

# California **BIG GAME HUNTING** 2015

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**ON THE COVER** *The photo was taken on the slopes of the Eastern Sierras. He made for a great picture with his dark cape and unique set of tall antlers.* - Photographer Josh Schulgen

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## Buy a 2015 Warden Stamp

Funds support CDFW's K-9 program and provide equipment and training to help stop wildlife crimes.

**\$5**



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## DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING

You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent or online at CDFW's website at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/). Telephone license sales are also available at (800) 565-1458. All applications for the Big Game Drawing must be submitted and the sales transaction completed before midnight on June 2, 2015.



# HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **BASIC** *Pass on the Tradition: Be a Hunter Education Instructor!*

Do you love to hunt? The California Department of Fish and Wildlife needs volunteer Hunter Education Instructors. Pass on the tradition of hunting to future generations! For more information on becoming a Hunter Education Instructor, visit our website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered.com](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered.com) or call (916) 653-1235.

## **ADVANCED** *Take Basic Hunter Education to the Next Level*

Advanced Hunting Clinics focus on the "how-tos" of hunting. Advanced Hunter Education Clinics are designed for both the novice and experienced hunter. The clinics expand on what is taught in the basic Hunter Education and provide one to two days of training at a level that time does not allow for in the standard hunter education course.

What happens at an Advanced Hunter Education Clinic? At every hunting clinic, there is a portion of time devoted to biology, habitat needs, hunting regulations, game care and safety. Additionally, participants will discuss hunting techniques and hunter ethics. All clinics include some form of field demonstration or hands-on training.

Some of the clinics teach you what to do after you pull the trigger; students are taught the proper way to field dress an animal, how to butcher and prepare for the table. At other clinics, we have hands on exercises ranging from loading and shooting a black powder rifle to a map and compass course.

For additional information about the Advanced Hunter Education Program as well as clinic dates and locations, visit [www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/advanced) or Contact Lt. Alan Gregory at [alan.gregory@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:alan.gregory@wildlife.ca.gov).

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Sea un instructor de la Educación del Cazador

El California Department of Fish and Wildlife solicita instructores de cacería responsable.

Éres aficionado a la cacería?

Desea pasarle a la siguiente generación la tradición de la cacería?

Para más información, llame al CDFW (916) 653-1235.

# NEW in 2015

## DEER TAG CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

For the 2015 Big Game Drawing, the following deer tags have changed classifications. Please refer to Proposed 2015 Deer Hunt Charts on page 30 for more information.

- **D6 becomes a Premium Deer Hunt** (quota filled on 6/11/14 through the Big Game Drawing)
- **A22 becomes a Premium Deer Hunt** (quota filled on 6/25/14)
- **A19 becomes a Restricted Deer Hunt** (quota filled on 7/14/14)
- **D7 and D16 become Restricted Deer Hunts** (quota filled on 8/4/14)

## PROPOSED ELK REGULATION CHANGES

**Elk Tag Attachment and Retention** – Proposed regulations would allow the tag to be attached to the ear, leg, or remain with the largest portion of meat and tag would need to be retained for 15 days after the close of the season.

**Evidence of sex for antlerless elk** - Proposed regulation adds language to identify evidence of sex for antlerless elk. Boned out or quartered animals shall have evidence of sex naturally attached to a portion of the meat.

## SHARE ELK HUNTS

For the first time SHARE will offer elk hunts on 3 properties in Humboldt County. SHARE elk hunt applications will be on sale from July 1 through August 17:

- Two properties will offer 2 antlerless elk tags for junior hunters only
- The third property will have 5 antlerless tags for any licensed hunter

For more information about these hunts and the SHARE Program please visit the SHARE website at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/share>

## DEER HARVEST REPORTING NOW MANDATORY

### *Used and Unused Deer Tags Must Be Reported*

Beginning with the 2015 deer season, proposed regulations require all deer hunters to report their harvest results to the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Any person who is issued a deer tag must submit a harvest report card for the tag after the hunt, even if they did not hunt, or if they did not harvest a deer.

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT A REPORT:**

**Online** – Submit an online harvest report card for each deer tag you are issued. Reporting through the Online License Service at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/Internet-Sales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/Internet-Sales/) is easy, fast and convenient. When you report online, you receive instant confirmation that your harvest report card has been received and accepted. You must record the confirmation number in the space provided on the harvest report card and retain the harvest report card until March 1 annually. Tags reported online must be surrendered to the department upon demand.

**By Mail** – Any person who does not submit a harvest report for their deer tag online, must return the report card portion of each deer tag they are issued to: CDFW – Wildlife Branch, PO Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94299-0002

#### **WHEN TO REPORT:**

**Successful deer hunters** must report the take of a deer within 30 days of harvest or by January 31 - whichever date is first.

**Unsuccessful deer hunters** (including hunters that received a tag but did not hunt) must report that they were unsuccessful or did not hunt by January 31.

#### **PHASE-IN OF NON-REPORTING FEE:**

Mandatory reporting for deer tags and non-reporting fees will be phased in.

**2015** – All deer hunters are required to submit a report for each deer tag they are issued.

**2017** – Every person who did not submit a report for each 2016 deer tag they were issued, must pay a \$20 non-reporting fee upon application for a 2017 deer tag.

# AB 1709 JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENT

Fish and Game Code, Section 3031 was amended to change the eligibility requirements to obtain a Junior Hunting License. To qualify for a Junior Hunting License, a hunter must be under 18 years of age as of July 1. Under the Junior Hunting License, applicants will be eligible for the apprentice deer hunt tags.

# LEAD FREE HUNTING AMMUNITION UPDATE

*California to Require Use of Lead Free Hunting Ammunition State-wide by July 1, 2019. Proposed phase-in Regulation Currently Under Consideration for Adoption by the Fish and Game Commission.*

In October 2013 Assembly Bill 711 was approved by the Governor and chaptered into law by the Secretary of State. AB 711 added several sections to Fish and Game Code, one of which (3004.5(b)) requires a complete ban on the use of lead ammunition when taking wildlife anywhere in the State by July 1, 2019. This section also requires the Fish and Game Commission to develop a phase-in regulation by July 1, 2015 designed to impose the least burden on California's hunters while still implementing the intent of the law. The new law builds on a previously enacted ban on the use of lead ammunition for big game hunting within the range of the California condor (see map at [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/condor](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/condor)).

The California Fish and Game Commission (FGC) officially noticed the Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) proposed phase-in regulation at their February 12, 2015 meeting in Sacramento. This proposal was based on public input received at 14 public scoping meetings held at various locations around the State and from the written comments provided from those who could not attend the scoping meetings. The proposal being considered for adoption can be found under the "Meetings" tab at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov) (meeting documents) or

under the "Alerts" section at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov). Public comments on the proposed phase-in regulation will continue to be accepted until the scheduled adoption date of April 9, 2015.

