



## COMMERCIAL HUNTING CLUB LAWS

This document is designed to provide essential information about commercial hunting clubs. It **does not** provide complete coverage of all commercial hunting club laws and regulations.

Although this document contains excerpts from the Fish and Game Code, it is the licensee's responsibility to know and obey **all** laws and regulations in effect while operating as a commercial hunting club. Changes to code may occur at any time during the year.

Any discrepancies between this document and the codes(s) from which it was prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code(s) in effect on the date the activity takes place.

### Fish and Game Code Excerpts

#### §3240.5. License Requirements for Commercial Hunting Club

- (a) For purposes of this article, the following terms have the following meanings:
- (1) "Commercial hunting club" means property with respect to which a fee is imposed or collected for either of the following:
    - (A) Taking or attempting to take birds or mammals on the property.
    - (B) A type of entry or use permit that includes permission to take birds or mammals on the property.
  - (2) "Property" means a number of contiguous legal parcels owned by one or more owners and held out for a common purpose.
- (b) A person, including, but not limited to, an owner, renter, or lessee, who is in possession or control of a commercial hunting club, shall procure a commercial hunting club license before a bird or mammal may be taken on the property.
- (c) This article does not apply under any of the following circumstances:
- (1) The fees described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) that are received by the owner, renter or lessee of the property are less than one hundred dollars (\$100) per entrant and total less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) between July 1 and the following June 30. Pursuant to Section 713, department may adjust the threshold amounts established in this paragraph.
  - (2) The property is used in conjunction with the Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) program under Article 3 (commencing with Section 1570) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.
  - (3) A domesticated game bird hunting club licensed under Article 3 (commencing with Section 3270) operates on the property.
  - (4) A domesticated migratory game bird shooting area licensed under Article 4 (commencing with Section 3300) operates on the property.
  - (5) The property is used by a hunting club or program licensed under regulations adopted pursuant to this code.
  - (6) The property is used in conjunction with the private wildlife habitat enhancement and management program under Article 5 (commencing with Section 3400).
  - (7) The property is used for an officially sanctioned field trial event pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to this code.
  - (8) The property is subject to a recorded state, federal, or nonprofit wildlife conservation or agricultural easement or is enrolled in a habitat protection or enhancement program



under this code, including, but not limited to, Article 7 (commencing with Section 3460).

- (d) This chapter does not apply to an owner of property that is rented or leased to a commercial hunting club, if the owner is not involved in the operation of the club and the club is licensed in accordance with this chapter.

### **§3241. Application Requirements**

- (a) An application for a commercial hunting club license shall be submitted on a form furnished by the department. The application, which shall set forth all of the exemptions and conditions established in Section 3240.5, shall require the applicant to include all of the following information:
- (1) The name of the club and the ownership.
  - (2) The business telephone number and mailing address of the club.
  - (3) The number of properties used by the club and the physical location of each property.
  - (4) The total acreage of the club property.
  - (5) A list of all species of game hunted on the club property.
  - (6) Information as to whether the club owner owns any of the properties used by the club.
  - (7) The name and address of each property owner, if the property owner is substantially involved in the operation of the club but does not own the club.
  - (8) The signature and title of the applicant.
  - (9) Any other information the department may require.
- (b) The department shall allow a commercial hunting club that leases or rents more than one property for hunting purposes to submit a single application listing each of the properties for which the club is seeking a license, if all of the information required for each property is submitted in a format approved by the department.

### **§3242. License Fees for Commercial Hunting Club**

- (a) The department may issue a commercial hunting club license to any person upon submission of a completed application and payment of the required fee, according to the number of properties used by the club, as follows:
- (1) The fee for one property shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).
  - (2) The fee for two to five properties shall be five hundred dollars (\$500).
  - (3) The fee for six to 10 properties shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
  - (4) The fee for 11 or more properties shall be two thousand dollars (\$2,000).
- (b) The fees specified in this section are applicable to the 2010 license year and shall be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to Section 713.