

Final Statement of Reasons – Attachment 1 – Summary and Responses to Public Comments Received on Proposed Changes to Bighorn Sheep Hunting Regulations for the 2026-27 Season.

| # | Commenter Name, Affiliation, Comment Format, Date Received | Comment Summary | California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) Response |
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| 1 | Bill Gaines, California Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, Oral Comment, 02/12/26 | Thank you to the Department for getting the sheep plan done and offering increased opportunity. Phenomenal job this year. We fully support the proposal. | Support noted. The Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopted the proposed changes, including the Department final recommendations to add five tags in three new hunting zones and adjust tag quotas for existing hunts for a total net increase of three tags across all hunt zones. |
| 2 | Donald C. Martin, California Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation President Emeritus, Oral Comment, 02/12/26 | I echo what Bill Gaines said. Special thanks to the team for getting this package done. Please support this proposed rulemaking. | Support noted. See response to comment 1. |
| 3 | JR Young, Oral Comment, 2/12/2026 | I'm in support. | Support noted. See response to comment 1. |
| 4 | Bill Gaines, California Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation, Oral Comment, 4/16/2026 | Thanks to the Department for the great job. Great to add three new zones and three tags, that is great. | Support noted. See response to comment 1. |