunt Zones, modified boundaries for the La Panza Tule Elk Hunt Zone, and establishing 3 new Hunt Zones: the Gabilan Tule Elk Hunt Zone, Central Coast Tule Elk Hunt Zone, and Tehachapi Rocky Mountain Elk Hunt Zone with General Methods hunts proposed for each. These proposed changes are pending adoption by the Fish and Game Commission. Applicants can check the Commission website at www.fqc.ca.gov and CDFW's elk hunting website at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Elk for status updates regarding the pending adoption of the proposed changes.

DEER TAG CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

For the 2023 deer hunting season, the following deer tags have changed classifications. Please refer to the 2023 Deer Hunts beginning on page 28 for more information.

From Restricted to Premium deer tag:

• D6 – tag quota filled on 6/16/2022

From Unrestricted to Premium deer tag:

D16 – tag quota filled on 6/25/2022

From Unrestricted to Restricted deer tags:

• A32 – tag quota filled on 7/15/2022

WILD PIG TAG CHANGES FOR NONRESIDENT HUNTERS

Beginning on July 1, 2023, hunters with a two-day nonresident hunting license may purchase wild pig tags. For changes to wild pig regulations effective July 1, 2024, resulting from passage of SB 856 (2022), see the Wild Pig Hunting section on page 55.

PASS ON THE TRADITION: BE A HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR!

Volunteer to be a hunter education instructor and help pass on California's hunting tradition to the next generation. As an instructor, you will be eligible for the Instructor Incentive Program. This program is for instructors only and consists of numerous hunting opportunities including wild pig hunts, X Zone deer tags, and the chance at an open zone deer tag. For more information on becoming a hunter education instructor, visit <u>wildlife.</u> <u>ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor</u>.

Sea un instructor de la Educación del Cazador. El California Department of Fish and Wildlifesolicitas instructores de caceria responsible. Éres aficionado a la cacería? Desea pasarle a la siguientegeneración la tradición de la cacería? Para más informacion, vista <u>wildlife.ca.gov/</u> <u>Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor</u>.

HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CCR T14-709)

Eligible certified hunter education instructors may participate in the Incentive Program drawings for highly desirable hunting opportunities. CDFW awards incentives, which may include big game tags provided voluntarily by licensed private lands management areas, cooperative elk or deer hunting areas, or other hunts designated by CDFW. Instructors who accept a tag are required to pay the applicable tag fee(s) set forth in the Fish and Game Code or California Code of Regulation Title 14.

ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION

Advanced Hunting Clinics focus on the "how- to's" of hunting and are designed for both the novice and experienced hunter. You will learn more about biology, habitat needs, hunting regulations, game care and safety, blackpowder hunting, wilderness navigation, and more. For additional information about the Advanced Hunter Education Program as well as clinic dates and locations, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter- Education/Advanced or Contact Lt. Shawn Olague at Shawn.Olague@wildlife.ca.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

For complete regulations, please visit the Fish and Game Commission website at <u>www.fgc.ca.gov</u>

HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

First-time applicants applying for a hunting license through the CDFW's ALDS must present one of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A Two-Day Nonresident California Hunting License issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a unique number imprinted on it ex: (AA00000) or a California hunter education certificate with no unique number imprinted and a California hunter education validation stamp affixed;
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state, province, European Union country or South Africa.

Applicants that have previously purchased a hunting license through CDFW's ALDS will already have the required proof of hunter education evidence in their customer profile. To ensure the appropriate customer profile is retrieved at a license agent, the CDFW recommends hunters provide the license agent with a previously issued ALDS license.

VALIDATION OF LICENSE

To be valid, every California hunting license shall be signed by the licensee. Proof of identification must be presented at the time of initial purchase. In addition, the license must contain the following information about the licensee: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

Acceptable proof of identification:

- Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/ religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants who are less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification previously described or a guardian's identification (parent or legal guardian identification listed).

LICENSE PROVISIONS

A valid California hunting license is required to take any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them upon request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown upon request.

A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals wild pigs, and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt bighorn sheep, bear, deer, elk, or pronghorn.

JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for a junior hunting license, a hunter must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying.

DISABLED VETERAN AND RECOVERING SERVICE MEMBER HUNTING LICENSES

CDFW offers reduced fee hunting licenses for Disabled Veterans and Recovering Service Members.

Honorably discharged disabled veterans (resident or nonresident) with a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license. Applicants must submit a letter from the Veterans' Administration documenting that you were honorably discharged from the US military and have a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

Recovering service members are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license while undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, and are in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member's military service. Applicants must submit a letter from your commanding officer or military medical doctor verifying your eligibility as a recovering service member, including the expected recovery date in your verification letter.

To prequalify, applicants must submit the document of eligibility along with a photocopy of your personal identification and GO ID by fax to (916) 419-7585 or by secure document upload. To upload your documentation, please email your request to LRB@ wildlife.ca.gov and follow the link provided in the response. You may also apply by mail or in person at any CDFW license sales office. For more information please contact your nearest CDFW license sales offices or visit our web site at wildlife.ca.gov/ licensing/hunting. Hunting tags and validations must be purchased at full price.

UPLAND GAME BIRD AND CALIFORNIA DUCK VALIDATION

Any person (except junior hunters) must have an Upland Game Bird Validation when hunting pheasant, dove, turkey, quail, grouse, ptarmigan, snipe, band-tailed pigeon, partridge or chukar. A California Duck Validation authorizes any person to hunt waterfowl in California (along with the Federal Duck Stamp and free HIP Validation). CDFW knows that many hunters collect the physical stamps. Hunters who purchase these validations can claim their collectible stamp online at the address printed on their 2023 hunting licenses. Stamps will be mailed at the end of the license year (after July 1, 2024).

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP) VALIDATION REQUIREMENT

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in 2023-24 (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gallinules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey. To take the survey you must request a HIP validation at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, or online. There is no charge for the HIP validation. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP validation in their immediate possession.

DUPLICATE LICENSES

Your customer record contains a history of all your license purchases. If you lose your license or additional validations, you can go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales and purchase a duplicate license and validations.

DISABLED ENTITLEMENTS

The CDFW offers the following free disabled entitlements to any resident or nonresident hunter that meets the qualifications. These entitlements must be certified by a licensed physician and submitted to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters that qualify for these entitlements must also have a valid California hunting license in possession while hunting.

Disabled Archer Permit

A disabled archer permit is available to any hunter who has permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs one or both upper extremities preventing the hunter from drawing and holding of a bow in a firing position. The Disabled Archer Permit authorizes the disabled archer to use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position, to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag or during archery season.

Certification from a licensed physician is required. If the physician indicates on the initial application that the disability is permanent, hunters may renew the permit every year at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales.

If the disability is temporary, the physician is required to enter the end date of the disability on the application. Temporary permits may be renewed at any CDFW's license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales every year until the temporary disability end date; once the end date has passed, re-certification is required.

Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit

A disabled muzzleloader scope permit is available to any visually impaired hunter having a permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs the vision of a hunter, preventing the hunter from viewing and aligning the sights of a muzzleloader rifle with the target in order to hunt deer. The Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit allows the hunter to use a 1X scope on a muzzleloader rifle while hunting under the conditions of a muzzleloader deer hunt tag. Hunters must renew the permit each license year, but hunters may provide a copy of their previously issued permit to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch to renew annually.

Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License

A Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License is available for any mobility impaired disabled hunter who must use a motor vehicle to pursue game. The Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License allows a hunter to discharge a firearm from a vehicle that is stopped and its engine turned off. To qualify a person must be either permanently or fully confined to a wheelchair, a single or double amputee above the knee or double amputee below the knee, or depend upon the aid of a walker, crutches, etc. to walk. Certification from a licensed physician is required. The license is only available from the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch.

HUNTER EDUCATION

Class Options

Hunter education classes include instruction in firearms safety and handling, sportsmanship and ethics, wildlife management and conservation, archery, black powder, wildlife identification, game care, first aid, and survival. Classes are offered in two formats:

- 1. Traditional (minimum of 10 hours of classroom, homework, and field instruction) or
- 2. Online course and follow-up class. For more information or to register for a class, visit <u>www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education</u>.

Hunter Education Equivalency Exams

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment only at CDFW regional offices for a fee. In some states, the California equivalency certificate may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education. For more information on the hunter education equivalency exam, contact your nearest CDFW regional office.

Duplicate Hunter Education Certificates

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class. If the class was completed prior to 1989, CDFW does not have records before this date; the hunter should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course. Visit the hunter education web page at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education for more information.

ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION

Advanced Hunter Education Clinics are species-specific or skillspecific. Learn how to field dress a deer, call in a mallard, find your way out of the woods, process and prepare your game for the table, plus much more! For additional information, including clinic dates and locations, visit <u>wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/</u> <u>Advanced</u>.

Bowhunter Education Class

Although bowhunter education training is not required in California, many states do require it for all bowhunters. CDFW's bowhunter education program meets the requirements of all states. For more information or to register for a class, visit <u>wildlife</u>. <u>ca.gov/Hunter-Education</u>.



State of California - The Natural Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE 2023 BIG GAME DRAWING WORKSHEET FOR APPLYING AT A LICENSE AGENT

DO NOT MAIL OR FAX WORKSHEET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

This worksheet is to assist the sales clerk in entering your hunt choices. Select your hunt choices prior to visiting a license agent. All sales transactions for the Big Game Drawing must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2023. You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. **Mailed or faxed worksheets will not be accepted at a CDFW office.**

VERIFY THAT YOUR HUNT CHOICES ARE CORRECT ON YOUR DRAWING RECEIPT BEFORE LEAVING THE LICENSE AGENT. NOTE: Do not leave this worksheet with the sales clerk.

NAME	GO ID		
BIG GAME DRAWING Enter party leader's party identification number only if you are joining an existing party.			
First-Deer Tag Drawing Application: To enter the Big Game Drawing for a premium deer hunt tag or preference point only			
Party Leader's Party Identification Number	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application: Use only for junior hunters applying for Apprentice Deer Hunts, who did not apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Application	1 st Choice	2 nd Choice	3 rd Choice
Party Leader's Party Identification Number			
Elk Tag Drawing Application:			
Party Leader's Party Identification Number	Hunt Choice		
Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application:			
Party Leader's Party Identification Number	Hunt Choice		
Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application: Party not allowed	Hunt Choice		
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DEER TAGS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

In addition to a valid California hunting license, deer tags are also required and must be in possession when taking deer. Hunters may obtain two deer tags per license year. Applicants for deer tags must be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1 of the license year for which they are applying or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1. A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application or First-Deer Tag must be purchased before or at the same time as a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application (junior hunters only) or Second-Deer Tag.

License and Tag Privileges Can Be Revoked

It is illegal to purchase more than one First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/First-Deer Tag and one Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application/Second-Deer Tag in the same license year. Persons convicted of a deer violation during the 2022-23 license year may not apply for deer tags in 2023-24. The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. (FGC 12155, CCR T-14 745.5).

DEER TAG INFORMATION

Applicants may purchase deer tags or apply in the annual Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales</u> or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. Allow 15 days to receive license items purchased online or by telephone.

Premium deer tags are issued by drawing. Restricted and unrestricted deer tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.



HUNT TAG DESCRIPTIONS

A, B, and D Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment only and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. Tags are valid for a specific zone of issuance except:

- A zone tag is valid in both A North and A South;
- B Zone Deer Tags are valid in any B zone;
- D3-5 Deer Tags are valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and
- D11, D13, or D15 tags may be used in any of these three zones.

C Zone Hunt Tag

A C zone tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3, and C4 during the general season only, using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. To hunt with archery equipment only during the archery season in any C zone you must apply in the Big Game Drawing for an A1 Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.

X Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the general season only, in a specific zone using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow.

Archery-Only (AO) Hunt Tag

The AO (Archery-Only) tag allows hunting with archery equipment only during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones and Hunt G10 (military only). To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag for the appropriate zone. You may not possess a firearm or crossbow when hunting under the authority of an Archery-Only deer tag except as otherwise provided.

Apprentice Hunt Tags

Applicants must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying, and must possess a valid 2023-24 California Junior Hunting License. See page 31 for more information on Apprentice Deer Hunts. Junior hunters receiving Apprentice Deer Hunt tags must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting.

Area-Specific Archery Hunt Tags

These tags allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

Military Lands Hunts

J10 and A33 (Additional Hunt Deer Tags), are held on military installations and offer limited number of tags for the public. Tags are issued through the CDFW's Big Game Drawing. The G8 hunt has been cancelled by the Base Commander for the 2023 hunting season.

Additional Military Lands Hunts, G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), G10 (Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base Either-Sex Hunt), and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt) are for military personnel only. Military personnel must contact the base directly for information on application procedures. Hunters interested in the G7 hunt tag may contact the Beale AFB Natural Resources Office at (530) 634-2738. For information on the G10 hunt tag contact the Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base at (760) 725-3360.

Deer Tag Exchanges

Premium deer tags <u>cannot be exchanged</u>. Non-Premium deer tags may be exchanged if all of the following conditions are met:

- The earliest season (either archery or general) for the tag being exchanged has not yet opened;
- The tag quota for the tag being exchanged has not filled;
- Tags are still available for the zone being requested; and
- The exchange fee of \$12.36 for the exchange tag accompanies your request.

Deer tag exchanges are only processed at CDFW license sales offices (CCR T14-708.4).

Deer Tag Refunds

Deer tag fees are nonrefundable. Deer Tag Drawing Application fees are nonrefundable once the deer tag application has been entered into the Big Game Drawing or a deer tag has been issued regardless of closures of any zone or hunt due to fire, weather or other natural disasters.

DEER DEFINITIONS

Antlerless Deer: Female deer, fawns of either sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length (CCR T14-351(b)).

Either-sex Deer: Antlerless deer, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler (CCR T14-351(c)).

Forked-horn Buck: A male deer having a branched antler on either side with the branch in the upper two-thirds of the antler. Eyeguards or other bony projections on the lower one-third of the antler shall not be considered as points or branches (CCR T14-351(a)).

Spike Buck Deer: A male deer with unbranched antlers on both sides which are more than 3 inches in length (FGC 204(d)).

DEER TAG CLASSIFICATIONS

Deer tags are issued for a specific hunt. Each hunt has a tag quota – the total number of tags that can be issued. Deer hunts are categorized into three different classifications (premium, restricted and unrestricted) based on the prior year's demand for the tag. Hunt classification determines tag issuance method and other rules as follows:

PREMIUM DEER HUNTS are any hunt where the quota filled on or before the first business day after July 1, of the previous year. Hunters may only obtain one premium hunt tag per license year. To apply for a premium deer hunt tag, hunters must apply in the Big Game Drawing using a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Except junior hunters who may also apply for premium Apprentice Hunts using a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Premium Deer Tags for 2023 are:

General Zone Hunts: C, D6, D9, D12, D14, D16, and D17; **X Zone Hunts:** X1, X2, X3A, X3B, X4, X5A, X5B, X6A, X6B, X7A, X7B, X8, X9A, X9B, X9C, X10 and X12;

General Methods Hunts: G1, G3, G6, G12, G13, G19, G21, G37, G38 and G39;

Muzzleloader Hunts: M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M11, MA1 and MA3;

Area-Specific Archery Hunts: A1, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A18, A19, A20, A21, A22, A24, A25, A26, A27, A30, A31, and A33;

Apprentice Hunts: J1, J3, J4, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20 and J21.

RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS are any hunt that filled on or before the first business day after August 1 of the previous year. Restricted deer hunt tags may be issued upon the purchase of a First-Deer Tag. Second-Deer Tag applicants may also obtain a restricted deer hunt tag at any time, if you do not have a pending drawing application, have not been issued a premium deer hunt tag or restricted deer hunt tag as a First-Deer Tag. Restricted tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS are any hunt that did not fill on or before the first business day after August 1, in the previous year. Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon the purchase of either a First-Deer Tag or Second-Deer Tag.

Unrestricted Deer Tags for 2023 are:

Archery Only Hunts: AO

General Hunt Zones: A, B, D3-5, D7, D8, D10, D11, D13, D15, and D19

TAG RETURN FOR AREAS IMPACTED BY PUBLIC LAND CLOSURES CAUSED BY WILDFIRES

On April 18, 2022, regulations went into effect allowing eligible tag holders whose seasons were cut short or eliminated due to public land closures caused by wildfires to return unfilled deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep tags for reinstatement of their preference points and/or refunds.

A tag holder whose hunt zone was inaccessible for sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the hunt season 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 postmarked on or prior to February 28 of the current license year for which the tag is valid. Requests postmarked after this date shall not be considered. For more information, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/ Hunting#580623472-post-season-tag-returns.