**Major highlights of the proposed phase-in regulation include:**

- 1. Non-lead ammunition will be required for all hunting on CDFW property beginning with the 2015 hunting season;**
- 2. Bighorn sheep hunters will be required to use non-lead ammunition beginning with the 2015 season.**



*Photo courtesy of Russ Renner*



*Photo courtesy of Kyle Lewis*

# LICENSES & TAGS

## Hunting License & Tag Fees

### HUNTING LICENSES

Resident .....	\$47.01
Nonresident .....	\$163.65
Junior .....	\$12.45
Disabled Veterans* .....	\$7.30
Recovering Service Members** .....	\$6.95
Duplicate Hunting License .....	\$10.54

### DEER TAGS & TAG DRAWING APPLICATIONS

#### First Deer Tag/Drawing Application

Resident .....	\$31.06
Nonresident .....	\$276.05

#### Second Deer Tag/Drawing Application

Resident .....	\$38.62
Nonresident.....	\$276.05

Pronghorn Antelope Tag Drawing Application .....	\$8.13
Elk Tag Drawing Application .....	\$8.13
Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application .....	\$8.13
Duplicate Big Game Tag** .....	\$10.04

### FUND-RAISING RANDOM DRAWING TAG APPLICATIONS

Open Zone Deer Tag .....	\$5.97
Multi-Zone Elk Tag.....	\$5.97
Northeastern CA Pronghorn Antelope Tag .....	\$5.97

### BEAR TAGS

Resident .....	\$45.62
Nonresident .....	\$290.75

### WILD PIG TAGS

Resident .....	\$22.42
Nonresident .....	\$75.34

### HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunter Education Equivalency Exam*** .....	\$52.00
Duplicate Hunter Education Certificate**** .....	\$6.22

\*Initial qualification must be done at a CDFW license sales office, see page 15 for more information.

\*\*Available at any CDFW license sales office.

\*\*\*Available at regional CDFW license sales offices only by appointment. NOTE: Not recognized as proof of Hunter Education.

\*\*\*\*Customers with CDFW verified Hunter Education Certificates in their ALDS customer record may purchase duplicate hunter education certificates at license agents or online.

**Interested in a Lifetime Hunting License?**

Visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lifetime](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lifetime) for details!

# Random Drawing for Fund-Raising Big Game Tags

Fund-raising random drawing tags generate dedicated funding for wildlife management programs that benefit big game species. In 2014, fund-raising random drawing tags generated more than \$200,000 for big game management in California.

## Fund-raising Random Drawing Tag Basics:

- Any resident or nonresident who will be age 12 or older as of July 1, 2015 may apply.
- No limit on the number of applications you can submit.
- Does not use or affect your preference points.
- Winners are awarded a tag at no additional cost.
- A hunting license is not required to apply, but must be purchased if drawn.
- Apply from April 15, 2015 through June 2, 2015 at license agents, CDFW license sales offices, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/) or by telephone at (800)565-1458.
- Tags are awarded by random lottery which is run within 10 business days of the deadline to apply. Winners are notified by phone/mail.

## OPEN ZONE DEER TAG

An Open Zone deer tag allows the hunter to hunt during the authorized season dates of any hunt, using the specific method and meeting any special conditions of the tag for that hunt.



Photo courtesy of Herbert Jaehnichen

## NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA PRONGHORN ANTELOPE TAG

The Fund-raising Random Drawing Antelope Tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the Northeastern antelope zones, (Mount Dome, Clear Lake, Likely Tables, Lassen, Big Valley and Surprise Valley) with any legal method. The hunt dates are from August 1, 2015 to September 20, 2015.

## MULTIPLE ZONE ELK TAG

The Fund-raising Random Drawing Elk Tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the following zones: Northwestern, Northeastern, Marble Mountains, Siskiyou, and La Panza, with any legal method. All three subspecies of elk may be hunted - only one elk may be harvested. The hunt dates open one week prior to the earliest season in that zone and run through the end of the regular season.



Photo courtesy of Audrey Sahagun

# A Properly Filled-out Tag



Lorie Nicholson, archery season in Mono County  
Photo by Dave Nicholson

All tag holders upon the killing of any big game shall immediately fill out all portions of the tag including the report card. Upon killing any big game animal, the hunter shall immediately fill out the tag completely, legibly, and permanently, and cut out or punch out and completely remove notches or punch holes for the month and date of kill. The license tag must be attached to the antlers of an antlered animal or to the ear of an antlerless animal immediately upon being killed.

Deer and elk tags shall be countersigned before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag. Bear tags shall only be countersigned by a CDFW employee before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest CDFW

employee. If CDFW offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one (1) business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

CDFW offers harvest reporting online for hunters to report their successful and unsuccessful big game tags. Hunters can log onto their online profile at [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols) and click on the 'Harvest Reporting' link. Hunters will be able to view all their tags that require reporting. Once the hunter completes the harvest reporting online, he/she will receive a report confirmation number. Hunters must write the report confirmation number on the space provided on the report card. Hunters do not have to mail in the physical harvest report card, as it has now been reported. CDFW encourages all hunters to use this new service to meet their harvest reporting requirements.

TAG	Reporting	Countersigned Requirement	Length of time to retain tag
DEER	*Successful hunters must report within 30 days of harvest or by January 31. Unsuccessful hunters must report by January 31.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see page 13)	*Retain tag until March 1
BEAR	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately. Hunters who were unsuccessful or did not hunt must return report cards by February 1.	CDFW Staff Only	Retain head & skin for 15 days thereafter season closure
ELK	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see page 13)	*Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closure
PRONGHORN ANTELOPE	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Not Required	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closure
BIGHORN SHEEP	Successful hunters must report by phone within 24 hours. Successful and unsuccessful report cards must be returned within 10 days of season closure.	CDFW Staff Only	N/A
WILD PIG	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately.	Not Required	N/A

\*Subject to final approval by the Fish and Game Commission on April 8, 2015.

## Attach to antler

**15 DR**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

Punch above to affix to animal

**A**  
ZONE A ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK  
LEAD AMMO RESTRICTIONS - SEE REGULATIONS FOR AFFECTED CONDOR AREA.  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER KILLING DEER, COMPLETELY PUNCH THROUGH THE MONTH AND DATE OF KILL, FILL IN INFORMATION REQUESTED AND ATTACH TAG SECURELY TO ANTLER OF ANTLERED DEER OR EAR OF ANY OTHER DEER (SEC. 7088.5, TITLE 14, C.C.R.)

