

Proposed Regulatory Language

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

§ 555. Cooperative Elk Hunting Areas.

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

(a) **Definition and Scope.** A cooperative elk hunting area is an area of private land located within the boundary of an area open to public elk hunting as defined in subsections 364(a), (b), (c), and (d). The cooperative hunting area shall encompass not less than a total of 5,000 acres, except that such area may consist of neighboring lands not less than 640 acres in size under the control of one or more owners.

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

. . .*[No changes to subsections (b) through (e)]. . .*

(f) Bag and Possession Limit: Each elk tag is valid only for one elk in the hunt area specified. Any individual shall only be eligible for one elk tag per license year issued pursuant to sections 364, 364.1, 555, and 555.1.

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

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