FIRST DEER TAG DRAWING APPLICATION

A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application may only be used to apply for the following hunts:

- First Choice Premium Deer Hunts or PD (Point Deer) The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- Second and Third Choice Second and third hunt choices are optional and may be a premium deer, restricted deer or unrestricted deer hunt tag.

SECOND DEER TAG DRAWING APPLICATION

A Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application may **ONLY** be used by junior hunters to apply for Apprentice Hunts, and only if they have not applied for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application hunt choices are limited as follows:

- First Choice Must be an Apprentice Deer Hunt or PD (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- Second and Third Choice Second and third choice hunts are optional and may be another Apprentice Deer Hunt or unrestricted deer hunt tag. Junior hunters may select a restricted deer hunt as their second or third tag choice ONLY if they were issued an unrestricted deer tag as their First-Deer Tag or not pending a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

FIRST DEER TAG

A First-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on July 2, 2023

If any premium deer hunt tags remain after the Big Game Drawing, First-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any leftover premium deer hunt tags starting at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2023.

SECOND DEER TAG

A Second-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on August 2, 2023. Second-Deer Tag applicants may obtain any restricted deer hunt tag at any time if they do not have a pending First-Deer

Tag Drawing Application or have not been issued a premium or restricted deer tag as a First-Deer Tag. Starting at 8:00 a.m. on August 2, 2023 all Second-Deer Tag ap-

plicants may apply for any remaining deer tag regardless if you have been issued a premium or restricted deer tag already.

SHARE (SHARED HABITAT ALLIANCE FOR RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's SHARE program provides public access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on private land.

For property and hunt information please visit the SHARE webpage at: <u>wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/</u>SHARE



BIG GAME DRAWING INFORMATION

All premium deer hunt tags and elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep tags are distributed through the CDFW Big Game Drawing.

See instructions for applying in the 2023 Big Game Drawing for your elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep tags.

For the 2023 Big Game Drawing, 21 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. The CDFW started tracking preference points in 2002. To look up your total preference points, log on to your customer profile at <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.</u> <u>com/InternetSales</u> and click on "View My Drawing Application/Preference Points."

APPLYING IN THE BIG GAME DRAWING

Applicants can apply for the Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at <u>www.</u> <u>ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales</u> or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. All transactions for Big Game Drawing entries must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2023. Applicants applying for preference points only must also submit their applications by the same date and time.

You will need to purchase a California hunting license and the appropriate Big Game Drawing Tag Applications:

- First-Deer Tag Application (junior hunters may apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application). See page 28 for deer hunt codes.
- Elk Tag Drawing Application, see page 41 for elk hunt codes.
- Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application, see page 51 for pronghorn hunt codes.
- Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application, see page 53 for bighorn sheep hunt codes.

1. Retrieving Your Customer Record

a. If applying at a CDFW license sales office or a license agent, provide a previous ALDS issued license for the agent to scan.

b. If applying online or by telephone sales, use the GO ID (printed above your 'STATE ID') from a previously issued ALDS license to retrieve your customer record. See instructions on page 16 for more information on applying online.

2. Applying for Another Person

If you are applying for someone else or party members, bring their previously issued ALDS license or their identification number and date of birth.

3. Proof of Hunter Education Requirement

Hunter education information must already be on file in your ALDS profile. For new applicants, please bring your required proof of hunter education with you to the license agent. **NOTE:** Hunters who have purchased hunting items via ALDS already have hunter education on file.

4. Items to Purchase

a. Purchase your 2023-24 California hunting license.

b. Provide the sales clerk the 2023 hunting items you would like to apply for (see the list of items from the previous column) and the hunt code for each tag application for which you want to apply. **NOTE:** For deer, you should confirm the correct order of your hunt choices.

APPLYING AS A PARTY

The maximum number of party members for deer is six (6). For elk and pronghorn, only residents may apply as a party of two. Hunters cannot apply as a party for bighorn sheep. You will receive a different Drawing Receipt and Party Number for each species for which you are applying. Make sure you are giving the correct Party Number from each Drawing Receipt to the correct hunting party.

When applying for a deer, elk, or pronghorn drawing tag application you will be prompted as to whether you are:

a. Applying alone or creating a new party (party leader).

b. Joining an existing party.

The first member of the party is considered the leader. They will be prompted for their hunt choice(s) and a Party Number will be printed on their Drawing Receipt at the end of the sales transaction. **NOTE**: A Party Number is printed on every Drawing Receipt.

The party leader must provide the Party Number to additional members to 'authorize' them to join the party. **NOTE**: CDFW license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Number.

When other party members apply they must tell the sales clerk they are joining an existing party, and provide the Party Number to the sales clerk (or enter it themselves if applying online). **NOTE**: If other members of the party are applying in the same sales transaction, they will not need the party number and can just indicate to the sales clerk that they are joining that person's party.

When the Party Number is entered in the drawing application screen it will bring up the hunting party and hunt choice information. The sales clerk should confirm that this is the correct party and hunt choice with the purchaser. If this is not the correct party, the sales clerk can cancel and re-enter the Party Number. If correct, the sales clerk can confirm, and this will link the new member to the party. (**NOTE**: If applying online, the confirmation screen will display for the customer with the options to cancel or confirm).

Hunters joining an existing party will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and all party members will be linked in the drawing together.

Party applications can be made up of transactions submitted in the same sales transaction or through several transactions. In addition, hunters can submit their drawing applications at any CDFW license sales offices, license agents, online, or by telephone sales.

IMPORTANT: Applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt for each species for which they are applying. If you were issued a first deer tag instead of a Drawing Receipt, at the license agent, you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will not earn a preference point and will not be drawn for a premium deer tag.

Check Your Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Hunters should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. The receipt will



include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), accumulated preference points, and a Party Number. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information.

License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four-hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at LRB@ wildlife.ca.gov to make any corrections.

APPLYING FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING ONLINE

Apply early! Don't be left out! The deadline to apply is midnight on June 2, 2023.

You must have proof of hunter education on file to purchase hunting items online. If you do not have hunter education on file, you must provide proof of hunter education to a license agent or a CDFW license sales office. You may also contact CDFW by fax at (916) 419-7587 or e-mail LRB@wildlife.ca.gov and provide proof of hunter education and GO ID, or your personal identification number. After your hunter education is updated in ALDS, you will be able to purchase hunting licenses now and in the future.

How to Apply Online

- Using your last name, date of birth, and ID number (GO ID, CDL, or other ID used to create profile) log into your profile <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/</u> <u>InternetSales</u> and click on the "Purchase Licenses" link at the top of the page.
- 2. From the Menu box on the left side of the screen, select 2023 Hunting.
- 3. Add the 2023 hunting license to your cart.
- 4. Scroll down to the Drawings section. In the Drawings section,
 - Click on "Add to Cart" to select the desired Drawing Application.
 - Note: Adult hunters MUST use a **First Deer Tag Drawing Application** when applying for deer in the Big Game Drawing. The item 'First Deer Tag' (in the TAGS section) cannot be used to apply for the Big Game Drawing for deer.
 - If you are joining an existing hunting party, select "Join Party". You will need the Party Number of the party you wish to join. See page 15 for more information on applying as a party.
 - If you are applying alone, or if you are the first person in your party to apply, select "Apply Alone or Create New Party."
 - Enter your hunt choices in the boxes provided.
 - Click "Submit" to complete hunt choice entry.
- 5. Repeat step 4, for each species for which you are applying.
- 6. Add any other items you wish to purchase to the cart.
- 7. Select "View Cart" to review the items you've selected and confirm your tag choices.
- 8. Click on "Continue to Checkout" to start the checkout process and enter your payment information. Enter your email address if you want confirmation of your

purchase emailed to you.

- 9. Check the box to certify that you are 18 years of age and authorize the purchase. The transaction will not be processed if this box is not checked, which means you will not be entered in the Big Game Drawing.
- Select "Complete Transaction." The "Transaction Complete" page will appear, stating that your order has been received and processed. Click on "Download Receipt/Licenses" so you may print your drawing receipts for your record.



MOST COMMON MISTAKES WHEN APPLYING IN THE DRAWING

- Online customers forget to click on the "Submit Payment" button to process the transaction. You can double check your purchase by logging back into your profile and view your license sales history at the top of the page.
- Online customers "Add to Cart" a first deer tag instead of the First Deer Tag Drawing Application located under the "Drawings" list.
- Customers leave the license sales agent with a deer tag instead of a Deer Drawing Receipt. The drawing receipt shows the hunt choices you applied for in the drawing.
- A customer who does not retrieve their existing profile, creates a duplicate profile, and is not connected to their preference points or hunter education. Therefore the customer is not able to purchase a hunting license and cannot apply in the drawing.
- Customers don't apply early and miss the deadline to apply.

DRAWING RESULTS

The CDFW has 10 business days after the deadline to conduct the drawing. Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 16, 2023 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales</u> and click on "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page. Applicants will also see their new preference point totals by clicking on the tab "Preference Point." On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

NOTIFYING APPLICANTS

Deer tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing will be mailed to successful applicants as soon as possible after the drawing. If you do not receive your tag by July 2, 2023, please contact your nearest CDFW license sales office.

Unsuccessful deer tag applicants will also be mailed unsuccessful deer tag notices by July 2, 2023. Notices will list available deer tags as of the notice date. It is not necessary to have the drawing notice to claim an available tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales to claim available deer tags. Hunters may use their California hunting license to retrieve their customer record.

Unsuccessful nonresidents may request a refund of the difference between the fees paid for a nonresident and a resident Deer Tag Drawing Application, if the application was submitted and a deer tag was not issued or if a nonresident deer tag is issued, and all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The deer license tag is not a premium tag.
- 2. The deer license tag is returned prior to the earliest opening date for the hunt.
- 3. The tag quota has not been filled for the hunt.

Refund requests shall be submitted on or before March 1, each year, to CDFW's License and Revenue Branch, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090. If the deadline to submit the request for refund falls on a weekend or holiday, requests will be accepted until the close of business on the first state business day following the deadline to submit the request.

Successful elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep applicants and alternates should receive their payment notices in the mail by July 2, 2023; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

It is not necessary to have the successful tag letter to claim your tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office or online to purchase your elk or pronghorn tag.

HOW THE DRAWING WORKS

Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in Draw-By-Choice drawings. Quota splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, and other special criteria (such as those for Apprentice Hunts, elk, pronghorn and Bighorn sheep).

CDFW will conduct the drawing within 10 business days of the application deadline.

After the application deadline, when all applicant information has been verified, the computer will:

- Assign each person (or party) a unique random number. Party members receive the same random number as the party leader.
- Determine the preference point value for party applications by averaging all party members' preference points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members).
 Preference point averages are not rounded up or down (CCR T14-708.14(e)).

Steps in the Premium Deer Tag Drawing:

- Sort all applications according to the first choice tag, then preference point totals, and then random number.
- Award tag choices to applicants with the most preference points, in random number order only (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number). Tags are awarded until the preference quota is met.
- After the preference point round is completed, unsuccessful applicants are resorted by hunt choice and random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and the computer begins awarding tags based on applicant's first-choice without consideration of accumulated preference points, until all draw-bychoice tag quotas fill or until all applicants have been processed.
- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are then sorted by second choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number) and the computer conducts a second round of drawings for any zones and hunts with tags remaining without consideration of accumulated preference points.
- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are sorted once again by third choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and any remaining tags are awarded without consideration of accumulated points.
- Applicants unsuccessful for any of their hunt choices will be notified of available tags so they may reapply.

Deer tag party applications are not split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags (CCR T14-708.15(a)(2)). Therefore, when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party, the computer bypasses that application and moves on to the next application where party count is equal to or less than the remaining quota.

Steps in the Elk, Pronghorn and, Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawings:

The draw-by-choice round of the drawing is conducted first then the preference point round.

Alternates are selected in the preference point round and parties may be split when awarding the final tag. The party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Applicants drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

TAG QUOTA SPLITS

Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission based on CDFW science-based proposals and public input. Please check the Commission's web site at <u>www.fgc.ca.gov</u> for information on how to become involved in the regulation-setting process.

Premium Deer Hunt Tags

- Ninety percent (90%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing.
- Ten percent (10%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.
- For zones or hunts with quotas less than ten (10) tags, one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.

Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags

- Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Preference Point drawing.
- Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

Elk, Pronghorn, and Bighorn Sheep Tags

- For quotas of one (1), the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two (2), one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three (3), two (2) tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four (4) or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

HOW TO PROPERLY FILL OUT A TAG

Hunted, Harvested

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Harvest Report Card Portion

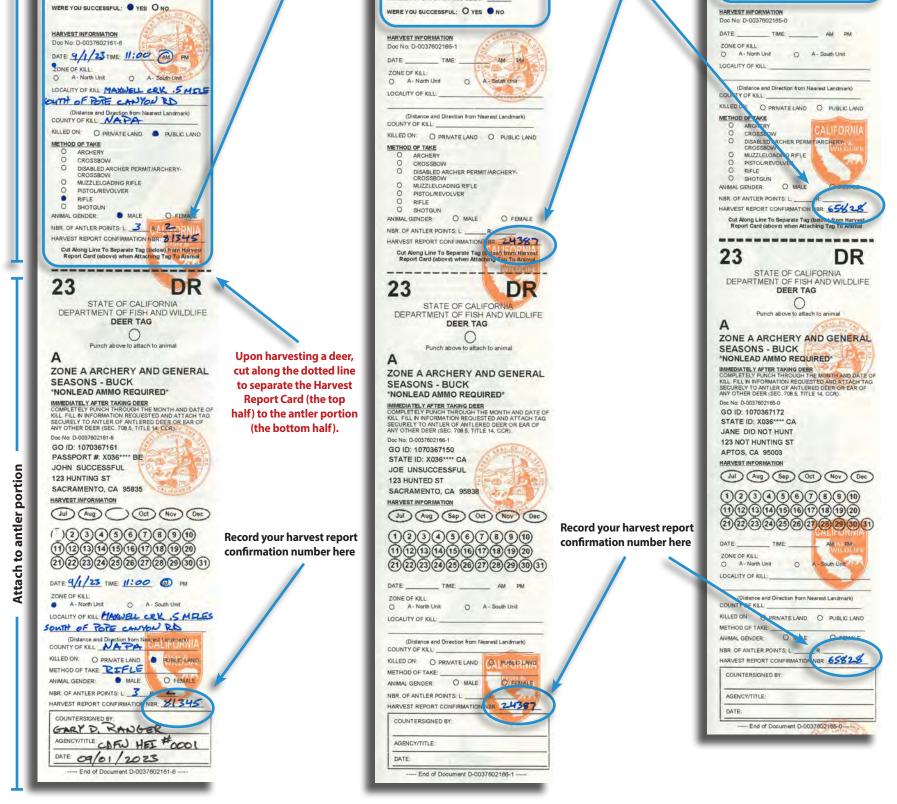
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HARVEST TAG REPORTING

MANDATORY HARVEST REPORTING FOR ALL DEER TAG HOLDERS

Any person who is issued a deer tag must submit a harvest report card (CCR T14-708.5(b)):

- Successful hunters must submit a completed report within 30 days of taking a deer;
- Unsuccessful hunters; and
- Hunters who did not hunt must submit a completed report by answering the applicable questions on the harvest report card and submit the report by January 31.

TWO WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR HARVEST REPORT:

Online

Log in to your internet sales profile at <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/</u> <u>InternetSales</u> and follow the steps below:

- 1. Click the **"Harvest Reporting"** tab. If you are using a mobile device, the list of menu tabs is the square box (with three lines) in the upper left corner of your screen.
- Click "Start Report" next to the tag you would like to report on. If you have two of the same zone/hunt tag, you are required to key in the Document Number (located below the barcode). This is to ensure you are reporting the correct tag.
- 3. Answer the effort questions in the reporting portion.
- 4. Click **"Submit"** at the end of the page this is a two-step process.
- Review your answers and click "Confirm" and then click "Ok" on the pop-up window to confirm that your report is complete and accurate.
- 6. The confirmation number will be generated for you to write on your tag. You will still need to retain the tag until March 1. Tags reported online must be surrendered to CDFW upon demand.

By Mail

Mail your deer tags to the address below: **CDFW Wildlife Branch** P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA94244-2090

TAG VALIDATION AND COUNTERSIGNING REQUIREMENTS

All tag holders upon the killing of any big game shall immediately fill out all portions of the tag including the harvest report card. The tag shall be completely, legibly, and permanently filled out as listed:

- Fill out the effort questions
- Cut out or punch out notches for the month and date of kill. They must be completely cut out or punched out and removed.
- The antler portion of the license tag must be attached to the antlers of an antlered animal or to the ear of an antlerless animal immediately upon being killed.