Doc No. D-0012630450-3  
GO ID: 1040825897  
STATE ID: A1111111 CA  
HUNTER SAMPLE  
1234 TEST ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834

HARVEST INFORMATION

AUG  SEP  OCT  NOV  DEC

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

DATE: 8/29/15 TIME: 6:30 AM PM  
ZONE OF KILL:  A - North Unit  B - South Unit  
LOCALITY OF KILL: 2 mi west of intersection of HWY 41/46  
(Directions and Distance From Nearest Landmark)  
COUNTY OF KILL: San Luis Obispo  
KILLED ON:  PRIVATE LAND  PUBLIC LAND  
METHOD OF TAKE: rifle  
ANIMAL GENDER:  MALE  FEMALE  
NBR. OF ANTLER POINTS: L 3 R 3  
HARVEST REPORT CONFIRMATION NBR: 555

COUNTER-SIGNED BY: John Doe  
AGENCY TITLE: CDFW - Badge 001  
DATE: 8/29/15

Line of Document D-0012630450-3

## Harvest Report Card

**15 DR**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG  
See Regulations for Season Dates

  
D-0012630450-3

GO ID: 1040825897  
STATE ID: A1111111 CA  
HUNTER SAMPLE  
1234 TEST ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834  
SEX: M HAIR: Blonde EYES: Blue  
HT: 6-00 WT: 150 DOB: 01/01/1985

Recense: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months

Doc No. D-0012630450-3  
Trans: 0330000965211  
015591255  
Cust No. 310001-001  
3240016 3:23:36 PM

Item	Fee*
1st Deer Tag - Resident	\$29.93
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$29.93</b>

\*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees and license buyer surcharge

**A**  
ZONE A ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK  
LEAD AMMO RESTRICTIONS - SEE REGULATIONS FOR AFFECTED CONDOR AREA.

**TAG MUST BE IN IMMEDIATE POSSESSION WHILE HUNTING**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS:  
(1) Upon the harvesting of any deer, the hunter shall immediately fill out all information requested on the harvest report card and tag, complete, legibly, and permanently and punch out tabs for the month and date of the kill.  
(2) The deer license tag shall then be immediately attached to the antlers of an antlered deer, or to the ear of any other deer and kept attached during the open season and for 15 days thereafter.  
(3) Hunter must have tag counter-signed, pursuant to PGC 4341, by nearest wildlife officer (Fish & Wildlife employee, Game warden, game officer or others listed in Sec. 7088.1 Title 14, C.C.R.)  
(4) Hunter must submit Harvest Report Card within 30 days of killing deer.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS / INSTRUCTIONS  
ALL SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS MUST SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF TAKING THE ANIMAL. CDFW REQUESTS THAT UNSUCCESSFUL HUNTERS SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT AT THE END OF THE SEASON. HARVEST REPORTS CAN BE SUBMITTED THROUGH CDFW'S ONLINE LICENSE SERVICE AT: [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/ols/)  
Hunters reporting on-line will be provided a report confirmation number and should record this number on their tag. Hunters may alternatively summarize the report card to Department employee at time of validation or mail report card to:  
CDFW Wildlife Branch  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0002

DID YOU HUNT DEER:  YES  NO  
NUMBER OF DAYS HUNTING DEER: 2  
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL:  YES  NO

HARVEST INFORMATION  
Doc No. D-0012630450-3  
DATE: 8/29/15 TIME: 6:30 AM PM  
ZONE OF KILL:  A - North Unit  B - South Unit  
LOCALITY OF KILL: 2 mi west of intersection of HWY 41/46  
(Directions and Distance From Nearest Landmark)  
COUNTY OF KILL: San Luis Obispo  
KILLED ON:  PRIVATE LAND  PUBLIC LAND

METHOD OF TAKE  
 ARCHERY  
 CROSSBOW  
 DISABLED ARCHER PERMIT (ARCHERY)  
 CROSSBOW  
 Muzzleloading Rifle  
 PISTOL/REVOLVER  
 RIFLE  
 SHOTGUN

ANIMAL GENDER:  MALE  FEMALE  
NBR. OF ANTLER POINTS: L 3 R 3  
HARVEST REPORT CONFIRMATION NBR: 555

Cut Along Line To Separate Tag (below) from Harvest Report Card (above) when Returning Tag To Animal

## Persons Authorized to Validate or Countersign Deer and Elk Tags

(CCRT14-708.6(c))\*  
STATE

- Fish and Game Commissioners
- Employees of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, including Certified Hunter Education Instructors
- Employees of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Supervising Plant Quarantine Inspectors
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors

### FEDERAL

- Employees of the Bureau of Land Management
- Employees of the United States Forest Service
- Employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service
- All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service
- Commanding Officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer taken on their reservation.
- Postmasters & Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer brought to their post office.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- County firemen at and above the class of foreman for deer brought into their station.
- Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts.
- Notaries Public
- Peace Officers (salaried & non-salaried)
- Officers authorized to administer oaths
- Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage plants for deer brought to their place of business.

\* No person may validate or countersign his/her own deer tag or elk tag. CCRT14-708.6(b).

# GENERAL INFORMATION

*For complete regulations, please visit the Fish and Game Commission website at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov)*

## HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

First time applicants applying for a hunting license through the CDFW's ALDS must present one of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A Two-Day Nonresident California Hunting License issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a unique number imprinted on it ex: (AA00000) or a California hunter education certificate with no unique number imprinted and a California hunter education validation stamp affixed;
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state, province, European Union country or South Africa.

Applicants that have previously purchased a hunting license through CDFW's ALDS will already have the required proof of purchase on their customer profile. To ensure the appropriate customer profile is retrieved at a license agent, the CDFW recommends hunters provide the license agent with a previously issued ALDS license.

## VALIDATION OF LICENSE

To be valid, every California hunting license shall be signed by the licensee. Proof of identification must be presented at the time of initial purchase. In addition, the license must contain the following information about the licensee: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

Acceptable proof of identification:

- Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants who are less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification previously described or a guardian's identification (parent or legal guardian identification listed).

## LICENSE PROVISIONS

A valid California hunting license is required to take any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them upon request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown upon request.

## JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for a junior hunting license, a hunter must be less than 18 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying.

## REDUCED FEE HUNTING LICENSES

The CDFW offers reduced fee hunting licenses to the following qualifying applicants. Hunting tags and validations must be purchased at the full fee. Contact your nearest CDFW license sales office for an application or visit our web site at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#994193-reduced-fee](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#994193-reduced-fee).

### *Disabled Veterans*

Honorably discharged disabled veterans (resident or nonresident) with a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license. First time applicants must provide certification from the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs and evidence of meeting California's hunter education requirements to a CDFW license sales office. After the initial qualification is approved and the license is issued by a CDFW license sales office, future licenses may be purchased at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales.

