

State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Programs Branch

2007 Annual Bear Take Report

Summary:

In contrast to the 2006 black bear hunting season which ran its entirety that year, the 2007 black bear hunting season closed early-on December 18, 2007 when the DFG received notification that 1,700 black bears had been harvested. The early closure is in accordance with the regulation change that increased the tag quota from 1,500 to 1,700 bears harvested. The DFG's License and Revenue Branch reported a total of 25,087 bear tags sold in 2007, the highest number of tags sold since 1999. The 25,087 tags sold included 24,839 resident tags and 248 non-resident tags. Non-resident tag sales increased by .3% over last years reported sales. In total, 1,861 black bears were reported taken this year and overall hunter success was 7.4%, a slight decrease of .2% when compared against last years success rate of 7.6%.

The success rates for particular hunting methods are as follows: hunters using trailing hounds were most successful, accounting for 47% of the total take reported-an increase of more than one percent over last year. The second-highest method of success arose from hunters who reported taking a bear while deer hunting; 31% of the total harvest represents a minor decrease of 6% from last year's totals. Archery hunters reported taking 8% of the total harvest, illustrating an increase of nearly 1% above last year's rate of 7%.

On average, successful hunters spent 4 days in the field and 21% of these hunters took a bear on private land. This percentage demonstrates an upward trend as it is nearly 1% higher than last year's reported success rate. Unsuccessful hunters spent more time hunting and averaged a total of eight days attempting to harvest a bear, a figure consistent with last year's report.

General bear season opened concurrently with general deer season in the A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 deer hunting zones. In the remaining deer hunting X zones, bear season commenced October 13, 2007. During the general deer season hunters were limited to one dog per hunter.

2007 Black Bear Method of Take/Total Take Summary

Table 1

County	Method of Take					Black Bear Take				County Total	Success % H.I.C
	Dogs Used	Archery	While Deer Hunting	Guides	Hunted in County of Residence	Males	Females	Unknown			
Alameda	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Alpine	2	4	11	0	0	7	10	0	17	0.00%	
Amador	6	1	3	0	2	5	4	0	9	22.22%	
Butte	41	2	16	0	25	40	21	0	61	40.98%	
Calaveras	13	3	14	0	13	24	9	0	33	39.39%	
Colusa	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	4	0.00%	
Contra Costa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Del Norte	5	1	17	0	21	16	12	1	29	72.41%	
El Dorado	28	5	31	0	25	37	32	0	69	36.23%	
Fresno	33	4	27	0	60	50	26	1	77	77.92%	
Glenn	3	2	19	0	4	13	13	0	26	15.38%	
Humboldt	74	4	25	0	87	66	51	0	117	0.00%	
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Inyo	0	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	4	25.00%	
Kern	4	3	10	0	18	21	10	2	33	54.55%	
Kings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Lake	5	1	5	0	4	7	5	0	12	33.33%	
Lassen	9	3	6	0	4	13	5	0	18	22.22%	
Los Angeles	1	6	10	0	5	8	4	0	12	41.67%	
Madera	19	3	15	0	0	20	16	0	36	0.00%	
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Mariposa	15	1	5	0	3	32	10	0	42	7.14%	
Mendocino	25	4	29	0	10	35	31	0	66	15.15%	
Merced	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.00%	
Modoc	4	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	4	50.00%	
Mono	4	3	9	0	4	12	9	0	21	19.05%	
Monterey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Napa	0	0	3	0	2	3	0	0	3	66.67%	
Nevada	4	3	18	0	5	10	15	0	25	20.00%	
Orange	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Placer	10	5	17	0	10	29	12	0	41	24.39%	
Plumas	50	13	23	0	8	57	28	0	85	0.00%	
Riverside	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Sacramento	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
San Bernardino	3	4	8	0	7	15	5	1	21	33.33%	
San Diego	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
San Joaquin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
San Mateo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Santa Barbara	0	0	2	0	3	5	0	0	5	60.00%	
Santa Clara	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	33.33%	
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Shasta	177	13	52	0	98	113	96	3	212	46.23%	
Sierra	9	4	13	0	1	17	14	0	31	3.23%	
Siskiyou	136	13	44	0	65	134	72	5	211	30.81%	
Solano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Stanislaus	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	100.00%	
Sutter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%	
Tehama	26	8	29	0	22	44	26	1	71	30.98%	
Trinity	72	15	57	0	25	75	92	2	169	14.78%	
Tulare	64	11	38	0	71	86	57	0	143	49.65%	
Tuolumne	18	2	2	0	21	54	49	1	104	20.19%	
Ventura	0	0	10	0	6	13	11	0	24	25.00%	
Yolo	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.00%	
Yuba	12	1	4	0	9	14	4	2	20	45.00%	
TOTAL	875	142	578	0	643	1086	756	19	1861		
Statewide %	47.02%	7.63%	31.06%	0	34.55%	58.36%	40.62%	1.02%			