Deer tag holders, whether successful, unsuccessful, or did not hunt, who fail to report by the January 31 deadline are subject to the non-reporting fee prior to the issuance of a deer tag or deer tag drawing application in the following year.

- Online harvest reporting closes at midnight on January 31.
- The harvest report card returned by mail must be postmarked by the January 31 deadline.
- If the harvest report card is submitted by mail and not received by the CDFW, it is considered not reported and charged the non-reporting fee.
- If the harvest report card is received late (failed to report by the January 31 deadline), the nonreporting fee will be charged.

NON-REPORTING DEER TAG PENALTY

Deer tag holders who fail to submit a harvest report for any 2023 deer tag by January 31, 2024, will be assessed a \$21.60 non-reporting penalty fee when purchasing a deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the 2024 license year. Deer and elk tags shall be countersigned before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where taken.

Bear tags shall only be countersigned by a CDFW employee before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest CDFW employee. If CDFW offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

GAME TAG	REPORTING REQUIREMENT	TAG COUNTERSIGN REQUIREMENT	LENGTH OF TIME TO RETAIN TAG
DEER	Successful hunters must report within 30 days of harvest or by January 31, whichever comes first. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters who did not hunt must report by January 31. Hunters who do not report by the deadline will be charged a non- reporting fee of \$21.60 when purchasing their deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the following license year.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see below)	Keep tag attached for 15 days thereafter the season closes. Retain harvest report cards submitted online until March 1.
BEAR	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately. Hunters who were unsuccessful or did not hunt must return report cards by February 1.	CDFW Staff Only	Retain head and skin for 15 days thereafter season closes.
ELK	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see below)	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closes.
PRONGHORN	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Not Required	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closes.
BIGHORN Sheep	Successful hunters must report by phone within 24 hours. Successful and unsuccessful report cards must be returned within 10 days of season closure.	CDFW Staff Only	N/A
WILD PIG	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately.	Not Required	N/A

PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO VALIDATE OR COUNTERSIGN DEER AND ELK TAGS (CCR T14-708.6(c))*

State

- Fish and Game Commissioners
- Employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, including Certified Hunter Education Instructors
- Employees of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Supervising Plant
 Quarantine Inspectors
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors

Federal

- Employees of the Bureau of Land Management
- Employees of the United States Forest Service
- Employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service
- All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service
- Commanding Officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer taken on their reservation
- Postmasters & Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer brought to their post office

Miscellaneous

- County firemen at and above the class of foreman for deer brought into their station
- Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts
- Notaries Public
- Peace Officers (salaried & non-salaried)
- Officers authorized to administer oaths
- Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage plants for deer brought to their place of business

*No person may validate or countersign his/her own deer or elk tag (CCR T14-708.6(b)).

2022 PRELIMINARY DEER HARVEST BY ANTLER CLASS

The following table shows the percentage by antler class of forked-horn or better bucks and total reported buck harvest for zones and hunts as of 2/21/2023^(a). These values may differ from final deer harvest statistics, which will be available at <u>wildlife</u>. <u>ca.gov/hunting/deer</u>.

Zone/ Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest	Zone/ Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Archery	51.6%	29.7%	14.7%	3.8%	612	Zone X3a	28.9%	31.4%	32.7%	6.9%	159
Only Tags	51.070	29.770	14.7 /0	5.070	012	Zone X3b	32.4%	35.2%	27.6%	4.8%	105
A Zone	65.9%	26.6%	6.8%	0.6%	3111	Zone X4	34.5%	37.8%	24.4%	3.4%	119
(South-110)						Zone X5a	26.3%	52.6%	21.1%	0.0%	19
A Zone (North-160)	51.0%	35.0%	12.6%	1.4%	2808	Zone X5b	14.8%	25.9%	40.7%	18.5%	27
Zone B1	34.2%	38.1%	22.9%	4.8%	1773	Zone X6a	26.7%	34.7%	29.3%	9.3%	150
Zone B2	43.8%	34.0%	19.3%	2.9%	1445	Zone X6b	33.3%	30.2%	31.7%	4.8%	64
Zone B3	59.3%	28.1%	10.1%	2.3%	427	Zone X7a	36.4%	18.2%	30.3%	15.2%	33
Zone B4	36.7%	35.9%	25.1%	2.3%	259	Zone X7b	30.8%	38.5%	23.1%	7.7%	26
Zone B5	45.7%	35.3%	15.7%	3.3%	453	Zone X8	28.3%	30.2%	35.8%	5.7%	53
Zone B6	36.2%	37.1%	23.4%	3.2%	556	Zone X9a	27.4%	42.7%	26.6%	3.2%	124
Zone C1	34.2%	38.4%	23.3%	4.1%	219	Zone X9b	76.0%	8.0%	16.0%	0.0%	25
Zone C2	41.7%	36.2%	19.1%	3.0%	199	Zone X9c	43.5%	45.7%	8.7%	2.2%	46
Zone C3	38.8%	33.6%	24.3%	3.3%	304	Zone X10	34.8%	34.8%	30.4%	0.0%	23
Zone C4	44.6%	36.8%	16.0%	2.6%	652	Zone X12	28.7%	38.0%	27.1%	6.2%	129
Zone D3	45.8%	33.9%	16.3%	3.9%	1204	Hunt A1	36.4%	48.5%	12.1%	3.0%	33
Zone D4	48.4%	33.4%	14.9%	3.3%	395	(C1)					
Zone D5	43.3%	33.6%	19.0%	4.0%	1277	Hunt A1 (C2)	45.2%	51.6%	3.2%	0.0%	31
Zone D6	52.5%	31.8%	13.2%	2.3%	651	Hunt A1			/		
Zone D7	55.9%	25.5%	15.6%	3.1%	675	(C3)	39.0%	22.0%	36.6%	2.4%	41
Zone D8	50.6%	30.1%	17.4%	2.0%	410	Hunt A1	49.1%	29.0%	17.8%	4.1%	169
Zone D9	54.1%	33.3%	10.4%	2.2%	135	(C4)					
Zone D10	57.6%	29.7%	11.0%	1.7%	118	Hunt A3	15.0%	35.0%	50.0%	0.0%	20
Zone D11	71.4%	20.3%	6.7%	1.0%	315	Hunt A4	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	1
Zone D12	31.6%	31.6%	31.6%	5.3%	57	Hunt A5	40.0%	30.0%	30.0%	0.0%	10
Zone D13	78.8%	16.1%	5.1%	0.0%	217	Hunt A6	30.0%	20.0%	40.0%	10.0%	10
Zone D14	59.2%	25.6%	12.5%	2.7%	336	Hunt A7	45.8%	29.2%	25.0%	0.0%	24
Zone D15	77.8%	20.0%	2.2%	0.0%	45	Hunt A8	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Zone D16	57.7%	35.7%	5.4%	0.6%	168	Hunt A9			d antlere	1	arvest.
Zone D17	15.6%	43.8%	31.3%	9.4%	32	Hunt A11	38.1%	28.6%	23.8%	9.5%	21
Zone D19	73.6%	17.6%	7.7%	1.1%	91	Hunt A12	33.3%	33.3%	27.8%	5.6%	18
Zone X1	25.8%	38.5%	27.5%	8.2%	182	Hunt A13	16.7%	50.0%	16.7%	0.0%	6
Zone X2	20.3%	31.3%	42.2%	6.3%	64	Hunt A14	71.4%	14.3%	14.3%	0.0%	7

Zone/ Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck
Hunt A15	22.20/	22.20/	11 104	22.204	Harvest
Hunt A16	33.3% 33.3%	33.3% 33.3%	11.1% 16.7%	22.2% 16.7%	9 12
Hunt A17	50.0%	35.7%	14.3%	0.0%	12
Hunt A18	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4
Hunt A19	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3
Hunt A20	55.6%	33.3%	11.1%	0.0%	9
Hunt A21	22.2%	33.3%	33.3%	11.1%	9
Hunt A21	50.0%	41.7%	8.3%	0.0%	12
Hunt A22	75.0%	16.7%	0.0%	8.3%	12
Hunt A24	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt A25	5.9%	29.4%	58.8%	5.9%	17
Hunt A20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	17
Hunt A30	30.8%	15.4%	46.2%	7.7%	13
Hunt A31	74.2%	9.7%	6.5%	3.2%	33
Hunt A32	45.5%	27.3%	27.3%	0.0%	11
Hunt A33	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	6
Hunt G1	43.8%	36.3%	17.3%	2.5%	520
Hunt G3	15.0%	15.0%	50.0%	20.0%	20
Hunt G6	15.8%	63.2%	21.1%	0.0%	19
Hunt G7	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt G8	Nc	reporte	d antlere	d buck h	arvest.
Hunt G10	51.4%	32.4%	10.8%	0.0%	38
Hunt G11	53.8%	34.6%	7.7%	0.0%	35
Hunt G12	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	7
Hunt G13	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	6
Hunt G19	50.0%	37.5%	0.0%	0.0%	9
Hunt G21	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3
Hunt G37	0.0%	18.2%	45.5%	36.4%	11
Hunt G38	42.1%	26.3%	26.3%	5.3%	19
Hunt G39	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J1	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J3	11.1%	22.2%	66.7%	0.0%	9
Hunt J4	18.2%	36.4%	36.4%	9.1%	11
Hunt J8	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	3
Hunt J9	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J10	45.5%	36.4%	18.2%	0.0%	22
Hunt J11	62.5%	0.0%	25.0%	12.5%	8
Hunt J12	0.0%	25.0%	37.5%	37.5%	8
Hunt J13	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J14	22.2%	66.7%	11.1%	0.0%	10
Hunt J15	0.0%	0.0%	57.1%	42.9%	7
Hunt J16	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3

Zone/ Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Hunt J17	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J18	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
Hunt J19	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	3
Hunt J20	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J21	30.8%	46.2%	7.7%	15.4%	13
Hunt M3	0.0%	25.0%	58.3%	16.7%	12
Hunt M4	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4
Hunt M5	0.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	3
Hunt M6	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt M7	33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7
Hunt M8	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	0.0%	8
Hunt M9	22.2%	44.4%	33.3%	0.0%	9
Hunt M11	12.5%	37.5%	50.0%	0.0%	8
Hunt MA1	33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6
Hunt MA3	40.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	5
Fundraising Tags	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%	5
Statewide Total	48.5%	32.4%	16.2%	2.9%	21719

(a) Table does not include percentages for antlerless, unclassified or spike bucks. Percentages may not total 100%. (b) Archery Only and Fund-raising Tags are listed separately and are not included within the individual zone or hunt.



				PRE	FERENCE DI	RAWING				RANDON	DRAWING	
HUNT CODE	Tag Quota	Preference Point Tag Quota	Random Tag Quota Quantity	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Point (20) Applicants	Total Tags Awarded by Preference Drawing	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag in Preference Drawing	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag in Preference Drawing	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants
PD	0	0	0	12,925	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZONE H	UNTS	5										
С	8,150	7,335	815	6,360	0	6,360	17	0	1,790	0	1,790	0
D9	2,000	1,800	200	714	0	714	13	0	1,286	0	1,138	148
D12	950	855	95	1,187	0	855	4	0	95	95	0	0
D14	3,000	2,700	300	2,199	0	2,199	18	0	801	0	801	0
D17	500	450	50	1,407	0	450	6	1.3	50	50	0	0
X1	760	684	76	3,716	0	684	16	3	76	76	0	0
X2	189	171	18	1,893	0	171	19	9	18	18	0	0
ХЗА	354	319	35	1,819	0	319	14	4	35	35	0	0
X3B	499	450	49	2,111	0	450	19	3	49	49	0	0
X4	479	432	47	2,089	0	432	10	3	47	47	0	0
X5A	75	68	7	698	0	68	17	7	7	7	0	0
X5B	50	45	5	3,212	5	45	20	17	5	5	0	0
ХбА	329	297	32	2,249	0	297	19	5	32	32	0	0
X6B	309	279	30	1,349	0	279	12	4.5	30	30	0	0
X7A	229	207	22	2,036	0	207	11	5	22	22	0	0
X7B	134	121	13	805	0	121	10.5	4.5	13	13	0	0
X8	210	189	21	1,391	0	189	12	4	21	21	0	0
X9A	269	243	26	4,522	0	243	19	7.7	26	26	0	0
X9B	230	207	23	741	0	207	8	2	23	23	0	0
X9C	325	293	32	886	0	293	16	2	32	32	0	0

				PRE	FERENCE D	RAWING				RANDON	DRAWING	
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X10	400	360	40	614	1	360	20	0	40	40	0	0
X12	349	315	34	4,796	0	315	18	7	34	34	0	0
AREA-S	PECI	FIC ARC	HERY	HUNTS								
A1	1,945	1,751	194	488	0	488	6	0	1,457	0	1,384	73
A3	100	90	10	299	0	90	6	2	10	10	0	0
A4	10	9	1	55	0	9	8	7	1	1	0	0
A5	40	36	4	109	0	36	L	2	4	4	0	0
A6	70	63	7	135	0	63	8	1	7	7	0	0
A7	120	108	12	333	1	108	20	2	12	12	0	0
A8	10	9	1	42	0	9	5	3	1	1	0	0
A9	5	4	1	107	0	4	11	11	1	1	0	0
A11	50	45	5	285	0	45	8.3	5	5	5	0	0
A12	90	81	9	172	0	81	5	2	9	9	0	0
A13	45	41	4	175	0	41	5.8	3.6	4	4	0	0
A14	25	23	2	109	0	23	6	3.5	2	2	0	0
A15	40	36	4	106	0	36	4	2	4	4	0	0
A16	30	27	3	388	0	27	8	6.5	3	3	0	0
A17	210	189	21	83	0	83	6	0	127	0	127	0
A18	350	315	35	14	0	14	1.5	0	302	0	182	120
A19	100	90	10	24	0	24	3	0	56	0	37	19
A20	40	36	4	290	0	36	7	5.3	4	4	0	0
A21	25	23	2	171	0	23	12	6	2	2	0	0
A22	1,000	900	100	537	0	537	3	0	340	0	275	65
A24	100	90	10	189	0	90	4	1	10	10	0	0

				PRE	FERENCE DE	RAWING	•			RANDON	DRAWING	
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A25	35	32	3	108	0	32	4	2	3	3	0	0
A26	30	27	3	546	0	27	15	13	3	3	0	0
A27	10	9	1	214	1	9	20	14	1	1	0	0
A30	40	36	4	220	0	36	9	5	4	4	0	0
A31	1,000	900	100	404	0	404	б	0	593	0	494	99
A33	50	45	5	119	0	45	8	1	5	5	0	0
GENER	AL ME	THODS	HUNT	S								
G1	2,710	2,439	271	3,740	0	2,439	19	0	271	271	0	0
G3	25	23	2	4,297	176	23	20	20	2	2	0	0
G6	50	45	5	980	0	45	16	12	5	5	0	0
G8	20	18	2	262	0	18	13	4	2	2	0	0
G12	30	27	3	195	0	27	8	4	3	3	0	0
G13	300	270	30	678	0	270	4	1	30	30	0	0
G19	25	23	2	353	0	23	14	6	2	2	0	0
G21	25	23	2	123	0	23	6	2	2	2	0	0
G37	25	23	2	2,800	11	23	20	19	2	2	0	0
G38	300	270	30	284	0	270	11	0	30	14	16	0
G39	2	1	1	743	27	1	20	20	1	1	0	0
APPREN	ITICE	HUNTS	5									
J1	25	13	12	55	0	13	3	1	12	12	0	0
J3	15	8	7	372	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J4	15	8	7	319	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J8	15	8	7	126	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J9	5	3	2	38	0	3	3	2	2	2	0	0

				PRE	PREFERENCE DRAWING					RANDON	DRAWING	
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J10	30	15	15	181	0	15	3	2	15	15	0	0
J11	40	20	20	140	0	20	3	1	20	20	0	0
J12	10	5	5	637	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0
J13	40	20	20	82	0	20	2	0	20	20	0	0
J14	30	15	15	43	0	15	1	0	15	15	0	0
J15	10	5	5	316	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0
J16	75	38	37	90	0	38	2	0	37	37	0	0
J17	25	13	12	33	0	13	1	0	12	12	0	0
J18	75	38	37	134	0	38	2	1	37	37	0	0
J19	25	13	12	143	0	13	3	2	12	12	0	0
J20	20	10	10	61	0	10	3	2	10	10	0	0
J21	50	25	25	179	0	25	3	2	25	25	0	0
MUZZL	ELOA	DER HU	NTS									
M3	20	18	2	645	1	18	20	18	2	2	0	0
M4	10	9	1	55	0	9	10	8	1	1	0	0
M5	5	4	1	100	0	4	17	17	1	1	0	0
M6	80	72	8	84	0	72	16	0	8	8	0	0
M7	150	135	15	200	0	135	16	0	15	15	0	0
M8	20	18	2	91	0	18	10	6	2	2	0	0
M9	15	14	1	773	3	14	20	19	1	1	0	0
M11	20	18	2	573	0	18	16	13	2	2	0	0
MA1	150	135	15	145	0	135	5	0	15	10	5	0
MA3	150	135	15	120	0	120	18	0	30	0	30	0

2023 DEER HUNTS

PREMIUM DEER ZONES and **HUNTS** Applications for premium deer hunt tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing must be submitted to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or telephone sales before midnight on June 2, 2023. You must use your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for a premium deer hunt tag. Exception: junior hunters may use a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts, but only one application may be used to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts.