### *Recovering Service Members*

Recovering service members are entitled to a reduced fee hunting license, while undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, and are in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member's military service. Applicants must submit a letter from their commanding officer or military medical doctor stating they are a recovering service member and evidence of meeting California's hunter education requirements to a CDFW license sales office. This license is available only at CDFW license sales offices.

## UPLAND GAME BIRD AND CALIFORNIA

### DUCK VALIDATION

Any person (except junior hunters) must have an Upland Game Bird Validation when hunting pheasant, dove, turkey, quail, grouse, ptarmigan, snipe, band-tailed pigeon, partridge or chukar. A California Duck Validation authorizes any person to hunt waterfowl in California (along with the Federal Duck Stamp and free HIP Validation). CDFW knows that many hunters collect the physical stamps, hunters who purchase these validations can claim their collectible stamp online at the address printed on their 2015 hunting licenses. Stamps will be mailed at the end of the license year (after July 1, 2016).

## HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP)

### VALIDATION REQUIREMENT

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds in 2015/2016 (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gallinules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey. To take the survey you must request a HIP validation at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, or online. There is no charge for the HIP validation. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP validation in their immediate possession.

### DUPLICATE LICENSES

Your customer record contains a history of all your license purchases. If you lose your license or additional validations, you can go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales and purchase a duplicate license and validations.

### DISABLED ENTITLEMENTS

The CDFW offers the following free disabled entitlements to any resident or nonresident hunter that meets the qualifications. These entitlements must be certified by a licensed physician and submitted to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters that qualify for these entitlements must also have a valid California hunting license in possession while hunting.

#### **Disabled Archer Permit**

A disabled archer permit is available to any hunter who has permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs one or both upper extremities preventing the hunter from drawing and holding of a bow in a firing position. The Disabled Archer Permit authorizes the disabled archer to use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position, to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag or during archery season.

Certification from a licensed physician is required; if the physician indicates on the initial application that the disability is permanent, hunters may renew the permit every year at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales.

If the disability is temporary, the physician is required to enter the end date of the disability on the application; temporary permits may be renewed at any CDFW's license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales every year until the temporary disability end date; once the end date has passed re-certification is required.

#### **Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit**

A disabled muzzleloader scope permit is available to any visually impaired hunter having a permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs the vision of a hunter, preventing the hunter from viewing and aligning the sights of a muzzleloader rifle with the target in order to hunt deer. The Disabled

Muzzleloader Scope Permit allows the hunter to use a 1X scope on a muzzleloader rifle while hunting under the conditions of a muzzleloader deer hunt tag. Hunters must renew the permit each license year, but hunters may provide a copy of their previously issued permit to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch to renew annually.

#### **Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License**

A Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License is available for any mobility impaired disabled hunter who must use a motor vehicle to pursue game. The Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License allows a hunter to discharge a firearm from a vehicle that is stopped and its engine turned off. To qualify a person must be either permanently or fully confined to a wheel chair, a single or double amputee above the knee or double amputee below the knee, or depend upon the aid of a walker, crutches, etc. to walk. Certification from a licensed physician is required. The license is only available from the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch.

### HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES

Classes include at least 10 hours of instruction in a wide range of topics, such as hunting ethics, wildlife conservation and management, safe firearms handling, first aid, survival, wildlife identification, and care of game. There is a minimal fee to cover the instructor's out-of-pocket expenses. To find a hunter education class in your area, visit [www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/classes.aspx](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/classes.aspx). You can also take a hunter education course online. The online course is recommended for ages 12 and above which includes a 4-hour hands-on (practical) training with a certified Hunter Education Instructor.

### ARCHERY TRAINING

The CDFW recommends participation in the National Bowhunter Education Foundation's archery training course for all persons using archery equipment. Please visit [www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/classes.aspx](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/classes.aspx) or [www.nbef.org](http://www.nbef.org) for information on class availability.

### HUNTER EDUCATION EQUIVALENCY EXAMS

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment only at CDFW regional offices for a fee. In some states, the California equivalency certificate may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education.

### DUPLICATE HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class. If the class was completed prior to 1989, CDFW does not have records before this date, the hunter should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course. Contact your nearest CDFW license sales office for the fee and additional information.



**2015 BIG GAME DRAWING WORKSHEET FOR APPLYING AT A LICENSE AGENT**

**DO NOT MAIL OR FAX WORKSHEET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

This worksheet is to assist the sales clerk in entering your hunt choices. Select your hunt choices prior to visiting a license agent. All sales transactions for the Big Game Drawing must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2015. You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/) or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. **Mailed or faxed worksheets will not be accepted at a CDFW office.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GO ID \_\_\_\_\_

**BIG GAME DRAWING**

Enter party leader's party identification number below only if you are joining an existing party.

**First-Deer Tag Drawing Application:**

To enter the Big Game Drawing for a premium deer hunt tag or preference point only

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

**Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application:**

Use only for junior hunters applying for Apprentice Deer Hunts, who did not apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Application

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

**Elk Tag Drawing Application:**

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hunt Choice

**Antelope Tag Drawing Application:**

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hunt Choice

**Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application:**

Party not allowed

Hunt Choice

**FUND-RAISING RANDOM DRAWING TAGS** (no hunting license is required to apply- preference points do not apply - no limit on number of applications – winners will be awarded a tag at no additional cost)

**Open Zone Deer Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

**Northeastern California Pronghorn Antelope Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

**Multiple Zone Elk Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFY THAT YOUR HUNT CHOICES ARE CORRECT ON YOUR DRAWING RECEIPT BEFORE LEAVING THE LICENSE AGENT.** NOTE: Do not leave this worksheet with the sales clerk.

# DEER HUNTING

## DEER TAGS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

In addition to a valid California hunting license, deer tags are also required and must be in possession when taking deer. Hunters may obtain two deer tags per license year. Applicants for deer tags must be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1, of the license year for which they are applying or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1. A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application or First-Deer Tag must be purchased before or at the same time as a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application (Junior Hunters only) or Second-Deer Tag.

### License and Tag Privileges Can Be Revoked

It is illegal to purchase more than one First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/First-Deer Tag and one Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application/Second-Deer Tag in the same license year. Persons convicted of a deer violation during the 2014/2015 license year may not apply for deer tags in 2015/2016.

The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. (FGC 12155, CCR T-14 745.5)

## DEER TAG INFORMATION

Applicants may purchase deer tags or apply in the annual Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/) or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. Allow 15 days to receive license items purchased online or by telephone.

Premium deer tags are issued by drawing. Restricted and unrestricted deer tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

## HUNT TAG DESCRIPTIONS

### A, B, and D Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment only and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. Tags are valid for a specific zone of issuance except:

A zone tag is valid in both A North and A South;  
B Zone Deer Tags are valid in any B zone;  
D3-5 Deer Tags are valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and  
D11, D13, or D15 tags may be used in any of these three zones.

