

Proposed Regulatory Language

Section 362, Title 14, CCR, is amended as follows:

§ 362. Nelson Bighorn Sheep.

(a) Areas:

[... No changes to subsections (a)(1) through (a)(10)...]

(11) Zone 11 (Granite and North Bristol Mountains)

(A) Area: In that portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 40 and Crucero Road; east on Interstate Highway 40 to the junction with Kelbaker Road; north on Kelbaker Road to Kelso Depot; west on the Union Pacific Cima Subdivision Railroad track to the intersection with the South Powerline Road; southwest on the South Powerline Road to the intersection with Crucero Road; south on Crucero Road to the point of the beginning.

(12) Zone 12 (Providence, Woods, and Hackberry Mountains)

(A) Area: In the portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of Interstate Highway 40 and Kelbaker Road; east on Interstate Highway 40 to the junction with County Route 66; northeast on County Route 66 to the junction with Lanfair Road; north on Lanfair Road to the junction with Cedar Canyon Road; west on Cedar Canyon Road to the junction with Kelso Cima Road; southwest on Kelso Cima Road to the junction with Kelbaker Road; south on Kelbaker Road to the point at the beginning.

(13) Zone 13 (Castle Mountains and Piute Range)

(A) Area: In the portion of San Bernardino County beginning at the junction of Nipton Road and Ivanpah Road; south on Ivanpah Road and continuing when it becomes Lanfair Road to the junction of Lanfair Road and County Route 66; east on County Route 66 to the junction with U.S. Route 95; north on U.S. Route 95 to the California-Nevada border; northwest on the California-Nevada border to the junction with Castle Mountains National Monument boundary; following the Castle Mountains National Monument boundary south then west then north back to the California-Nevada border; northwest on the California-Nevada border to the junction with Nipton Road; west on Nipton Road to the point at the beginning.

(b) Seasons:

(1) Open Zone Fundraising Tag: The holder of the fundraising license tag issued pursuant to subdivision 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt in Zones with at least one general public tag:

(A) Zones 1 through 4, 6, ~~and 8, 9, and 10~~, through 13: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.

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

(C) Zone 7: Beginning the first Saturday in August and extending through the last Sunday in September. Beginning again, the third Saturday in December and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(2) Single Zone Fundraising Tag 1: Based on the zone issued, the holder of the fundraising license tag issued pursuant to subdivision 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt:

(A) Zones 1 through 4, 6, and 8, 9, and 10, through 13: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.

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

(C) Zone 7: Beginning the first Saturday in August and extending through the last Sunday in September. Beginning, again, the third Saturday in December and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(3) Single Zone Fundraising Tag 2: Based on the Zone issued, the holder of the fundraising license tag issued pursuant to subdivision 4902(d) of the Fish and Game Code may hunt:

(A) Zones 1 through 4, 6, and 8, 9, and 10, through 13: Beginning the first Saturday in November and extending through the first Sunday in February.

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

(C) Zone 7: Beginning the first Saturday in August and extending through the last Sunday in September. Beginning, again, the third Saturday in December and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(4) Except as provided in subsection 362(b)(1), (2), and (3), the Nelson bighorn sheep season in the areas described in subsection 362(a) shall be defined as follows:

(A) Zones 1, 2, 3, through 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, and 13: Beginning the first Saturday in December and extending through the first Sunday in February.

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

(C) Zone 7:

1. Zone 7 (Period 1): Beginning the third Saturday in August and extending through the last Sunday in September.

2. Zone 7 (Period 2): Beginning the first Saturday in January and extending through the first Sunday in February.

(D) Zone 10:

1. Zone 10 (Period 1): Beginning the first Saturday in December and extending through the first Saturday in January.
2. Zone 10 (Period 2): Beginning the first Sunday in January and extending through the first Sunday in February.

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

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

(d) Number of License Tags:

<i>Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunt Zones</i>	<i>Tag Allocation</i>
Zone 1 – Marble/Clipper Mountains	4 [0-3]
Zone 2 – Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	3 [0-4]
Zone 3 – Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	4 [0-4]
Zone 4 – Orocopia Mountains	4 [0-2]
Zone 5 – San Gorgonio Wilderness	4 [0-3]
Zone 6 – Sheep Hole Mountains	4 [0-2]
Zone 7 (Period 1) – White Mountains	3 [0-4]
Zone 7 (Period 2) – White Mountains	2 [0-4]
Zone 8 – South Bristol Mountains	4 [0-3]
Zone 9 – Cady Mountains	2 [0-4]
Zone 10 (Period 1) – Newberry, Rodman, Ord Mountains	4 [0-6]
Zone 10 (Period 2) – Newberry, Rodman, Ord Mountains	4 [0-6]
<u>Zone 11- Granite and North Bristol Mountains</u>	[0-3]
<u>Zone 12 -Providence, Woods, and Hackberry Mountains</u>	[0-3]
<u>Zone 13- Castle Mountains and Piute Range</u>	[0-4]

<i>Nelson Bighorn Sheep Hunt Zones</i>	<i>Tag Allocation</i>
Open Zone Fundraising Tag	1
Single Zone Fundraising Tag 1: Zone 10 <u>Zone 10</u>	1
Single Zone Fundraising Tag 2: Zone 2 <u>Zone [1-13]</u>	1
Total:	30 <u>[3-58]</u>

(e) Conditions:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reference: Sections 1050, 3950 and 4902, Fish and Game Code.