♦ – Tag quota filled in the 2022 Big Game Drawing conducted on June 8, 2022.

The following table shows 2022 estimated hunter success for zones and hunts as of 2/21/2023^(a). These values may differ from final deer harvest statistics, which will be available at <u>wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/deer</u>.

PREF	ERENCE POINT ONLY	·				-
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
PD	Preference Point Only - Deer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GENI	ERAL ZONES					
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
	C1 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 16-Oct 15
с	C2 Zone General Seasons - Buck	21%	8,150		For Archery Deer Seasons in the C	Sep 16-Oct 22
L	C3 Zone General Seasons - Buck	21%0	6,150	•	Zones See Hunt A-1	Sep 16-Oct 22
	C4 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 16-Oct 1
D6	Zone D6 Archery And General Seasons - Buck	8%	10,000	6/16/2022	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 29
D9	Zone D9 Archery And General Seasons - Buck	9%	2,000	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 23-Oct 22
D12	Zone D12 Archery And General Seasons - Buck	8%	950	•	Oct 7 -Oct 29	Nov 4-Nov 26
D14	Zone D14 Archery And General Seasons - Buck	14%	3,000	•	Sep 2-Sep 24	Oct 14-Nov 12
D16	Zone D16 Archery And General Seasons - Buck	8%	3,000	6/25/2022	Sep 2-Sep 24	Oct 28-Nov 26
D17	Zone D17 Archery And General Seasons - Buck	8%	500	•	Sep 2-Sep 24	Oct 14-Nov 5

CTag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3 and C4 General Seasons only.

C1 Large areas of private land where access is restricted. Some private land owned by timber companies is open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131; fair access. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

C2 Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

C3 Good access in middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151, and fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

C4 Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timber-lands open to public. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

D6 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

D9 Good access on public land (559) 243-4005.

D12 Extremely dry and hot desert deer zone. Wilderness areas severely restrict vehicle access; 4 X 4 recommended for entire zone.

D14 Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

D16 Good access on public lands; higher elevations rugged (858) 467-4201.

D17 Wilderness Area and Mojave National Preserve restrict vehicle access (909) 484-0167.

X ZO	NES					
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
X1	Zone X1 General Season - Buck	29%	760	♦	For Archery in Zone X-1 See Hunt A-3	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X2	Zone X2 General Season - Buck	41%	189	•	For Archery in Zone X-2 See Hunt A-4	Oct 7 -Oct 22
ХЗА	Zone X3a General Season - Buck	43%	354	•	For Archery in Zone X-3a See Hunt A-5	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X3B	Zone X3b General Season - Buck	26%	499	•	For Archery in Zone X-3b See Hunt A-6	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X4	Zone X4 General Season - Buck	31%	479	•	For Archery in Zone X-4 See Hunt A-7	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X5A	Zone X5a General Season - Buck	26%	75	٠	For Archery in Zone X-5a See Hunt A-8	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X5B	Zone X5b General Season - Buck	44%	50	•	For Archery in Zone X-5b See Hunt A-9	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X6A	Zone X6a General Season - Buck	54%	329	•	For Archery in Zone X-6a See Hunt A-11	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X6B	Zone X6b General Season - Buck	25%	309	•	For Archery in Zone X-6b See Hunt A-12	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X7A	Zone X7a General Season - Buck	16%	229	•	For Archery in Zone X-7a See Hunt A-13	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X7B	Zone X7b General Season - Buck	25%	134	٠	For Archery in Zone X-7b See Hunt A-14	Oct 7 -Oct 22
X8	Zone X8 General Season - Buck	31%	210	•	For Archery in Zone X-8 See Hunt A-15	Sep 23-Oct 8
X9A	Zone X9a General Season - Buck	53%	269	•	For Archery in Zone X-9a See Hunt A-16	Sep 16-Oct 9
X9B	Zone X9b General Season - Buck	14%	230	•	For Archery in Zone X-9b See Hunt A-17	Sep 16-Oct 9

X1 Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.
X2 Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.
X3a Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

X3b Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM property (530) 279-6101 for information. CDFW contact (530)233-3581.

X4 Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

X5a Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

X5b Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808. Fourwheel drive is needed on some roads.

X6a CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

X6b Good access on public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

X7a Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

X7b Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

X8 Good access on public lands except two wilderness areas (916) 358-2900.

X9a Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

X9b Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

X ZONES, continued									
Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates				
Zone X9c General Season - Buck	19%	325	•	For Archery in Zone X-9c See Hunt A-18	Oct 21-Nov 12				
Zone X10 General Season - Buck	7%	400	•	For Archery in Zone X-10 See Hunt A-19	Sep 30-Oct 15				
Zone X12 General Season - Buck	42%	349	•	For Archery in Zone X-12 See Hunt A-20	Sep 16-Oct 9				
_	Zone X9c General Season - Buck Zone X10 General Season - Buck	Hunt Name Hunter Success Zone X9c General Season - Buck 19% Zone X10 General Season - Buck 7%	Hunt Name Hunter Success Quota Zone X9c General Season - Buck 19% 325 Zone X10 General Season - Buck 7% 400	Hunt Name2022 Estimated Hunter Success2023 Tag QuotaQuota FilledZone X9c General Season - Buck19%325•Zone X10 General Season - Buck7%400•	Hunt Name2022 Estimated Hunter Success2023 Tag QuotaQuota Filled2023 Archery Season DatesZone X9c General Season - Buck19%325•For Archery in Zone X-9c See Hunt A-18Zone X10 General Season - Buck7%400•For Archery in Zone X-10 See Hunt A-19Zone X12 General Season - Buck42%349•For Archery in Zone X-10 See Hunt A-19				

X9c Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171. **X10** Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

X12 Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

GENERAL METHODS HUNTS

GLIN	ERAL METHODS HUNTS					
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
G1	Late Season Buck Hunt In Zone C4 - General Methods	25%	2,710	♦	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 5
G3	Goodale Buck - General Methods	92%	25	•	N/A	Dec 2-Dec 17
G6	Kern River Deer Herd Buck - General Methods	47%	50	•	N/A	Dec 2-Dec 10
G8	Fort Hunter Liggett antlerless - General Methods	74%	0	*	N/A	Hunt cancelled by Base Commander for the 2023 hunting season.
G12	Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex	39%	30	•	N/A	Sep 16-Sep 24
G13	San Diego antlerless - General Methods	24%	300	♦	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 19
G19	Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-Sex - Shotgun/Archery/Crossbow	44%	25	•	N/A	Sep 23-Dec 31
G21	Ventana Wilderness Buck - General Methods	13%	25	•	N/A	Nov 11-Dec 3
G37	Anderson Flat Buck - General Methods	56%	25	•	N/A	Nov 25-Dec 3
G38	X-10 Late Season Buck - General Methods	8%	300	•	N/A	Oct 21-Nov 5
G39	Round Valley Late Season Buck - General Methods	100%	2	•	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 12

G1 Late season tag, valid in **C4** only. Instructions for how to apply for the G1 Tehama Wildlife Area Access Permit can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer#54774-zones--hunts. CDFW contact 530-597-2201.

G3 Good public access; unpredictable weather (760) 872-1171.

G6 Good access on public lands. Vehicle use may be limited due to seasonal road closures. Contact the National Forest Service for current road closures (559) 243-4005.

G8 Access fee required; date subject to change (831) 386-2954.

G9 2018 Hunt canceled due to base operations.

G12 Gray Lodge Wildlife Area only; shotguns with solid slugs only (916)358-2900.

G13 Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858)467-4201.

G19 Archery-crossbow-shotguns with solid slugs only; all portions walk-in only (916) 358-2900.

G21 Open only on lands designated USFS Ventana Wilderness Area in Monterey County; steep, rugged, brushy; vehicle restrictions (831) 649-2870.

G37 Good access on National Forest Service lands (559) 243-4005.

G38 Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

G39 Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

MUZ	ZLELOADING HUNTS		•			
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
M3	Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	67%	20	•	N/A	Nov 18-Nov 26
M4	Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	50%	10	•	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 5
M5	East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	100%	5	•	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 5
M6	San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex	3%	80	•	N/A	Dec 16 -Dec 31
M7	Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex	14%	150	•	N/A	Nov 25-Dec 10
M8	Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	57%	20	•	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 5
M9	Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	77%	15	•	N/A	Oct 28-Nov 12
M11	Northwestern Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	53%	20	•	N/A	Nov 11-Nov 26
MA1	San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Rifle/ Archery Either-Sex	11%	150	♦	N/A	Nov 25-Dec 10
MA3	Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/ Archery Buck	4%	150	•	N/A	Nov 25-Dec 10

M3 Good access on public lands. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M4 Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M5 Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M6 Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

M7 Good access; hunt on public lands (858) 467-4201.

M8 Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

M9 Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

M11 Contact CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493 or CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

MA1 Open only on that portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the Los Padres National Forest. Good access on public lands; rugged terrain (831) 649-2870.

MA3 Fair access on public lands vehicle use limited (858) 467-4201.

APPRENTICE HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
J1	Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	24%	25		N/A	Nov 4 -Nov 5
J3	Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck - General Methods	80%	15	♦	N/A	Nov 25-Nov 26
J4	Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck - General Methods	80%	15	♦	N/A	Nov 25-Dec 3
8L	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	20%	15	•	N/A	Dec 2-Dec 31

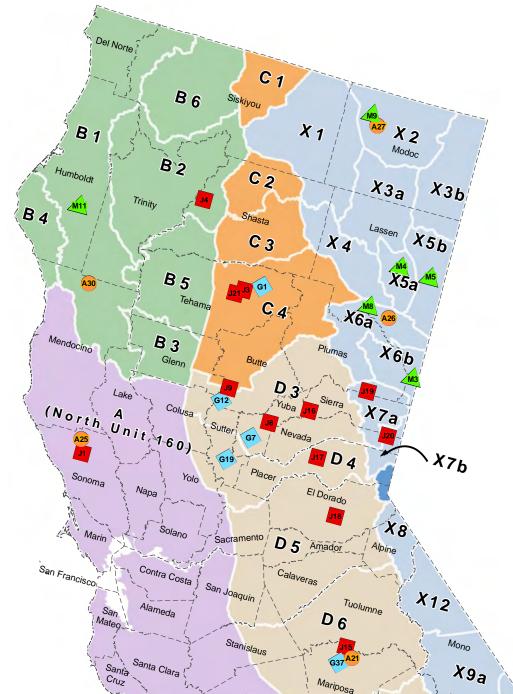
J1 Rugged oak/grassland habitat with good deer numbers. Boats required in two-thirds of area. No dogs allowed (707) 944-5500. **J3** Hunt area is restricted to CDFW's Tehama Wildlife Area. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

J4 Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2300 and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

J8 Good access. Wildlife Area only (916) 358-2900.

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Deer Zones and Additional Hunts



Archery

A21 Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt

- A22 San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A24 Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A25 Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A26 Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt
- A27 Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt
- A30 Covelo Archery Buck Hunt
- A31 Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A32 Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A33 Fort Hunter Liggett Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt

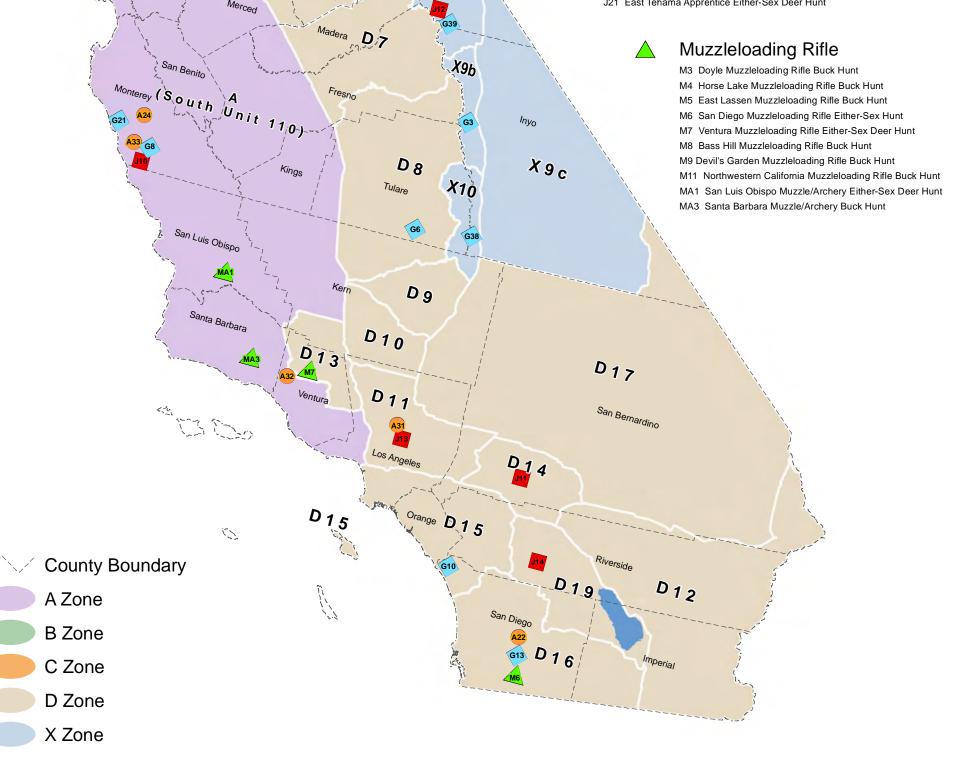
General

G1 Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C4

- G3 Goodale Buck Hunt
- G6 Kern River Deer Herd Buck Hunt
- G7 Beale Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only)
- G8 Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt
- G10 Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only
- G12 Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- G13 San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt
- G19 Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Area Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- G21 Ventana Wilderness Buck Hunt
- G37 Anderson Flat Buck Hunt
- G38 Late Season Buck Hunt in Zone X10
- G39 Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt

Apprentice

- J1 Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J3 Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J4 Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J8 Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J9 Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J10 Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J11 San Bernardino Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J12 Round Valley Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J13 Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J14 Riverside Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J15 Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J16 Bucks Mountain/Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J17 Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J18 Pacific/Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J19 X7A Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J20 X7B Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt



APPI	APPRENTICE HUNTS, continued							
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates		
J9	Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-Sex	60%	5	•	N/A	Sep 16-Sep 24		
J10	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either- Sex - General Methods	93%	30	•	N/A	Sep 30, Oct 1, 7, 8, 9		
J11	San Bernardino Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	51%	40	•	N/A	Nov 18-Nov 26		
J12	Round Valley Apprentice Buck - General Methods	100%	10	•	N/A	Dec 2-Dec 17		
J13	Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	18%	40	•	N/A	Nov 18-Nov 26		
J14	Riverside Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	60%	30	•	N/A	Nov 18-Nov 26		
J15	Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck - General Methods	100%	10	•	N/A	Nov 25-Dec 3		
J16	Bucks Mountain-Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	51%	75	•	N/A	Sep 23-Oct 29		
J17	Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	36%	25	•	N/A	Sep 23-Oct 29		
J18	Pacific - Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	45%	75	•	N/A	Sep 23-Oct 29		
J19	Zone X7a Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	16%	25	•	N/A	Oct 7 -Oct 22		
J20	Zone X7b Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	53%	20	•	N/A	Oct 7 -Oct 22		
J21	East Tehama Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	64%	50	•	N/A	Sep 16-Oct 29		

J9 Good access. Wildlife Area only. Shotguns using slugs only (916) 358-2900.

J10 Adult chaperones will need a guest permit or hunting permit. A fishing permit is not a valid permit. Hunt is subject to season changes by Base Commander (831) 386-2954.