### C Zone Hunt Tag

A C zone tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3, and C4 during the general season only, using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. To hunt with archery equipment only during the archery season in any C zone you must apply in the Big Game Drawing for an A1 Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.

### X Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the general season only, in a specific zone using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow.

### Archery-Only (AO) Hunt Tag

The AO (Archery-Only) tag allows hunting with archery equipment only during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones and Hunt G10 (military only). To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag for the appropriate zone. You may not possess a firearm or crossbow when hunting under the authority of an Archery-Only deer tag except as otherwise provided.

## ADDITIONAL HUNT DEER TAGS

Additional deer hunts offer antlerless, either-sex, and buck hunting opportunities in a variety of locations throughout the state. They include Apprentice Deer Hunts, military lands hunts, and special equipment hunts.

**Apprentice Hunt Tags:** Applicants must be less than 18 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying, and must possess a valid 2015/2016 California Junior Hunting License. See page 18 for more information on Apprentice Deer Hunts. Junior hunters receiving Apprentice Deer Hunt tags must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting.

**Area-Specific Archery Hunt Tags:** These tags allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

**Military Lands Hunts:** G8, J10 and A33 (Additional Hunt Deer Tags), are held on military installations and offer limited number of tags for the public. Tags are issued through the CDFW's Big Game Drawing.

Additional Military Lands Hunts, G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), G10 (Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base Either Sex Hunt), and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt) are for military personnel only. Military personnel must contact the base directly for information on application procedures. Hunters interested in the G7 hunt tag may contact the Beale AFB Natural Resources Office at (530) 634-2738. For information on the G10 hunt tag contact the Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base at (760) 725-3360 and for the G11 hunt tag, contact the Vandenberg Conservation Law Enforcement Office at (805) 606-6804.

### Deer Tag Exchanges

Premium deer tags cannot be exchanged. Non-Premium deer tags may be exchanged if all of the following conditions are met:

- The earliest season (either archery or general) for the tag being exchanged has not yet opened;
- The tag quota for the tag being exchanged has not filled;
- Tags are still available for the zone being requested; and
- The exchange fee of \$10.04 for the exchange tag accompanies your request.

- Deer tag exchanges are only processed at CDFW license sales offices (CCR T14-708.4).

### Deer Tag Refunds

Deer tag fees are nonrefundable. Deer Tag Drawing Application fees are nonrefundable once the deer tag application has been entered into the Big Game Drawing or a deer tag has been issued regardless of closures of any zone or hunt due to fire, weather or other natural disasters.

## DEER DEFINITIONS

**Antlerless Deer:** Female deer, fawns of either sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length (CCR T14-351(b)).

**Either-sex Deer:** Antlerless deer, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler (CCR T14-351(c)).

**Forked-horn Buck:** A male deer having a branched antler on either side with the branch in the upper two-thirds of the antler. Eyeguards or other bony projections on the lower one-third of the antler shall not be considered as points or branches (CCR T14-351(a)).

**Spike Buck Deer:** A male deer with unbranched antlers on both sides which are more than 3 inches in length (FGC 204(d)).

## DEER TAG CLASSIFICATIONS

Deer tags are issued for a specific hunt. Each hunt has a tag quota - the total number of tags that can be issued. Deer hunts are categorized into three different classifications (premium, restricted and unrestricted) based on the prior year's demand for the tag. Hunt classification determines tag issuance method and other rules as follows:

**PREMIUM DEER HUNTS** are any hunt where the quota filled on or before the first business day after July 1, of the previous year. Hunters may only obtain one premium hunt tag per license year. To apply for a premium deer hunt tag, hunters must apply in the Big Game Drawing using a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Except junior hunters who may also apply for premium Apprentice Hunts using a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

**Premium Deer Tags for 2015 are:**

**General Zone Hunts: C, D6** (in 2014, D6 was a restricted tag), **D9, D12, and D17;**

**X Zone Hunts: X1, X2, X3A, X3B, X4, X5A, X5B, X6A, X6B, X7A, X7B, X8, X9A, X9B, X9C, X10 and X12;**

**General Method Hunts: G1, G3, G6, G8, G12, G13, G19, G21, G37, G38 and G39;**

**Muzzleloader Hunts: M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M11, MA1 and MA3;**

**Area-Specific Archery Hunts: A1, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A20, A21, A22** (in 2014, A22 was a restricted tag), **A24, A25, A26, A27, A30, A31 and A33;**

**Apprentice Hunts: J1, J3, J4, J7, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20 and J21.**

**RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** are any hunt that filled on or before the first business day after August 1 of the previous year. Restricted deer hunt tags may be issued upon the purchase of a First-Deer Tag. Second-Deer Tag applicants may also obtain a restricted deer hunt tag at any time, if you do not have a pending drawing application, have not been issued a premium deer hunt tag or restricted deer hunt tag as a First-Deer Tag. Restricted tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

**Restricted Deer Tags for 2015 are:**

**Area-Specific Archery Hunt: A19** (in 2014, A19 was an unrestricted tag)

**General Hunt Zones: D7** (in 2014, D7 was an unrestricted tag); **D16** (in 2014, D16 was a premium tag).

**UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** are any hunt that did not fill on or before the first business day after August 1, in the previous year. Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon the purchase of either a First-Deer Tag or Second-Deer Tag.

**Unrestricted Deer Tags for 2015 are:**

**Archery Only Hunt: AO**

**General Hunt Zones: A, B, D3-5, D8, D10, D11, D13, D14, D15 and D19;**

**Area-Specific Archery Hunts: A18, and A32.**



Photo courtesy of Tobias Wildman

## FIRST DEER TAG DRAWING APPLICATION

A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application may only be used to apply for the following hunts:

- First Choice – Premium Deer Hunts or PD (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- Second and Third Choice – Second and third hunt choices are optional and may be a premium deer, restricted deer or unrestricted deer hunt tag.

## SECOND DEER TAG DRAWING APPLICATION

A Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application may ONLY be used by junior hunters to apply for Apprentice Hunts, and only if they have not applied for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application hunt choices are limited as follows:

- First Choice – Must be an Apprentice Deer Hunt or PD (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- Second and Third Choice – Second and third choice hunts are optional and may be another Apprentice Deer Hunt or unrestricted deer hunt tag. Junior hunters may select a restricted deer hunt as their second or third tag choice ONLY if they were issued an unrestricted deer hunt tag or not pending a drawing application as their first deer tag.

