LICENSED GAME BIRD CLUB LAWS AND REGULATIONS

This document is designed to provide essential information about licensed game bird clubs. It does not provide complete coverage of all licensed game bird club laws and regulations.

Although this document contains excerpts from the Fish and Game Code, and/or the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, it is the licensee's responsibility to know and obey all laws and regulations in effect while he/she is participating in licensed domesticated game bird club activity. Changes to either code may occur at any time during the year.

Any discrepancies between this document and the code(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

§3270 Pheasant Club License Conditions

(a) In order to provide additional hunting by stocking domestically propagated game birds, and to permit the taking of game birds under conditions that will not conflict with the public interest, any person who owns or controls the hunting rights on a tract of land may apply to the department for a game bird club license authorizing the taking of game birds upon that land in accordance with the regulations of the commission for the administration, including the implementation and enforcement, of this section.

(b) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1995.

California Code of Regulations, Title 14 Excerpts

§600. Licensed Game Bird Clubs.

No licensed game bird club utilizing domestically reared game birds may be operated in this state except under a license issued by the department and under the provisions of this section. Domestically reared game birds include only the following: Pheasants of the species Phasianus colchicus, including all ring-necked pheasant races, Indian chukar, domestically reared wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, bobwhite quail, Coturnix quail, and other such species as may be designated by the Fish and Game Commission.

(a) General Provisions for All Licensed Game Bird Clubs, Including Zone A and B Clubs.

(1) Licensed Provisions.

(A) Application Form. Application for a game bird club license shall be made on LICENSED GAME BIRD CLUB APPLICATION, Form LGBC 600 (5/95), which is incorporated by reference herein. Application forms are available from the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), License and Revenue Branch. The application form shall be completed in its entirety and submitted to the License and Revenue Branch. The application form (LGBC 600) shall be kept with the shooting permit records for the licensed area and shall be open to inspection.

(B) Signing of Application. Applications shall be signed by the applicant. If the applicant is a corporation, the application shall be signed by any one or more duly authorized officers of the corporation. If the applicant is a partnership, the application shall be signed in behalf of the partnership by any one or more of the general partners. If the applicant is a person, doing business under a business name, the application shall be signed by such person accompanied by a statement of the name under which business is being done.

(C) Inspection Requirement. The department may inspect each tract proposed for licensing to determine if it is suitable for a licensed game bird club.

(D) Licensed Area. A licensed game bird club shall include the total area within the exterior boundary.

(E) Map Requirement for New Areas or Boundary Changes. Applications for new areas and those involving a boundary change must include a current 7.5 minute U.S. Geological Survey topographic map denoting the boundaries of the proposed area or areas.

(F) Transfer of License. The department may transfer a license to other land owned or controlled by a licensee if the land is located in the same county as the land specified in the original application, if the new land is suitable for the purposes of the license. A transfer of license may not require an additional fee but may require a department inspection to determine if the above provisions are satisfied.

(G) Proof of Hunting Rights. Applications involving lands not owned by the applicant must include written verification that the applicant has acquired exclusive hunting rights on the land in question for the total period of the license.

(H) Term of License. A game bird club license shall be issued for a period of one year from August 1 to July 31, or for the remainder of the period if issued after August 1.

(I) License Fees. The base license fee shall be \$280 for game bird clubs over

500 acres in size and \$210 for game bird clubs of 500 acres or less. These fees shall be annually adjusted pursuant to Section 713 of the Fish and Game Code.

(J) Request for Cancellation of License. A licensee shall request that his/her license be cancelled. This request must be made in writing to the department's License and Revenue Branch (see subsection (a)(1)(A)).