J11 Within D14 and San Bernardino County only. Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

J12 Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

J13 Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.

J14 Within zone D19 and Riverside County only. Good access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

J15 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

J16 Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Butte, Colusa and Glenn counties.

J17 Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations. (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Colusa County.

J18 Good access on National Forest lands; mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

J19 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

J20 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

J21 Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Tehama Wildlife Area is not open to J21 hunters during the G1 season. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

NON-REPORTING OF 2023 DEER TAGS WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY

Deer tag holders who fail to submit a harvest report for any 2023 deer tag by January 31, 2024, will be assessed a \$21.60 non-reporting fee when purchasing a deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the 2024 license year.

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Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-1 Season)	- 18%	1,945		Aug 19-Sep 3	N/A
۸ 1	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-2 Season)				Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A1	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-3 Season)			•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-4 Season)				Aug 19-Sep 3	N/A
A3	Archery Hunt In Zone X1 - Buck	24%	100	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A4	Archery Hunt In Zone X2 - Buck	11%	10	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A5	Archery Hunt In Zone X3a - Buck	29%	40	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A6	Archery Hunt In Zone X3b - Buck	16%	70	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A7	Archery Hunt In Zone X4 - Buck	27%	120	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A8	Archery Hunt In Zone X5a - Buck	10%	10	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A9	Archery Hunt In Zone X5b - Buck	0%	5	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A11	Archery Hunt In Zone X6a - Buck	49%	50	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A12	Archery Hunt In Zone X6b - Buck	26%	90	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A13	Archery Hunt In Zone X7a - Buck	16%	45	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A14	Archery Hunt In Zone X7b - Buck	33%	25	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A15	Archery Hunt In Zone X8 - Buck	24%	40	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A16	Archery Hunt In Zone X9a - Buck	50%	30	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A17	Archery Hunt In Zone X9b - Buck	9%	210	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A
A18	Archery Hunt In Zone X9c - Buck	1%	350	7/2/2022	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A

A1 tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3 and C4 during the Archery Season only.

A1-C1 Fair access. Much private land, some owned by timber companies and open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest; (530) 842-6131. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

A1-C2 Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

A1-C3 and C4 Good access at middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forestland (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Sierra Pacific Industries property is restricted to walking only; no motorized vehicle access behind locked gates without Sierra Pacific Industries' prior written permission. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

A3 Good access on public lands administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity N.F. (530) 226-2500, Modoc N.F (530)233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Road management areas within zone - refer to national forest maps for detail. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

A4 Good access on public lands, primarily administered by Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A5 Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581. **A6** Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office BLM (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM lands (530) 279-6101 for more information. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A7 Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

A8-A9 Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

A11 CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

A12 Good access to public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 340-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

A13 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

A14 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

A15 Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

A16 Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

A17 Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

A18 Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

ARE/	AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS, continued							
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates		
A19	Archery Hunt in X10 - Buck	3%	100	7/2/2022	Aug 19-Sep 3	N/A		
A20	Archery Hunt In Zone X12 - Buck	31%	40	•	Aug 19-Sep 10	N/A		
A21	Anderson Flat Archery Buck	40%	25	•	Nov 11-Nov 24	N/A		
A22	San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer - Split	3%	1000	7/2/2022	Sep 2-Oct 15	- N/A		
AZZ	Season Hunt	5%	1000	1/2/2022	Nov 18-Dec 31			
A24	Monterey Archery Either-Sex	24%	100	•	Oct 14-Nov 12	N/A		
A25	Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex	6%	35	•	Oct 7 -Oct 30	N/A		
A26	Bass Hill Archery Buck	62%	30	•	Nov 18-Dec 10	N/A		
A27	Devil's Garden Archery Buck	11%	10	•	Oct 28-Nov 12	N/A		
A30	Covelo Archery Buck	42%	40	•	Nov 11-Nov 26	N/A		
A31	Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex	10%	1,000	•	Sep 23-Dec 31	N/A		
A33	Fort Hunter Liggett Late Season Archery Either-Sex	35%	50	•	Oct 7-Nov 11	N/A		

A19 Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

A20 Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

A21 Good public access on national forest lands (559) 243-4005.

A24 Fair access on public land; steep terrain; possible fire closures on National Forest lands (831) 649-2870.

A25 Sat-Sun-Mon only; rugged terrain, oak/grassland and chaparral habitat with good deer numbers (707) 944-5500.

A26 Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

A27 Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

A30 Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, and Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493, CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

A31 Good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.

A33 A hunting permit is required to access military base. Hunting access is available on weekends and federal holidays only. Hunt is subject to season or cancellation changes by Commanding Officer (831) 386-2954.

RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS Restricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request to hunters applying on a First Deer Tag. Hunters may apply for a restricted deer hunt tag as their Second Deer Tag if they do not have a pending first deer tag drawing application or do not have a premium or restricted deer tag issued as their First Deer Tag. Hunters who have a premium or restricted First Deer Tag will have to wait until August 2, 2023 at 8 a.m. to apply for a restricted deer hunt tag as their Second Deer Tag. The restricted deer hunt tag will be available at CDFW license agents, online and telephone sales until tag quotas fill.

AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS

A32 Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex 9% 250	7/15/2022	Nov 11-Dec 3	N/A

A32 Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information (626) 574-5200. **UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request until tag guotas fill. You may use your First

UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request until tag quotas fill. You may use your First Deer Tag and/or Second Deer Tag to apply for unrestricted deer hunt tags.

ARE	AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS							
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates		
AO	AC Archery-Only 11% 100,000 X Valid during the archery and general seasons in the A, B, and D Zones, and Hunt G-10 (Archery Methods Only); NOT valid during and C or X Zone season or hunt.							
AO Arch	AO Archery only (AO) Tags are valid for archery equipment during the archery general season in zones A, B, any D zone, hunt G10 (military personnel only).							

GEN	GENERAL ZONES									
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Estimated Hunter Success	2023 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2023 Archery Season Dates	2023 General Season Dates				
А	A Zone - Archery and General - Buck	31%	65,000	×	Jul 8-Jul 30	Aug 12-Sep 24				
	B1 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 22				
	B2 Zone - Archery and General - Buck		Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 22						
в	B3 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	20%	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	8/18/2022	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 22	
D	B4 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	20%					33,000	55,000	,000 8/18/2022	Jul 22-Aug 13
	B5 Zone - Archery and General - Buck						Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 22		
	B6 Zone - Archery and General - Buck				Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 15				
D3-5	D3-5 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	12%	33,000	9/17/2022	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 23-Oct 29				
D7	D7 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	10%	9,000	8/16/2022	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 16-Oct 29				
D8	D8 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	10%	8,000	×	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 23-Oct 22				
D10	D10 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	25%	700	9/23/2022	Aug 19-Sep 10	Sep 23-Oct 22				
D11	D11 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	9%	5,500	×	Sep 2-Sep 24	Oct 14-Nov 12				
D13	D13 Zone - Archery and General - Buck	10%	4,000	×	Sep 2-Sep 24	Oct 14-Nov 12				
D15	D15 Zone - Archery and General Seasons - Buck	8%	1,500	×	Sep 2-Sep 24	Oct 14-Nov 12				
D19	D19 Zone - Archery and General Seasons - Buck	9%	1,500	9/1/2022	Sep 2-Sep24	Oct 7-Nov 5				

A Mostly private land. Public access on BLM and National Forest lands. For specific information regarding these areas contact the local BLM field office or National Forest at: Ukiah BLM (707) 468-4000, Hollister BLM (831) 630-5000, or Bakersfield BLM, (661) 391-6000; Mendocino NF in Willows (530) 934-3316, or Los Padres NF in Goleta (805) 968-6640. For additional information contact the nearest Department Regional office.

B Zone B Tag is valid in Zones B1 - B6

B1 Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

B2 Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 934- 3316, Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Six Rivers National Forest (707)442-1721, and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

B3 Good public access to Mendocino National Forest lands in western part of hunt area (530) 934-3316 CDFW Rancho Cordova office (916) 358-2900.

B4 Largely private, limited public access on King Range Conservation area, administered by Arcata Field Office BLM (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

B5 In the western portion of the zone, public access is good on Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316 and Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

B6 Public access good in Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131. Foothills of Scott and Shasta valleys are largely private. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

D3-5 Tag is valid in Zones **D3**, **D4** and **D5**. Good public access on National Forest lands, mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. **D7** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

D8 Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

D10 No public land available; hunting normally restricted to landowners and permittees (559) 243-4005.

D11 Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200; for closure information (858) 467-4201.

D13 Tag good for **D11**, **D13** and **D15**, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands; portion of zone on private lands (858) 467-4201.

D15 Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands (858) 467-4201.

D19 Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (909) 484-0167.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): What you need to know

WHAT IS CWD?

CWD is a fatal neurological disease of

cervids (i.e., deer, elk, moose and reindeer).



HOW DOES IT SPREAD?



CWD spreads to cervids through contact with infected animals, tissues and environments.

HOW CAN WE HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CWD?

Testing deer samples helps us know if CWD is present and allows us to better respond and manage the disease.

WHICH U.S. STATES HAVE DETECTED CWD?



States with detected cases of CWD



Hunters can bring their harvested deer or elk to a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) sampling station or regional office to be sampled for CWD. Alternatively, the head can be brought to a meat processor or taxidermist participating in CDFW's CWD Sampling Program. CDFW will collect paired lymph nodes, dime to quarter-sized tissues, located behind the jaw along the spine.



OUT-OF-STATE HUNTING & HARVEST IMPORT



The California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk (cervid) into California. Only some parts of a harvested deer or elk can be imported, and no portions of the brain or spinal cord may be imported. Visit <u>wildlife.ca.gov/CWD</u> to learn more.

For more information on keeping California's deer and elk herds safe and free from CWD, please visit CDFW's CWD web page: wildlife.ca.gov/CWD.





ELK, PRONGHORN & BIGHORN SHEEP

ELK, PRONGHORN & BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING INFORMATION

For the 2023 Big Game Drawing, 21 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. To look up your total preference points log on to your customer profile at <u>www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/ InternetSales</u> and click on 'View My Draw Application/ Preference Points' at the top of the page.

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted. All applicants must submit the \$8.13 nonrefundable processing fee for their application.

ELK AND PRONGHORN TAG APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must be 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2023, and possess a valid 2023-24 California hunting license. Only one nonresident may be drawn for an elk or pronghorn tag annually.

APPRENTICE ELK & PRONGHORN HUNTS

Applicants must possess a valid 2023-24 California Junior Hunting License. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied when hunting, by a licensed adult chaperone at least 18 years of age.

BIGHORN SHEEP TAG APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2023, and possess a valid 2023-24 California hunting license and must not have drawn a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year.

Not more than 10 percent of the bighorn sheep tags shall be awarded to non-residents each year.

Applicants cannot apply as a party for a bighorn sheep tag.

MANDATORY BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT ORIENTATION

Successfully drawn applicants and recipients of fundraising tags must complete the hunter orientation requirement.

APPLYING AS A PARTY

Up to two residents may apply as a party. Nonresidents cannot apply as a party for elk or pronghorn tags. See page 15 for instructions on applying as a party.

If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

Bighorn sheep applicants may not apply as a party.

CHECK YOUR BIG GAME DRAWING RECEIPT CAREFULLY!

All applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt containing the applicants name, hunt choice, accumulated preference points and a Party Number. Applicants should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information. License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four-hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at LRB@wildlife.ca.gov to make any corrections.

DRAWING RESULTS

Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 16, 2023 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/ InternetSales and click on 'View My Draw Application/ Preference Points' at the top of the page. On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

Successful elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 3, 2023. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

TAG FEES & PAYMENT DEADLINE

Fee payments from successful applicants for elk and pronghorn tags must be received by the designated CDFW license sales office or purchased online by 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023. Fee payments for bighorn sheep tags must be received by CDFW's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023. Should there be unclaimed tags for any hunt after that date, the alternate list for that hunt shall be used. Tags will be awarded on an individual basis in the order drawn.

TAG RETURN FOR AREAS IMPACTED BY PUBLIC LAND CLOSURES CAUSED BY WILDFIRES

On April 18, 2022, regulations went into effect allowing eligible tag holders whose seasons were cut short or eliminated due to public land closures caused by wildfires to return unfilled deer, elk, pronghorn antelope, and bighorn sheep tags for reinstatement of their preference points and/or refunds.

A tag holder whose hunt zone was inaccessible for sixty-six percent (66%) or more of the hunt season 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 postmarked on or prior to February 28 of the current license year for which the tag is valid. Requests postmarked after this date shall not be considered. For more information, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#580623472-post-season-tag-returns.

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Elk Tag Fee:	Pronghorn Tag Fee:	Bighorn Sheep Tag Fee:
Resident - \$554.80	Resident - \$186.84	Resident - \$532.75
Nonresident - \$1,700.35	Nonresident - \$571.60	Nonresident - \$1,977.05
Resident Junior - \$25.41	Resident Junior - \$25.41	

DEFINITIONS

Antlerless Elk: Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull. CCR T14-364(I)(3).

Bull Elk: Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull. CCR T14-364(I)(1). **Either-Sex Elk:** Bull elk, spike elk, or antlerless elk. CCR T14-364(I)(4).

Spike Bull Elk: A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base. CCR T14-364(I)(2).

Buck Pronghorn: Pronghorn with horns longer than the ears. CCR T14-363(l)(2).

Doe Pronghorn: Pronghorn with horns shorter than the ears. CCRT14-363(I)(2).

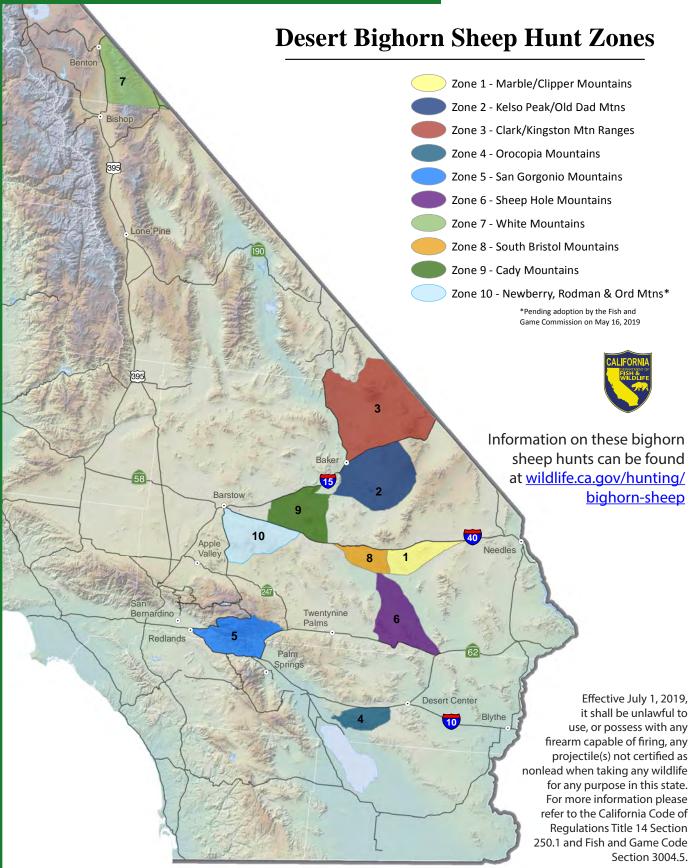
Either-Sex Pronghorn: Buck or doe pronghorn. CCR T14-363(l)(2).