## FIRST DEER TAG

A First-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on July 2, 2015

If any premium deer hunt tags remain after the Big Game Drawing, First-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any leftover premium deer hunt tags starting at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2015. In 2014, D9 and D16 tags were leftover from the drawing. The D9 tags filled on July 2, 2014 and remain a premium deer hunt tag for 2015, while the D16 tag did not fill until August 4, 2014 and will be issued as a restricted deer hunt tag.



Photo courtesy of Sam Sloan

## SECOND DEER TAG

A Second-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on August 2, 2015. (August 2nd is a Sunday, CDFW license sales offices will be closed.)

Second-Deer Tag applicants may obtain any restricted deer hunt tag at any time if they do not have a pending drawing application with a premium or restricted hunt choice or have been issued a premium or restricted deer tag as a First-Deer Tag.

Second Deer Tag applicants may apply for any remaining premium deer tag, starting at 8:00 a.m. on August 2, 2015. In 2014, D9 and D16 tags were leftover from the drawing. D9 tags filled on July 2, 2014 and remains a premium deer hunt tag for 2015, while the D16 tag did not fill until August 4, 2014 and will be issued as a restricted deer hunt tag (August 2nd is a Sunday, CDFW license sales offices will be closed.)



Photo courtesy of Joseph Rightmier

# BIG GAME DRAWING INFORMATION

All premium deer hunt tags and elk, antelope and bighorn sheep tags are distributed through the CDFW Big Game Drawing.

Instructions for applying in the 2015 Big Game Drawing for your elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep tags can be found on pages 40.

For the 2015 Big Game Drawing, 13 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. The CDFW started tracking preference points in 2002. To look up your preference points totals log on to your customer profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/).

## APPLYING IN THE BIG GAME DRAWING

Applicants can apply for the Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/) or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. All transactions for Big Game Drawing entries must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2015. Applicants applying for preference points only must also submit their applications by the same date and time.

You will need to purchase a California hunting license and the appropriate Big Game Drawing Tag Applications:

- First-Deer Tag Application (junior hunters may apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application). See page 30 for deer tag hunt codes.
- Elk Tag Drawing Application, see page 47 for elk hunt codes.
- Pronghorn Antelope Tag Drawing Application, see page 52 for pronghorn antelope hunt codes .
- Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application, see page 53 for bighorn sheep hunt codes.
- Fund-raising Drawing Application – Open Zone Deer tag, Multi-Zone Elk tag, Northeastern California Antelope tag, see page 11.

1. Retrieving Your Customer Record
  - a. If applying at a CDFW license sales office or a license agent provide a previous ALDS issued license for the agent to scan.
  - b. If applying online or by telephone sales, use the GO ID (printed above your 'STATE ID') from a previously issued ALDS license to retrieve your customer record. See instructions on page 21 for more information on applying online.
2. Applying for Another Person  
If you are applying for someone else or party

members, bring their previously issued ALDS license or their identification number and date of birth.

3. Proof of Hunter Education Requirement  
Hunter education information must already be on file in your ALDS record. For new applicants, please bring your required proof of hunter education with you to the license agent. **NOTE:** Hunters who have purchased hunting items via ALDS already have hunter education on file.
4. Items to Purchase
  - a. Purchase your 2015/2016 California hunting license.
  - b. Provide the sales clerk the 2015 hunting items you would like to apply for (see the list of items from the previous column) and the hunt code for each tag application for which you want to apply. **NOTE:** For deer, you should confirm the correct order of your hunt choices.

## APPLYING AS A PARTY

The maximum number of party members for deer is six (6). For elk and antelope, only residents may apply as a party of two. Hunters cannot apply as a party for bighorn sheep. You will receive a different Drawing Receipt and Party Number for each species for which you are applying. Make sure you are giving the correct Party Number from each Drawing Receipt to the correct hunting party.

When applying for a deer, elk, or antelope drawing tag application you will be prompted as to whether you are:

- a. Applying alone or creating a new party (party leader).
- b. Joining an existing party.

The first member of the party to apply should indicate they are applying as the leader. They will be prompted for their hunt choice(s) and issued a Party Number (printed on their Drawing Receipt at the end of the transaction). **NOTE:** Every applicant will receive a Party Number printed on their Drawing Receipt.

The party leader must provide the Party Number to additional members to 'authorize' them to join the party. **NOTE:** CDFW license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Number.

When other party members apply they must indicate that they are joining an existing party, and provide the Party Number to the sales clerk (or enter it themselves if applying online). **NOTE:** If other members of the party are applying in the same sales transaction, they will not need the party number and can just indicate to the sales

clerk that they are joining that person's party.

When the Party Number is entered in the drawing application screen it will bring up the hunting party and hunt choice information. The sales clerk should confirm that this is the correct party and hunt choice with the purchaser. If this is not the correct party, the sales clerk can cancel and re-enter the Party Number. If correct, the sales clerk can confirm, and this will link the new member to the party. (Note: If applying online, the confirmation screen will display for the customer with the options to cancel or confirm).

Hunters joining an existing party will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and all party members will be linked in the drawing together.

Party applications can be made up of transactions submitted in the same sales transaction or through several transactions. In addition, hunters can submit their drawing applications at any CDFW license sales offices, license agents, online, or by telephone sales.

**15 DRA**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
1ST DEER DRAW APPLICATION  
Receipt  
D-0012456514-8

GO ID: 1040300749  
STATE ID: A222\*\*\*\* CA  
JOE HUNTER  
1234 SAMPLE ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95835

SEX: M HAIR: Blonde EYES: Blue  
HT: 6-01 WT: 150 DOB: 01/01/1985

Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months.

Doc No: D-0012456514-8      Outlet No: 301001-001  
Trans: 000000005970599      1/30/2015 11:25:16 AM  
015691258

Customer does not have preference points for any species.

Item	Fee*
1st Deer Drawing Application (Res)	\$29.61

Party Number: 7092334  
Party Leader Name: HUNTER, JOE

Choices  
1st Choice - PD - PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - DEER  
2nd Choice - A - AZONE

Total: \$29.61

\*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees, and license buyer surcharge.

If you would like for other hunters to enter the drawing as part of your party, please provide them the "Party Number" from this receipt for the appropriate species. The party members will need to provide this Party ID at the time of application to join the party.

Detailed drawing information can be found at [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov).  
For questions regarding your application data or preference points, please contact DFG at (916) 419-7573.

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**IMPORTANT:** Applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt for each species for which they are applying. If you were issued a first deer tag instead of a Drawing Receipt, at the license agent, you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will not earn a preference point and will not be drawn for a premium deer tag.

### Check Your Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Hunters should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. The receipt will include the applicant's name,

hunt choice(s), accumulated preference points, and a Party Number. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information.

License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact

CDFW's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 419-7573, or e-mail [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov).

## APPLYING FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING ONLINE

Apply early! Don't be left out! The deadline to apply is midnight on June 2, 2015.

