

# Memorandum

**Date:** November 25, 2024

**To:** Melissa Miller-Henson  
Executive Director  
Fish and Game Commission

**From:** Charlton H. Bonham  
Director

**Subject:** **Item for December 11-12, 2024 Fish and Game Commission meeting: Regulatory Action to Amend sections 360, 362, 363, 364, 364.1, and 708.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, re: big game hunting and chronic wasting disease testing.**

Please find attached the proposed amendments to Title 14, California Code of Regulations, to modify regulations related to bighorn sheep, pronghorn, elk hunts, Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) elk hunting, and deer tagging, reporting, and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing requirements. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) requests consideration of publication of notice after the December 12, 2024 Fish and Game Commission meeting.

The proposed amendments would:

- 360 Deer
  - Add a pilot late season buck hunt in Zone D7
- 362 Nelson bighorn sheep
  - Modify hunt tag quotas to maintain viable bighorn sheep populations and provide sustainable public sport hunting opportunities.
  - Clarify valid zones for the Open Zone Fundraising Tag, including Zone 10
  - Modify two named fundraising tags to select zones
  - Modify a zone boundary in the Sheep Hole Mountains Hunt Zone
  - Divide the hunt season into two periods for the Newberry, Rodman, Ord Mountains Hunt Zone, and add winter season to the White Mountains Hunt Zone.
  - Make a non-substantive edit to remove a nonfunctioning phone number
- 363 Pronghorn antelope
  - Modify hunt tag quotas to maintain viable pronghorn antelope populations and provide sustainable public sport hunting opportunities.

- 364 Elk hunts, seasons, and number of tags
  - Modify hunt tag quotas to maintain viable elk populations and provide sustainable public sport hunting opportunities, as well as reduce the risk non-native Rocky Mountain elk overlap and hybridize with endemic tule elk
  - Add archery only elk hunt opportunities Siskiyou, Central Coast, and La Panza Elk Management Units
- 364.1 Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) elk hunting
  - Extend elk hunting seasons in the Northwestern and Mendocino elk conflict zones
  - Modify SHARE tag allocations in Bear Valley Hunt to increase public hunting opportunity on private lands to help reduce human-elk conflict to tolerable levels
- 708.5 Deer Tagging, Reporting, and Testing Requirements
  - Implement provisions requiring testing through a regular rulemaking, since emergency regulations requiring testing are temporary and will expire.
  - Changes from the emergency regulation include modifications to the definition of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Management Zones.
  - Minor modifications to web page references.

If you have any questions on this item, please contact Scott Gardner, Wildlife Branch Chief, at (916) 801-6257.

#### Attachments

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