PRONGHORN Information on these pronghorn hunts can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/pronghorn Siskiyou 2 Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with 3 any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as 6 nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations 5 Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5. Shasta 4 **Pronghorn Hunt Zones** 1 Mount Dome Lassen Δ Clear Lake **Big Valley** 6 Likely Tables Surprise Valley Closed To Pronghorn Hunting Plumas Lassen Apprentice, Surprise Valley Apprentice, Big Valley Apprentice, and Likely **Tables Apprentice**

ELK Information on these elk hunts can be found at wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/elk Modified boundaries and new hunt zones pending final adoption by the CA Fish and Game Commission on April 19, 2023. 3 **Elk Hunt Zones** Northern Region **Bay Delta Region** Northwestern 10 Grizzly Island Marble Mountains 2 11 Alameda Siskiyou 12 Santa Clara 3 Northeastern **Central Region** Mendocino 13 San Luis Reservoir North Central Region 14 Gabilan* 6 Lake Pillsbury 15 Central Coast* East Park Reservoir 16 Fort Hunter Liggett 9^ Bear Valley[^] 17 La Panza[^] 10 Cache Creek^ 18 Tehachapi* Inland Deserts Region ^ Modified Boundary **Owens Valley Hunts** 11 * New Hunt Zone 19 Bishop 12 20 Tinemaha Mountain 19-21 West Tinemaha 20 13 21 22 Tinemaha 23 Independence 14* 24 Goodale 25 Whitney 16 26 Lone Pine 17^ 18* Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

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DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP



2022 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*		
499	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - ELK	0	0	0	11,014	455		
ΑΡ	APPRENTICE HUNTS							
484	CACHE CREEK APPRENTICE - BULL	1	0	1	216	0		
471	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT APPRENTICE - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	69	0		
472	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT APPRENTICE - BULL	1	0	1	325	0		
466	GRIZZLY ISLAND APPRENTICE - PERIOD 1 - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	171	0		
469	GRIZZLY ISLAND APPRENTICE - PERIOD 2 - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	172	0		
464	LA PANZA APPRENTICE PERIOD 1 - SPIKE BULL	1	0	1	35	0		
408	MARBLE MOUNTAINS APPRENTICE - EITHER-SEX	4	3	1	259	0		
409	NORTHEASTERN APPRENTICE - EITHER-SEX	2	1	1	327	0		
A N	TLERLESS HUNTS		·		1			
329	BEAR VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	80	0		
416	CACHE CREEK PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	193	0		
463	EAST PARK RESERVOIR - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	134	0		
450	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT - ARCHERY - ANTLERLESS	8	6	2	137	0		
448	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	6	5	1	372	2		
365	GOODALE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	83	0		
366	GOODALE PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	71	0		
433	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	500	3		
358	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 9 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	323	0		
360	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 11 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	241	0		
363	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 13 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	339	1		
368	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	171	0		
370	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	113	1		
417	LA PANZA PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	5	4	1	160	0		
418	LA PANZA PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	6	5	1	220	1		
331	LAKE PILLSBURY - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	279	1		
337	LONE PINE PERIOD 1 - ARCHERY - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	92	0		
301	MARBLE MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	8	6	2	210	0		
304	NORTHEASTERN - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	10	8	2	435	6		
374	NORTHWESTERN - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	15	12	3	256	0		
401	SISKIYOU - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	20	15	5	433	0		
324	WHITNEY PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	129	0		

2022 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*
ΒU	LL HUNTS		1			
330	BEAR VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	386	16
406	CACHE CREEK PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	1,019	29
461	EAST PARK RESERVOIR - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	963	105
447	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 3 -GENERAL METHODS - BULL	8	6	2	1,792	98
373	GOODALE PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	373	18
359	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 10 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	3	2	1	3,050	351
362	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 12 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	3	2	1	1,294	134
367	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 1 - MUZZLELOADER - BULL	1	0	1	261	16
369	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	553	22
371	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	327	11
419	LA PANZA PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	6	5	1	859	62
420	LA PANZA PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	6	5	1	658	25
332	LAKE PILLSBURY - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	1,011	59
486	LONE PINE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	798	51
302	MARBLE MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	34	26	8	2,424	25
328	MENDOCINO - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	429	10
305	NORTHEASTERN - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	15	12	3	4,147	363
355	NORTHWESTERN - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	3	2	1	911	95
422	OWENS VALLEY MULTIPLE ZONE - ARCHERY - BULL	3	2	1	901	95
300	SISKIYOU - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	20	15	5	1,083	16
315	WEST TINEMAHA PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	324	17
323	WHITNEY PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	224	11
EIT	HER-SEX HUNTS					
449	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT - ARCHERY - EITHER-SEX	6	5	1	736	24
303	MARBLE MOUNTAINS - MUZZLELOADER / ARCHERY - EITHER-SEX	10	8	2	464	1
411	NORTHEASTERN - ARCHERY - EITHER-SEX	10	8	2	697	18
483	NORTHWESTERN - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER-SEX	3	2	1	645	15
497	SAN LUIS RESERVOIR - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER-SEX	5	4	1	1,146	26
S P	IKE BULL HUNTS					
437	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	241	4
357	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 8 - GENERAL METHODS - SPIKE BULL	6	5	1	336	1

*In the 2022 Big Game Drawing, the maximum preference points a hunter could have was 20. The maximum preference points a hunter could have and be eligible for an Apprentice Hunt was three (3).

2023 ELK HUNTS

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY						
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates		
Preference Point Only - Elk	499	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2023				

APPRENTICE HUNTS - Applicants must be under 16 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (CCR T14-708.11(b)(2)).

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Cache Creek Period 1 bull (Apprentice, Tule)	484	100	1	Oct 14-29
Fort Hunter Liggett bull (Apprentice, Tule)	472	100	1	Dec 19-31
Fort Hunter Liggett antlerless (Apprentice, Tule)	471	100	1	Dec 19-31
Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice, Tule)	466	100	2	Aug 15-18
Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull (Apprentice, Tule)	469	100	2	Aug 17-20
La Panza Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice, Tule)	464	0	1	Oct 14-Nov 5
Marble Mountains either-sex (Apprentice, Roosevelt)	408	100	4	Sep 6-17
Northeastern either-sex (Apprentice, Rocky Mountain)	409	50	2	Sep 13-24
408 See Roosevelt hunt 301 and 302 for comments.466 and 469 See Tule hunts 433 and 437 for comments.409 See Rocky Mountain hunt 304 and 305 for comments.484 See Tule hunt 406 for comments.464 See Tule hunt 417 and 419 for comments.472 and 471 See Tule hunt 449 for comments.				

ARCHERY				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only antlerless (Tule)	450	57	8	Nov 4-12
Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only either-sex (Tule)	449	83	6	Jul 29-Aug 6
Lone Pine Period 1 Archery only antlerless (Tule)	337	0	1	Sep 9-24
Northeastern Archery only either-sex (Rocky Mountain)	411	11	10	Aug 30-Sep 10
Owens Valley Multiple Zone Archery only bull (Tule)	422	100	3	Aug 12-20 Oct 7-Oct 15

411 See Rocky Mountain hunt **304** and **305** for comments. Archery season typically not during the rut. (530) 598-6011. **337** See Tule hunt **486** for comments.

422 Tag is valid in Bishop, Independence, Goodale, and Lone Pine. See Tule hunts for zone-specific dates. Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

449 and **450** Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the installation. All hunters must pass a National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index background check prior to being allowed to purchase an installation hunting pass. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2954.

MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Marble Mountains Muzzleloader/Archery either-sex (Roosevelt)	303	30	10	Oct 28-Nov 5
303 See Boosevelt hunt 301 and 302 for comments				

303 See Roosevelt hunt 301 and 302 for comments

MUZZLELOADER

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Independence Period 1 Muzzleloader bull (Tule)	367	100	1	Sep 9-24

367 See Tule hunt 368 and 369 for comments

GENERAL METHODS - ROOSEVELT

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Marble Mountains antlerless	301	40	8	Sep 6-17
Marble Mountains bull	302	80	34	Sep 6-17
Northwestern antlerless	374	100	15	Sep 6-28
Northwestern bull	355	100	25	Sep 6-28
Northwestern either-sex	483	100	3	Sep 6-28
Siskiyou antlerless	401	75	30	Sep 6-17
Siskiyou bull	300	56	20	Oct 11-22

401 and **300** Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make access arrangements before applying. Deer and elk season partially overlap. Elk may be Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain hybrids. (530) 598-6011.

301 and **302** Opportunity on public land; limited opportunity on private land with restricted access. Substantial access fees likely on private land. Hunters seeking private land opportunities are recommended to make access arrangements before applying. Difficult terrain requiring hiking and elevation gain. Deer and elk season partially overlap. (530) 598-6011 and (530) 515-1382. High daytime temperatures to be expected, pack animals recommended. Difficult hunt. Elk may be Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain hybrids.

374, **355**, and **483** Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. (707) 498-1908 and (707) 502-4078.



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GENERAL METHODS - ROOSEVELT/TULE				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Mendocino bull	328	100	2	Sep 20-Oct 1

328 Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who provide access. Hunters seeking opportunities on private land are recommended to make access arrangements before applying. (707) 445-5363.

GENERAL METHODS - ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Northeastern antlerless	304	30	10	Nov 13-24
Northeastern bull	305	67	15	Sep 13-24
NEW Tehachapi antlerless*	379	-	10	Sep 2-Oct 1
NEW Tehachapi bull*	380	-	5	Sep 2-Oct 1

304 and 305 Opportunity for elk on public land and some private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. Horse management activities may overlap with elk season; contact USFS for more information on horse management activities at (530) 233-5811. For local hunt information call (530) 598-6011 *379 and 380 are new proposed hunts beginning in the 2023 hunt season. These hunts are pending final adoption by the Fish and Game Commission on April 19, 2023. Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees.



SHARE PROGRAM HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES **ELK OPPORTUNITIES OTHER SHARE HUNTS**

SHARE elk hunts will be offered in Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties for a total of:

- 47 bull tags •
- 41 antierless tags
- 1 junior only either-sex tag ۲
- 4 junior only antlerless tags

Property and application information will be posted on the SHARE webpage on May 12, 2023. Preference points will not be utilized (gained or lost) for SHARE elk hunts.

- Colusa and Solano counties wild pig
- Santa Barbara County deer (D13 and A zone), bear, wild pig, turkey, dove, and quail
- Siskiyou County - B6 deer hunt
- Merced County waterfowl, dove, pheasant
- Tulare County bear, turkey, dove, quail

For more information about these hunts or the SHARE Program, please visit the website at: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE

GENERAL METHODS - TULE				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Alameda bull	333	-	0	-
Bear Valley antlerless	329	0	1	Oct 14-22
Bear Valley bull	330	100	2	Oct 14-22
Cache Creek Period 1 bull	406	100	2	Oct 14-29
Cache Creek Period 2 antlerless	416	50	2	Oct 21-Nov 5
NEW Central Coast antlerless*	375	-	10	Oct 7-Dec 5
NEW Central Coast bull*	376	-	10	Oct 7-Dec 5
East Park Reservoir antlerless	463	0	2	Sep 2-28
East Park Reservoir bull	461	100	2	Sep 2-28
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 2 antlerless	448	83	6	Nov 22-30
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 bull	447	100	8	Dec 19-31
NEW Gabilan antlerless*	377	-	6	Nov 11-Dec 3
NEW Gabilan bull*	378	-	4	Nov 11-Dec 3

406 and **416** Elk on public and private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. (916) 240-6350. **461** and **463** Colusa County Ordinance prohibits firearms (including archery equipment) on East Park Reservoir (Bureau of Reclamation, BOR) property. A variance allows the use of muzzleloaders (as defined in CCR T14-353). East Park Reservoir (BOR) property will be open to bull hunting Sep 13-16; and antlerless hunting Sep 20-23 and Sep 27-30. Other restrictions apply. Mandatory orientation prior to hunt day. (916) 240-6350.

315, 323, 324, 365, 366, 368, 369, 370, 371, 373, and 486 Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

*375, 376, 377, and 378 are new proposed hunts beginning in the 2023 hunt season. These hunts are pending final adoption by the Fish and Game Commission on April 19, 2023. Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees.

375 and 376 Access to Camp Roberts National Guard Post may be available pending authorization. A National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index background check and purchase of an installation hunting pass may be required prior to authorization, and a mandatory hunter orientation may be required prior to each hunt. (805) 238-8156



GENERAL METHODS - TULE, Continued				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Goodale Period 1 bull	373	**	1	Sep 9-24
Goodale Period 2 antlerless	365	100	1	Oct 7-15
Goodale Period 3 antlerless	366	100	1	Oct 21-29
Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless	433	100	2	Aug 15-18
Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull	437	100	2	Aug 17-20
Grizzly Island Period 8 spike bull	357	100	6	Sep 7 -10
Grizzly Island Period 9 antlerless	358	100	4	Sep 12-15
Grizzly Island Period 10 bull	359	100	3	Sep 14-17
Grizzly Island Period 11 antlerless	360	100	4	Sep 19-22
Grizzly Island Period 12 bull	362	100	3	Sep 21-24
Grizzly Island Period 13 antlerless	363	100	4	Sep 26-29
Independence Period 2 antlerless	368	0	1	Oct 7-15
Independence Period 2 bull	369	100	1	Oct 7-15
Independence Period 3 antlerless	370	100	1	Oct 21-29
Independence Period 3 bull	371	100	1	Oct 21-29
La Panza Period 1 antlerless	417	100	5	Oct 14-Nov 5
La Panza Period 1 bull	419	100	6	Oct 14-Nov 5
La Panza Period 2 antlerless	418	100	6	Nov 11-Dec 3
La Panza Period 2 bull	420	50	6	Nov 11-Dec 3
Lake Pillsbury Period 1 antlerless	331	100	4	Sep 6-15
Lake Pillsbury Period 2 bull	332	100	2	Sep 25-Oct 4
Lone Pine Period 2 bull	486	100	1	Oct 7-15
San Luis Reservoir either-sex	497	100	5	Oct 7-29
Santa Clara bull	334	-	0	-
West Tinemaha Period 1 bull	315	100	1	Sep 9-24
Whitney Period 2 bull	323	100	1	Oct 7-15
Whitney Period 3 antlerless	324	100	1	Oct 21-29

497 Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. State Park property not open to hunting. Public land method restricted to archery. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Low probability of hunter success (209) 668-3170.

360, **363**, **353**, **433**, **437**, **357**, **358**, **359**, **360**, **362**, and **363** Hunt CDFW land only. Hunters strongly encouraged to bring one nonhunting companion for assistance. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. (707) 425-3828.

329 and **330** Elk almost entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. (916) 240-6350.

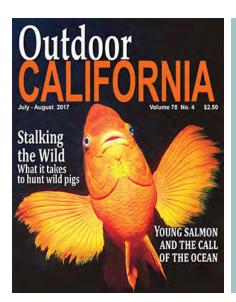
447 and **448** Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the installation. All hunters must pass a National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index background check prior to being allowed to purchase an installation hunting pass. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2954.

417, 418, 419, and 420 Elk on public and private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Access restrictions on CDFW properties. Low probability of hunter success. Off road travel is prohibited on Carrizo Plain National Monument.
Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. Public land access limitations apply to CDFW wildlife areas. (805) 594-6152 and (559) 243-4005.
331 and 332 Good access to public land. (916) 240-6350.

** 2022 take was not reported by time of publication.

2022 PRONGHORN TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*
799	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - PRONGHORN	0	0	0	10,640	289
ΑP	PRENTICE HUNTS		<u>`</u>			
734	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER-SEX	5	4	1	344	0
790	ZONE 4 - LASSEN APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER-SEX	5	4	1	532	0
780	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER- SEX	1	0	1	113	0
766	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER-SEX	4	3	1	205	0
ΒU	CK HUNTS					
710	ZONE 1 - MOUNT DOME - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	2	1	1	437	2
720	ZONE 2 - CLEAR LAKE - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	15	12	3	1,400	8
728	ZONE 2 - CLEAR LAKE - ARCHERY - BUCK	1	0	1	137	0
730	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	25	19	6	2,904	14
732	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	25	19	6	2,069	8
738	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES - ARCHERY - BUCK	15	12	3	399	0
740	ZONE 4 - LASSEN PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	35	27	8	4.994	105
742	ZONE 4 - LASSEN PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	35	27	8	3,754	36
745	ZONE 4 - LASSEN - ARCHERY - BUCK	5	4	1	492	2
750	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	20	15	5	1,210	1
755	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY - ARCHERY - BUCK	1	0	1	99	0
760	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	10	8	2	1,397	31
765	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY - ARCHERY - BUCK	1	0	1	95	0
	*In the 2022 Big Game Drawing, the maximum preference points a hunter could have was 20. The maximum preference points a hunter could have and be eligible for an Apprentice Hunt was three (3).					



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2023 PRONGHORN HUNTS

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates
Preference Point Only - Pronghorn	799			a point only. Applications hidnight on June 2, 2023.

APPRENTICE HUNTS - Applicants must be under 16 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (CCR T14-708.11(b)(2)).

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates	
Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 1 Either-Sex	734	80	5	Aug 19-27	
Zone 4 Lassen Period 1 Either-Sex	790	100	5	Aug 19-27	
Zone 5 Big Valley Either-Sex	780	0	1	Aug 19-27	
Zone 6 Surprise Valley Either-Sex	766 75 4 Aug 19-27				
734 See General Methods hunt 730 for comments 766 See General Methods hunt 760 for comments	780 See General Methods hunt 750 for comments To hunt Ash Creek Wildlife Area call (530) 294-5824. To hunt the				

Methods hunt **760** for comments 790 See General Methods hunt 740 for comments wildlife area, a mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day is required. See hunt 750 for comments.