You must have proof of hunter education on file to purchase hunting items online. If you do not have hunter education on file, you must provide proof of hunter education to a license agent or a CDFW license sales office. You may also contact CDFW by fax at (916) 419-7587 or e-mail [InternetSales@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:InternetSales@wildlife.ca.gov) and provide proof of hunter education and GO ID, or your personal identification number. After your hunter education is updated in ALDS, you will be able to purchase hunting licenses now and in the future.

### How to Apply Online

1. Using your last name, date of birth, and ID number (GO ID, CDL, or other ID used to create profile) log into your profile [www.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/](http://www.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/).
2. From the Menu box on the left side of the screen, select 2015 Hunting.
3. Add the 2015 hunting license to your cart.
4. Scroll down to the Drawings section. In the Drawings section,
  - Click on "Add to Cart" to select the desired Drawing Application.
  - Note: Adult hunters MUST use a First Deer Tag Drawing Application when applying for deer in the Big Game Drawing. The item 'First Deer Tag' (in the TAGS section) cannot be used to apply for the Big Game Drawing for deer.
  - If you are joining an existing hunting party, select "Join Party". You will need the Party ID of the party you wish to join. See page 20 for more information on applying as a party.
  - If you are applying alone, or if you are the first person in your party to apply, select "Apply Alone or Create New Party."
  - Enter your hunt choices in the boxes provided.
  - Click "Submit" to complete hunt choice entry.
5. Repeat step 4, for each species that you are applying for.
6. Add any other items you wish to purchase to the cart.
7. Select "View Cart" to review the items you've selected and confirm your tag choices.

8. Click on "Continue to Checkout" to start the checkout process and enter your payment information. Enter your email address if you want confirmation of your purchase emailed to you.
9. Check the box to certify that you are 18 years of age and authorize the purchase. The transaction will not be processed if this box is not checked, which means you will not be entered in the Big Game Drawing.
10. Select "Complete Transaction." The "Transaction Complete" page will appear, stating that your order has been received and processed. Click on "Download Receipt/Licenses" so you may print your drawing receipts for your record.

For more information contact the CDFW's Internet Sales Help Desk at (916) 928 – 6882 or email [InternetSales@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:InternetSales@wildlife.ca.gov).

## DRAWING RESULTS

The CDFW has 10 business days after the deadline to conduct the drawing. Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 17, 2015 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales/) and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page. Applicants will also see their new preference point totals by clicking on the tab 'Preference Point.' On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

### TIP

#### MOST COMMON MISTAKES WHEN APPLYING FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING

- Online customers forget to click on the "Submit Payment" button to process the transaction.
- Online customers forget to check the box to authorize the purchase.
- Online customers "Add to Cart" a first deer tag instead of the First Deer Tag Drawing Application located under the "Drawings" list.
- Customers leave the license sales agent with a deer tag instead of a Deer Drawing Receipt. The drawing receipt shows that you have applied in the drawing.
- Customers do not use the GO ID number from a previously issued ALDS license or drawing receipt.
- Customers don't apply early and miss the deadline to apply.

## NOTIFYING APPLICANTS

Deer tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing will be mailed to successful applicants as soon as possible after the drawing. If you do not receive your tag by July 2, 2015, please contact your nearest CDFW license sales office.

Unsuccessful deer tag applicants will also be mailed unsuccessful deer tag notices by July 2, 2015. Notices will list available deer tags as of the notice date. It is not necessary to have the drawing notice to claim an available tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales to claim available deer tags. Hunters may use their California hunting license to retrieve their customer record.

Unsuccessful nonresidents may request a refund of the difference between the fees paid for a nonresident and a resident Deer Tag Drawing Application, if the application was submitted and a deer tag was not issued or if a non-resident tag is issued, and all of the following conditions are met:

1. The deer license tag is not a premium tag.
2. The deer license tag is returned prior to the earliest opening date for the hunt.
3. The tag quota has not been filled for the hunt.

Refund requests shall be submitted on or before March 1, each year, to CDFW's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834. If the deadline to submit the request for refund falls on a weekend or holiday, requests will be accepted until the close of business on the first state business day following the deadline to submit the request.

Successful elk, antelope and bighorn sheep applicants and alternates should receive their payment notices in the mail by July 2, 2015; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

## HOW THE DRAWINGS WORK

Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in Draw-By-Choice drawings. Quota splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, and other special criteria (such as those for Apprentice Hunts, elk, antelope and Bighorn sheep).

The CDFW has 10 business days after the deadline to conduct the drawing.

After the application deadline, when all applicant information has been verified, the computer will:

- Assign each person (or party) a unique random

number. Party members receive the same random number as the party leader.

- Determine the preference point value for party applications by averaging all party members' preference points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Preference point averages are not rounded up or down (CCR T14-708.14(e)).

#### **Premium Deer Tag Drawing:**

- Sort all applications according to the first choice tag, then preference point totals, and then random number.
- Award tag choices to applicants with the most preference points, in random number order only (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number). Tags are awarded until the preference quota is met.
- After the preference point round is completed, unsuccessful applicants are resorted by hunt choice and random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and the computer begins awarding tags based on applicant's first-choice without consideration of accumulated preference points, until all draw-by-choice tag quotas fill or until all applicants have been processed.
- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are then sorted by second choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number) and the computer conducts a second round of drawings for any zones and hunts with tags remaining without consideration of accumulated preference points.
- If tags remain after the second choice tags have been processed, applicants are sorted once again by third choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and any remaining tags are awarded without consideration of accumulated points.
- For applicants not drawn in the third round, they will be notified of available tags so they may reapply.

Deer tag party applications are not split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags (CCR T14-708.15(a)(2)). Therefore, when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party, the computer bypasses that application and moves on to the next application where party count is equal to or less than the remaining quota.

#### **Elk, Antelope and Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawings:**

The random round of the drawing is conducted first, then the preference point round.

For elk or antelope party applications, if your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

#### **TAG QUOTA SPLITS**

Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission based on CDFW science-based proposals and public input. Please check the Commission's web site at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov) for information on how to become involved in the regulation-setting process.

#### **Premium Deer Hunt Tags**

- Ninety percent (90%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing.
- Ten percent (10%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.
- For zones or hunts with quotas less than ten (10) tags, one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.

#### **Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags**

- Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Preference Point drawing.
- Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

#### **Elk, Antelope and Bighorn Sheep Tags**

- For quotas of one (1), the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two (2), one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three (3), two (2) tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four (4) or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

# 2014 PRELIMINARY DEER HARVEST BY ANTLER CLASS

The following table shows the percentage by antler class of forked-horn or better bucks and total reported buck harvest for zones and hunts as of February 19, 2015 (a).