ARCHERY

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates	
Zone 2 Clear Lake Archery Buck	728	0	1	Aug 5-13	
Zone 3 Likely Tables Archery Buck	738	13	15	Aug 5-13	
Zone 4 Lassen Archery Buck	745	75	5	Aug 5-13	
Zone 5 Big Valley Archery Buck	755	**	1	Aug 5-13	
Zone 6 Surprise Valley Archery Buck	765 0 1 Aug 5-13				
728 See General Methods hunt 720 for comments 738 See General Methods hunts 730 and 732 for comments	755 See General Methods hunt 750 for comments 765 See General Methods hunt 760 for comments				

ds hunts **730** and **732** for 745 See General Methods hunts 740 and 742 for comments

** 2022 take was not reported by time of publication.



GENERAL METHODS HUNTS						
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates		
Zone 1 Mount Dome General Buck	710	100	2	Aug 19-27		
Zone 2 Clear Lake General Buck	720	85	15	Aug 19-27		
Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 1 General Buck	730	71	25	Aug 19-27		
Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 2 General Buck	732	38	25	Sep 2-10		
Zone 4 Lassen Period 1 General Buck	740	93	35	Aug 19-27		
Zone 4 Lassen Period 2 General Buck	742	81	35	Sep 2-10		
Zone 5 Big Valley General Buck	750	63	20	Aug 19-27		
Zone 6 Surprise Valley General Buck	760	88	10	Aug 19-27		

710 Pronghorn on public (Klamath NF (530) 863-3092; Shasta Trinity NF (530) 226-2500; & BLM (530) 224-2100) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 340-5977.

720 Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. Tag holders may submit an application for hunting access to Peninsula "U" portion of Clear Lake NWR. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

730 and **732** Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530 233-5811; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581. Horse management activities may overlap with pronghorn season. Contact USFS for more info. (530) 233-3581 **740** and **742** Pronghorn on public (Lassen NF (530) 257-2151; BLM (530) 257-0456) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 340-6808.

750 Pronghorn on Public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; Lassen NF (530) 257-2151; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

760 Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 224-2100) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.



2022 BIGHORN SHEEP TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
599	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - BIGHORN SHEEP	0	0	0	7,159	223
501	ZONE 1 - MARBLE/CLIPPER MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	5	4	1	2,739	294
502	ZONE 2 - OLD DAD AND KELSO PEAK MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	1	0	1	1,119	85
503	ZONE 3 - CLARK AND KINGSTON MOUNTAIN RANGES - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	4	3	1	1,308	191
504	ZONE 4 - OROCOPIA MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	1	0	1	1,262	43
507	ZONE 7 - WHITE MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	6	5	1	2,831	133
508	ZONE 8 - SOUTH BRISTOL MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	2	1	1	1,064	68
509	ZONE 9 - CADY MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHODS - RAM	2	1	1	873	65
510	ZONE 10 - NEWBERRY, RODMAN, AND ORD MOUNTAINS	6	5	1	1,938	403

2023 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2022 Hunter Success (%)	2023 Tag Quota	2023 Hunt Dates		
599	Preference Point Only - Sheep	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only. Applications must b submitted before midnight on June 2, 2023.				
501	Zone 1 Marble/Clipper Mountains	100	1*	Dec 2-Feb 4		
502	Zone 2 Old Dad/Kelso Peak Mountains	0	1	Dec 2-Feb 4		
503	Zone 3 Clark and Kingston Mountain Ranges	100	4	Dec 2-Feb 4		
504	Zone 4 Orocopia Mountains	100	1	Dec 2-Feb 4		
505	Zone 5 San Gorgonio Mountains	- 0 -				
506	Zone 6 Sheep Hole Mountains	-	0	-		
507	Zone 7 White Mountains	50	б	Aug 19-Sep 24		
508	Zone 8 South Bristol Mountains	100	2	Dec 2-Feb 4		
509	Zone 9 Cady Mountains	100	2	Dec 2-Feb 4		
510	Zone 10 Newberry, Rodman and Ord Mountains	100	б	Dec 2-Feb 4		

501, 502, 503, 504 Steep and rugged terrain, vehicle access is limited and restricted to designated routes.505 Steep and rugged terrain, vehicle access is limited and restricted to designated routes. Travel by horseback

recommended. Access fees may be required on private land.

506 Steep and rugged terrain, vehicle access is limited and restricted to designated routes.

507 Extremely steep and rugged terrain, navigating this unit is immensely physically strenuous as most desert bighorn sheep herds occur between 10,000 – 14,000 ft. Extreme safety and caution when preparing for and hunting in this unit is advised. For questions call (760) 895-0114.

508, 509 and 510 Steep and rugged terrain, vehicle access is limited and restricted to designated routes.

*This tag quota is pending final adoption by the Fish and Game Commission on April 19, 2023.



Advanced Hunting Clinics

CDFW's Advanced Hunting Clinics include sessions on how to hunt turkey, upland game, waterfowl, and big game. Topics covered in each clinic include type of firearm, ammunition, importance of sighting in the firearm, gauging distance, scouting, tracking, field dressing, shoot-don't shoot scenarios, hunter ethics, landowner-hunter relationships, conservation, and safety.

To register for in-person events, visit <u>https://www.register-ed.com/programs/california/162-advanced-hunter-education</u>.

To view previously recorded webinars, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced

D5 Zone: Mother Lode Deer Herd

- Largely private lands on the western foothill slopes of the Sierra Nevada.
- Occupy the same home range year-round –no migration

Home range approx. ½ mile

• Behavior greatly affected by human activity

• Threats: habituation, vehicles, domestic dogs, predation



WILD PIG HUNTING

TOP 15 COUNTIES FOR WILD PIG HUNTING

COUNTY	3-year average reported take
Monterey	975
San Luis Obispo	540
Kern	386
San Benito	215
Mendocino	184
Santa Clara	173
Tehama	171
Merced	131
Fresno	115
Sonoma	100
Glenn	85
Colusa	81
Santa Barbara	77
Tulare	72
Alameda	67

WILD PIG TAGS

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a valid annual or two-day California hunting license may purchase wild pig hunting tags. There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase; however, tag fees are nonrefundable, and tags cannot be transferred from one person to another. For tagging requirements, see page 20.

COMING IN 2024: WILD PIG VALIDATION

Beginning July 1, 2024, CDFW will no longer require tags to take wild pigs and instead will provide a pig validation which will allow hunters to take any number of wild pigs. The fee for this validation will be \$27.00.

WILD PIG HUNTING SEASON

Wild pig tags are valid throughout the hunting year, commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 the following year. There is no daily bag or possession limit for wild pig. For more information on pig hunting and regulations, please go to CDFW's website at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig.

LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

Generally, wild pigs may only be taken using archery equipment, rifles, .40 caliber or greater muzzleloaders, shotguns and pistols, or revolvers. Knives and spears are not legal methods of take for wild pigs in California. Please see the California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers (CCR T14-353) for detailed information.



WILD PIG HUNTING

WILD PIG HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve

CDFW provides limited-permit apprentice pig hunting opportunities at Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve near Gilroy. The hunts are conducted in coordination with volunteers from the California Deer Association (CDA) who operate the program.

Hunts are scheduled in the spring and fall, and applicants may only apply online by visiting <u>wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Hunts/</u> <u>CDLO</u>. Due to the high demand, hunters who are unable to attend the hunt for which they are drawn must notify our office within 5 days of being notified that they were successfully drawn. Please only apply for hunt dates you can attend.

Successful applicants will be assigned a volunteer from the CDA who will act as their guide for the duration of the hunt. Cañada de los Osos falls within the Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Area and non-lead ammunition is required for all big game hunts.

MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about these hunts and others may be obtained by visiting CDFW's special pig hunts webpage <u>wildlife</u>. <u>ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig#194443-hunts</u>. The CDFW continues to work with resource conservation partners to provide these special pig hunts. Additional special opportunities will be announced on this webpage as they become available.



BEAR HUNTING

BEAR TAGS

To hunt bear in California, all residents and nonresidents must be age 12 or older and have both a valid hunting license and a bear tag. Bear tags can be purchased from any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online, or by telephone sales. Hunters may purchase only one bear tag per hunting license year.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

No person may possess more than one bear per hunting license year.

BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Archery bear season in all bear zones opens August 19, 2023, and runs through September 10, 2023.

The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 and extends through December 31, 2023. In the remaining deer X zones, the season opens October 14, 2023, and extends through December 31, 2023. CDFW shall close the season earlier if 1,700 bears have been reported taken. For daily updates on reported bear harvest, visit our website: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/ Bear or call toll-free (888) 277-6398.

SUMMARY OF BEAR REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to take a cub or a sow accompanied by one or more cubs.

It is unlawful to feed or bait bears for the purpose of hunting them. It is unlawful to hunt bear over bait, or within a 400-yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.

Only CDFW employees may validate bear tags. Bear tags must be validated before the bear can be transported except for the purpose of taking it directly to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag. If Department offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one (1) business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

Every licensed bear hunter who takes a bear must immediately return the validated report card portion of the bear tag. The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting.

Any bear hunter who utilizes the services of a guide must verify that the guide has a valid guide's license and must write the guide's license number on the bear tag in the space provided. Every licensed bear hunter who is unsuccessful in taking bear must return the report card portion of the bear tag by February 1 *of the current license year.* The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at <u>wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting</u>.

It is illegal to sell parts of any bear in California, including portions of legally-taken bears imported from other states. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull, which becomes the property of CDFW.

MANDATORY PRESENTATION OF BEAR SKULL

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a CDFW office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become the property of CDFW. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned (CCR T14-367.5). Please see appointment section and office phone numbers on the next page.

IMPORTANT! Place a stick or other object in the bear's jaws so that the mouth remains open. Do not present frozen skulls to have the premolar tooth removed. Premolars break easily when the skull is frozen.

Whether or not you are successful, all bear tags must be returned to the CDFW no later than February 1, 2024. If you fail to return your 2023 bear tag, even if you did not kill a bear, you will be in violation of (CCR T14-708.12(d)).

Please call ahead before bringing your bear skull to a CDFW office.

BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION

If you kill a bear, you must have the tag countersigned (validated) by a CDFW employee. Bear tags must be validated prior to transporting the bear, except for the purpose of taking the bear to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag en route to your home from the point where the bear was taken. All CDFW offices will validate bear tags. The report card portion must be returned immediately after tag validation.

CDFW is requiring a premolar tooth be extracted from EVERY bear taken during the hunting season. This will provide wildlife biologists with sufficient information to refine bear management. The premolar tooth will be processed by cutting it in cross section and examining it under a microscope. The bear's age can then be determined by counting annual growth rings, similar to tree rings. Information on age of harvested bears through tooth aging will be posted online at wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear.

BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION APPOINTMENTS

If you cannot locate a CDFW employee, please call one of the offices listed below and they will provide assistance.

All CDFW offices will validate bear tags.

Please call the following locations for an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or a tooth pulled. Please leave your bear skull in your vehicle until you check in for your appointment.

Region 1, Redding	(530) 225-2300
Region 2, Rancho Cordova	(916) 358-2900
Region 3, Fairfield	(707) 428-2002
Region 4, Fresno	
	Ext.132 or Ext.133
Region 5, San Diego	(858) 467-4201
Region 6, Ontario	(909) 484-0167
Region 7, Monterey	

Bishop	(760) 872-1171
Crystal Lake Hatchery	(530) 335-4111
Darrah Springs Hatchery	(530) 474-3141
Eureka	(707) 445-6493
Feather River Hatchery	(530) 538-2222
Iron Gate Hatchery	(530) 475-3420
Kern River Hatchery	(760) 376-2846
La Grange	
	Ext. 6
Los Alamitos	(562) 342-7100
Los Banos Wildlife Area	(209) 826-0463
Mad River Fish Hatchery	(707) 822-0592
Mendota Wildlife Area	(559) 655-4645
Merced River Hatchery	(209) 563-6410
Moccasin Hatchery	(209) 989-2312
Mokelumne River Hatchery	
Mt. Shasta Hatchery	(530) 926-2215
Red Bluff Screen Shop	(530) 528-9406
Red Bluff Field Office	(530) 529-7162
Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	(530) 459-3926
Stockton	(209) 234-3420
Trinity River Hatchery	(530) 778-3931
Warm Springs Hatchery	(707) 433-6325
Yreka Screen Shop	(530) 841-2555

DEFINITIONS

Bear cub: A bear less than one year old or weighing less than 50 lbs. CCRT14-365(c).

Bait Related to Bears: Any material capable of attracting a bear. CCR T14-365(e).

Baited Area: Any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed. CCR T14-257.5.

Note: Scents sprayed into the air and allowed to disperse over a wide area in the wind generally do not fall within the definition of bait. Scent products that have to be applied directly to a surface such as a rock, tree or bush generally cause the game to come to that specific place, and if they feed on it, it is bait.

USE OF DOGS FOR PURSUIT/TAKE

Effective January 1, 2013, the use of dogs to pursue/take bears is unlawful for sport-hunting purposes.



Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Q. Why do I need to show identification when purchasing a license?

A. When you purchase a license you are required to provide identification or a previously issued ALDS license. This ensures CDFW will have an accurate record of your license history and help CDFW serve you better in:

- Tracking customer preference points for CDFW's annual Big Game Drawing.
- Purchasing duplicate licenses.
- Wildlife management efforts, such as harvest reporting.

CDFW does not share or sell customers' personal information.

Q. I tried to purchase my hunting license online, but the online sales system says 'Evidence of Hunter Education Required'. I have purchased a hunting license through the ALDS before, so why is it not on file?

A. You have created a second customer profile (another GO ID) that is not connected to your license history and hunter education record. Log out of the online license sales system and find a previously issued ALDS hunting license or drawing receipt and log in again. Enter the last name, GO ID, and date of birth as it is printed on your license document. Once you have logged into the account that has your hunter education, you will be able to purchase a hunting license and enter the drawing. If you are unable to resolve this issue yourself, contact the Department's Internet Sales Help Desk at (916) 928-6882 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for assistance.

IMPORTANT: To be included in the Big Game Drawing, submit your application by midnight on June 2. If it is June 2 and you are unable to resolve this issue, go to a license sales agent. Provide your proof of hunter education and customer information for the license sales agent and apply for the Big Game Drawing there.

Q. What can I hunt for with a 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License?

A. The 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is only valid for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, wild pigs, fur-bearing mammals and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt bighorn sheep, bear, deer, elk, or pronghorn.

Q. Do I still need to have my license in possession when hunting or fishing?

A. Under California law you are required to carry your license, validation, report card, or tag with you when you are hunting or fishing.

Q. What will happen if I do not report my deer tag(s) or report my tag(s) late?

All deer tag holders who do not report their 2023 deer tag(s) by the regulatory deadline of January 31 or report them late will be assessed a non-reporting penalty of \$21.60 when purchasing their 2024 deer tag drawing application or deer tag.

NOTE: Mandatory reporting applies to all deer tags issued. Hunters who are issued two deer tags and report one but not the other will still be assessed the non-reporting penalty.

BIG GAME DRAWING

Q. Why did I get drawn for a premium deer tag when I only wanted to apply for a preference point?

A. To apply for a deer preference point, you must tell the license sales clerk that you want to apply for the code PD (Point Deer). You do not need to indicate a hunt code when applying for a preference point only. Preference points are earned for the species and not a particular zone or hunt.

Q. I want to apply for a deer preference point in the Big Game Drawing, but I was issued my first deer tag at the license agent. Will I still earn a preference point?

A. No. If you were issued a first deer tag at the license agent then you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will need to go back to the license agent and tell the sales clerk to cancel the transaction and re-sell you a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with the code PD (Point Deer). The license agent only has four hours to cancel any sales transaction. If it has been more than four hours, contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at LRB@wildlife.ca.gov.

Q. How can I apply for a deer preference point and get an unrestricted or restricted deer hunt tag?

A. Submit a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with a first choice of PD (Point Deer); and a second choice of an unrestricted or restricted deer tag. If your second choice deer tag is available when the Big Game Drawing is conducted, it will be processed in the second round of the drawing. Please see 'How the Drawing Works' on page 14 for more information on the second choice tags.

Q. How can we apply as a party for drawing tags?

A. There are two ways to apply as a party. Members of a party can apply in the same sales transaction or in separate transactions at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales. See page 15 for details on the party application process.

Q. I am the party leader, where can I find my Party Number to give to members of my hunting party so they can join me?

A. The Party Number is located above your hunt choice(s) on your Drawing Receipt for each species for which you applied. Make sure you give the correct Party Number to the correct party members of each species.

Q. I don't have my party leader's Party Number. Will the license agent be able to join us together?

A. No. You must have the Party Number to join another hunter's party. This is done to ensure that only hunters the party leader allows may join his/her party. CDFW license sales offices and license agents cannot provide you with another hunter's Party Number, only the party leader or members of the party can provide you with their Party Number.

Q. Can a junior hunter apply for a premium deer zone and an Apprentice Hunt on the same application?

A. Yes. Junior hunters who wish to apply for an Apprentice Hunt and a premium deer hunt on the same application must use a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Either the Apprentice Hunt or Premium deer hunt will be your first choice (which ever you want the most) and the other as your second choice. You will be issued a preference point if you are unsuccessful in receiving your first choice and your second choice tag will be processed in the second round of the drawing (if the hunt you chose has not filled by the second round of the drawing). If the junior hunter applies for an Apprentice Hunt on the First-Deer Tag Drawing Application, they cannot submit a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Q. My daughter is a junior hunter. We want to apply together for an X zone tag. Can she apply with me for an X zone tag and still apply for an Apprentice Hunt?

A. Yes. You both can apply as a party for the X zone tag using your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Your daughter can apply for the Apprentice Hunts using her Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Q. Will a junior hunter earn two deer preference points if he/she is unsuccessful for both deer tag applications for a premium deer hunt and an Apprentice Hunt tag?

A. No. Hunters may only earn one preference point per species (CCR T14-708.14(c)). Junior hunters submitting two applications in the drawing will earn one preference point if they are unsuccessful in their first choice tag on both applications. If they are successful in their first choice tag on either application their preference points will be reset to zero.

Q. If a junior hunter applies for a premium deer hunt on a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application and an Apprentice Hunt on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application, how are the tag choices processed in the drawing? Which application has a higher priority?

A. Neither deer tag application has a priority. The computer assigns each deer tag application a unique random number. The preference point value for each application is calculated the same way, the success or non-success of one application does not affect the other application.

Q. How will I know that my tag choices for the drawing were entered correctly?

A. Verify that your tag choices are printed correctly on your Drawing Receipt. You may also verify your tag choices and view all your license items by accessing your customer profile online at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales. Once you are signed in, you will select the 'View My Drawing Applications/Preference Points' link at the top of the page.

Q. When do I lose preference points?

A. You lose all accumulated preference points for a species, as follows:

- Deer You lose all accumulated preference points when you are drawn for a premium tag as your first choice.
- Elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep You lose all accumulated preference points for a species if you are drawn for and pay for the tag.
- You also lose all accumulated preference points for any species if you do not participate in the drawing for that species for five (5) consecutive years.

Q. I did not apply in the Big Game Drawing and it is now past the deadline; will I still be able to earn a preference point for this year?

A. No. You will not earn a preference point for this year and you will not lose your previously accrued preference points. However, a hunter's points are reduced to zero when they have not applied for five (5) consecutive years. A missed application deadline is considered as not applying.

If it is after midnight on June 2, the drawing applications for deer, elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep will not be available in the "Drawings" list to purchase and apply for the drawing.

Q. I cannot hunt this year. How can I earn a preference point for deer, elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep?

A. At a license agent, CDFW license sales office or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458, you will need to purchase a California hunting license and inform the sales clerk you are applying in the Big Game Drawing. You will need to indicate to the sales clerk, which drawing application(s) you want to apply for; such as: deer, elk, pronghorn or bighorn sheep. To earn a preference point for deer the code is PD, elk is 499, pronghorn is 799 and bighorn sheep is 599.

If applying online, select the "2023 Hunting" tab and "add to the cart" a California hunting license and in the "Drawing" menu, "add to the cart" the drawing applications you want to apply for and enter the corresponding preference point code as indicated above.

To earn the preference point(s), the transaction must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2023.

Q. What if my premium deer, elk, pronghorn, or bighorn sheep hunt was impacted by public land closures due to wildfire?

A. Eligible tag holders may return their unfilled premium deer, elk, pronghorn, and/or bighorn sheep tags and appeal for their preference points reinstatement and may also earn a preference point for the species for the affected season. In addition, eligible elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep tag holders may request a refund of their tag fees. For more information, visit wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#9941888-exchanges-returns-preference-points.

Q. How can I check my preference point totals in ALDS?

A. Your preference point totals are printed on your Drawing Receipt(s). The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), and accumulated preference points. You can also check your preference points by logging on to your customer profile at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales and click on the link "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page.

Q. How will CDFW track my preference points?

A. CDFW tracks preference points for current and future drawings using your Get Outdoor (GO) ID. To accurately track your preference points, you must use the same GO ID number to apply in the drawing each year. If you have changes or corrections to your mailing address, you may log into your customer profile and update at www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/ InternetSales. If you have changes or corrections to your name, identification number, such as a driver's license number or date of birth, you must notify CDFW in writing at:

License and Revenue Branch



P.O. Box or email: LRB@wildlife.ca.gov

OBTAINING HUNTING MAPS

Q. Where can I obtain hunting maps for deer zones?

A. General maps detailing individual zone or deer hunt boundaries can be found at CDFW's website: wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer.

Additional maps are also available from:

- U.S. Forest Service (USFS) online at www.fs.fed.us/visit/maps/;
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, by phone at (916) 978-4400 or online at <u>www.blm.gov/california</u>;
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from sporting goods, backpacking or engineering stores or by contacting the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Branch of Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225, by phone at 888-ASK-USGS or online at www.usgs.gov/products/maps/overview.

OTHER

Q. What should I do if I harvest a bear with a GPS collar?

A. If you harvest a bear with a GPS collar, please return the collar to your local CDFW Regional Office. The collar contains important information regarding CDFW's bear aversive condition study in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

For more Frequently Asked Questions on hunting you may visit our web site at <u>wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game</u>.



DECLARATION FOR IMPORTATION OF DEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE

To declare importation of dead fish and wildlife, please print and complete the form on the following page, or complete the <u>online form</u>.



State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife **DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION OF DEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE** DFW 901 (NEW 01/01/22) * You can submit online at wildlife.ca.gov/gr/declaration-form

Form Instructions

BEFORE COMPLETING: Pursuant to Title 14, Section 712.5, California Code of Regulations (CCR) and Fish and Game Code Section 2353, notwithstanding any other provision of law, it is unlawful to import (or bring into the state of California) any dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibia legally taken and legally possessed from outside of California, unless a declaration is submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) at or immediately prior to the time of entry. The importation of live animals is regulated under separate laws and regulations, therefore this form is not required for importation of live wildlife. Situations by which this form would be used include dead wildlife imported into California from out of state (including out of the country in accordance with that country's export requirements):

- Legally hunted or fished for personal consumption;
- Legally taken for trophy or taxidermy;
- Legally taken specimens for scientific or other research, notwithstanding other laws for their possession and/ or importation; and
- Other legal uses.
- Section 1 Original Permitholder Information. For importation of dead wildlife and/or parts thereof, indicate the Importer's first name, last name, Government-Issued ID or Driver's License #, birthdate, physical (mailing) address, and optional email address.
- Section 2 Dead Wildlife and/or Parts Thereof Information. Provide a description of the wildlife imported, including species, quantity, sex and antler points when applicable, etc. State or Federal permits under which authority the take and/or possession (collection) of the salvaged animals, and/or parts thereof occurred. For categories that don't apply, indicate N/A.
- **Section 3 CERTIFICATION** The importer signs here certifying under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct and that the fish or wildlife described are legally possessed/imported by the signer.



State of California – Department of Fish and Wildlife
DECLARATION OF IMPORTATION OF DEAD FISH AND WILDLIFE
DFW 901 (NEW 01/01/22)
You can submit online at wildlife.ca.gov/gr/declaration-form

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2353 and California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 712.5, this declaration form shall be completed by the person importing dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians, prior to or upon entry (within 24 hours) into the State of California. This declaration form shall be submitted online at <u>wildlife.ca.gov/qr/declaration-form</u> or postmarked to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Law Enforcement Division, PO Box 944209, Sacramento CA 94244-2090. A copy of this completed declaration form, or a confirmation number if completed online, shall be retained with the dead fish or wildlife.

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SECTION 1. IMPORTER INFORMATION							
FIRST NAME	M.I.	LAST NAME					
GOVERNMENT ISSUED ID or DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER	DATE OF BIRTH		PREFERRED TELEPHONE				

PHYSICAL ADDRESS

CITY	STATE	ZIP	EMAIL ADDRESS (Voluntary)
IMPORTATION VEHICLE LICENSE #		LOCATION AND DATE OF IMPORTATION	

SECTION 2. DEAD WILDLIFE, AND/ OR PARTS THEREOF INFORMATION						
Description of Fish or Wildlife (species, quantity, sex, antler points when applicable, etc.)	Carcass or Part type ^A	Out of State Fishing or Hunting License #, or permit #	Out of State Hunting Tag #	Harvest Location (County, State, or country)		
SECTION 3. CERTIFICATION	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
certify under penalty of perjury that the information above is true and correct and that the fish or wildlife described above are legally						

Signature____

possessed/imported by the undersigned.

Date

Information regarding Chronic Wasting Disease: The California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk (cervid) into California. Only some parts of a harvested deer or elk can be imported, and no portions of the brain or spinal cord may be imported. For more information go to: https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health/Monitoring/CWD

^A Carcass or Part Type codes: **WC** = whole fresh/frozen carcass; **MC** = meat cuts (processed); **MQ** = meat cuts (quarter); **TS** = tissue samples; **TA** = taxidermy/ trophy mount; **H** = hide; **S** = scientific specimens; **O** = other

UNLAWFUL ACTIONS

It is the hunter's responsibility to know and follow the law.

The California statutes governing many aspects of hunting, firearms, fishing, and the use of public lands, are found in the California Fish and Game Code (FGC). Hunting and fishing activities are further regulated by the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Natural Resources (CCR, T14), and the California Penal Code (PC). These documents may be accessed through the Department of Fish and Wildlife website: wildlife.ca.gov.

Additionally, California counties and cities have adopted local ordinances which regulate and restrict hunting activities within their jurisdiction.

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), governs many aspects of hunting and fishing on federal lands, specific species, and other activities under federal jurisdiction.

IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

(These are not complete regulations. Some sections are abbreviated.)

Fish and Game Code (FGC)

- Transfer, use, possess or alter any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation. FGC 1052.
- Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tags and/or stamps in possession. FGC 1054.2.
- Damage another's property or injure livestock while hunting. FGC 2004.
- Use an artificial light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal. FGC 2005(a).
- Possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments which is standing on or along or is being driven on or along any public highway or other way open to the public. FGC 2006.
- A rifle or shotgun shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine. FGC 2006.
- The provisions of this section shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces of this state or the United States, while on duty or going to or returning from duty. FGC 2006.
- Use of a shotgun larger than 10 gauge for the taking of any game bird or game mammal, or a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. FGC 2010; CCR T14-311 and 353(b).
- Fail to exhibit on the demand of a Wildlife Officer, all licenses, tags, fish, or wildlife taken or otherwise dealt with under the Fish and Game Code, and any device or apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take fish or wildlife. FGC 2012.

California Code of Regulations (CCR, T14)

- Take game birds, game mammals or furbearing mammals except as permitted by regulations. CCR T14-250.
- Hunt with a crossbow during archery season (except with a Disabled Archer Permit). CCR T14-354(g).
- Possess a firearm while hunting during archery season or while hunting during the general season with an archery-only tag. CCR T14-354(h).
- Take spike buck. CCR T14- 351(c).
- Pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except when the motor is off and/ or the sails furled and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting

at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole. CCR T14-251.

- Knowingly feed big game mammals. CCR T14-251.3.
- Take game birds and mammals within 400 yards of any baited area. This does not apply to the taking of game birds and mammals on or over standing crops, croplands, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations or procedures. CCR T14-257.5.
- Take bears within 400 yards of any garbage dump or bait. CCR T14-365(e).
- Nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle. CCR T14-354(i).
- Hunt with bow or crossbow that will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards. CCR T14-354(f).
- Hunt big game from one- half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. CCR T14-352.
- Use dogs for pursuit/take, or for dog training, during the archery seasons for deer or bear. CCRT14-265(a)(1).
- Use dogs to take, bear, bobcat, elk, bighorn sheep and ante-lope. CCR T14 265 (a)(2).
- Use dogs for pursuit/take of, or for dog training on, mountain lions (except under authority of a depredation permit). CCR T14-265(a)(3).
- Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird or mammal. FGC 10500.
- However, possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are unstrung. FGC 10506.

California Penal Code (PC)

• Possess a short barreled shotgun (Barrel less than 18 inches), or a short-barreled rifle (Barrel less than 16 inches). PC 33210.

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

 National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.

PREVENT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE



Map of North America showing where CWD has been found in freeranging (yellow) and captive (light green) cervids. Courtesy of CWD Alliance (<u>http://CWD-info.org</u>).

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Meat from CWD infected animals should not be eaten. The disease's range continues to slowly expand.

DEER AND HUNTER IMPACTS

A high prevalence of chronic wasting disease (CWD) can reduce populations and potentially decrease long-term herd viability. As CWD prevalence increases in an area, the number of hunters seeking tags often decreases. CWD can impact herds directly by decreasing populations and indirectly through decreased tag sales resulting in less funding for wildlife management.

HANDLE GAME WITH CAUTION

Whenever hunting, basic safety and hygiene precautions should be taken to protect yourself from injury or exposure to disease when handling wildlife. Minimize the chance of exposure to or spread of CWD:

- Wear rubber gloves when field dressing carcasses;
- Bone out meat from the animal;
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal cord, eyes, spleen, and lymph nodes and avoid consuming these tissues;
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

HUNTING OUT OF STATE

It is the responsibility of out-of-state hunters to be aware of all laws and regulations pertaining to the state in which they are going to hunt. Proof of Hunter Education is required. Take note that the California equivalency certificate will not be accepted as evidence of hunter education.

FOLLOW OTHER STATES' REGULATIONS FOR CWD

Hunter help is needed to stop CWD from reaching California. Follow laws and regulations for the importation, transportation and movement of harvests within and between any states you are hunting in or traveling through. Movement regulations are one of the most important tools to prevent the accidental importation of CWD. It is the Department's recommendation that any deer or elk harvested in a known CWD area be tested for CWD and receive a negative or not detected result prior to consuming.

NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE

You will be checked at the California border when returning and only the following body parts are allowed into California:

- boned-out meat and commercially processed cuts of meat,
- portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
- hides with no heads attached,
- clean skull plates (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
- antlers with no meat or tissue attached,
- finished taxidermy heads,
- upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories).

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 712 can be summarized in one phrase: "NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE." MORE CWD INFORMATION

- wildlife.ca.gov/cwd
- www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/index. html
- <u>cwd-info.org/</u>

WHAT CALIFORNIA IS DOING

- Importation of captive cervids is tightly regulated and highly restricted.
- Import restrictions on hunter-harvested deer and elk carcasses and parts – "NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE."
- Bans on baiting and feeding of Big Game.
- CWD testing at volunteer sampling stations and participating meat processors and taxidermists during hunting season
- wildlife.ca.gov/cwd.

INCREASED SURVEILLANCE

Since 1999, California has tested approximately 4,500 deer and elk for CWD. To date, no CWD has been found in California deer or elk. However, the potential for CWD to spread to California's deer and elk populations still exists and surveillance for the disease remains important. The CDFW will be increasing CWD surveillance efforts throughout the state over the next few years. Hunters are a vital partner in these surveillance efforts and voluntary CWD check stations will be set-up to facilitate surveillance throughout the state. For additional information on surveillance in CA visit wildlife.ca.gov/cwd or contact The Wildlife Investigations Laboratory at 916-358-2790 or WILab@wildlife.ca.gov.

DISPOSAL OF MEAT FROM CWD-POSITIVE ANIMALS

If you are notified that your out-of-state animal tested positive for CWD, contact your regional CDFW office (see page 3) or the Wildlife Investigations Laboratory at (916) 358-2790 for information. DO NOT DISCARD, only certain disposal methods are appropriate for CWD. The Department will facilitate incinerating or otherwise properly disposing of any meat or tissues.

LACEY ACT

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act (T16, US Code 1406). Such transport, if done in connection with commercial activity, may be classified as a felony.

BRINGING GAME BACK TO CALIFORNIA

In order to bring back your game from another state, you must have the form Declaration for Entry Into California of Game, Fish, Birds, or Animals filled out and carried while you are transporting the game.