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5 Point or Greater Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Archery Only Tags (b)	52.0%	31.1%	12.9%	3.7%	325
A Zone (South-110)	67.4%	25.9%	5.4%	1.2%	1,195
A Zone (North-160)	48.4%	38.3%	12.2%	1.2%	1,461
Zone B1	40.0%	38.5%	18.9%	2.7%	1,204
Zone B2	54.5%	29.5%	14.4%	1.6%	1,051
Zone B3	52.7%	35.5%	10.8%	1.0%	203
Zone B4	41.5%	40.8%	17.0%	0.7%	147
Zone B5	51.6%	36.1%	10.1%	2.2%	316
Zone B6	46.9%	30.5%	18.7%	3.9%	434
Zone C1	36.6%	37.7%	21.4%	4.3%	257
Zone C2	40.0%	38.1%	19.5%	2.4%	210
Zone C3	38.2%	38.7%	19.6%	3.6%	225
Zone C4	50.4%	38.0%	10.5%	1.1%	353
Zone D3	53.7%	30.4%	13.0%	2.9%	954
Zone D4	47.6%	29.2%	20.4%	2.8%	250
Zone D5	46.9%	32.5%	16.1%	4.5%	936
Zone D6	54.7%	28.2%	14.3%	2.4%	245
Zone D7	58.0%	27.6%	10.5%	3.8%	286
Zone D8	61.5%	25.0%	11.0%	2.5%	200
Zone D9	48.7%	36.5%	13.0%	1.7%	115
Zone D10	76.7%	13.3%	10.0%	0.0%	30
Zone D11	62.1%	25.5%	10.3%	1.4%	146
Zone D12	22.7%	30.3%	34.8%	12.1%	66
Zone D13	78.8%	17.4%	3.8%	0.0%	132
Zone D14	56.4%	31.5%	9.4%	2.7%	149
Zone D15	61.3%	25.8%	9.7%	3.2%	31
Zone D16	60.0%	34.9%	4.1%	1.0%	195
Zone D17	37.5%	22.9%	27.1%	12.5%	48
Zone D19	59.6%	32.7%	7.7%	0.0%	52
Zone X1	36.5%	35.9%	21.2%	6.4%	156

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5 Point or Greater Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Zone X2	10.1%	40.6%	40.6%	8.7%	69
Zone X3a	24.1%	33.7%	34.9%	7.2%	83
Zone X3b	36.3%	38.1%	22.4%	3.1%	224
Zone X4	35.1%	36.0%	23.4%	5.4%	111
Zone X5a	26.1%	13.0%	52.2%	8.7%	23
Zone X5b	8.0%	40.0%	40.0%	12.0%	25
Zone X6a	27.7%	26.1%	41.2%	5.0%	120
Zone X6b	39.6%	31.3%	24.0%	5.2%	96
Zone X7a	35.7%	38.1%	25.0%	1.2%	84
Zone X7b	32.4%	37.8%	21.6%	8.1%	37
Zone X8	52.2%	30.4%	17.4%	0.0%	23
Zone X9a	37.3%	43.5%	15.5%	3.6%	193
Zone X9b	31.7%	41.7%	18.3%	8.3%	60
Zone X9c	29.2%	43.8%	20.8%	6.3%	48
Zone X10	46.7%	33.3%	16.7%	3.3%	30
Zone X12	34.4%	42.4%	21.6%	1.6%	125
Hunt A1 (C1)	50.8%	35.4%	12.3%	1.5%	65
Hunt A1 (C2)	48.0%	32.0%	16.0%	4.0%	25
Hunt A1 (C3)	41.2%	35.3%	20.6%	2.9%	34
Hunt A1 (C4)	57.4%	25.5%	12.8%	4.3%	94
Hunt A3	48.0%	36.0%	8.0%	8.0%	25
Hunt A4	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	3
Hunt A5	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt A6	52.9%	17.6%	29.4%	0.0%	17
Hunt A7	30.4%	21.7%	39.1%	8.7%	23
Hunt A8	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt A9	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	3
Hunt A11	40.0%	25.0%	20.0%	15.0%	20
Hunt A12	32.0%	36.0%	20.0%	12.0%	25
Hunt A13	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%	0.0%	6
Hunt A14	61.5%	15.4%	7.7%	15.4%	13
Hunt A15	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt A16	24.0%	32.0%	44.0%	0.0%	25

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5 Point or Greater Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Hunt A17	52.6%	42.1%	5.3%	0.0%	19
Hunt A18	No Reported Buck Harvest				0
Hunt A19	20.0%	80.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt A20	37.5%	31.3%	31.3%	0.0%	16
Hunt A21	0.0%	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt A22	58.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	13
Hunt A24	83.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6
Hunt A25	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt A26	6.7%	13.3%	53.3%	26.7%	15
Hunt A27	No Reported Buck Harvest				0
Hunt A30	28.6%	42.9%	14.3%	14.3%	7
Hunt A31	56.3%	25.0%	6.3%	12.5%	16
Hunt A32	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt A33	60.0%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt G1	38.3%	37.4%	21.4%	2.9%	420
Hunt G3	4.8%	14.3%	66.7%	14.3%	21
Hunt G6	29.4%	23.5%	47.1%	0.0%	17
Hunt G7	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt G8	No Reported Buck Harvest				0
Hunt G9	No Hunt Held in 2014				0
Hunt G10	45.0%	25.0%	20.0%	0.0%	22
Hunt G11	75.0%	12.5%	6.3%	0.0%	19
Hunt G12	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
Hunt G13	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt G19	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt G21	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt G37	23.1%	30.8%	30.8%	15.4%	13
Hunt G38	33.3%	53.3%	6.7%	6.7%	15
Hunt G39	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	3
Hunt J1	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J3	14.3%	42.9%	42.9%	0.0%	7
Hunt J4	33.3%	44.4%	0.0%	22.2%	9
Hunt J7	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J8	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J9	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt J10	55.6%	16.7%	22.2%	0.0%	20
Hunt J11	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2
Hunt J12	0.0%	0.0%	71.4%	28.6%	7
Hunt J13	No Reported Buck Harvest				0
Hunt J14	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3
Hunt J15	0.0%	50.0%	0.0%	50.0%	2
Hunt J16	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1

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Hunt J18	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt J19	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	6
Hunt J20	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
Hunt J21	41.7%	33.3%	16.7%	0.0%	12
Hunt M3	15.4%	15.4%	61.5%	7.7%	13
Hunt M4	22.2%	22.2%	55.6%	0.0%	9
Hunt M5	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	4
Hunt M6	No Reported Buck Harvest				0
Hunt M7	80.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5
Hunt M8	14.3%	71.4%	14.3%	0.0%	7
Hunt M9	0.0%	7.1%	50.0%	42.9%	14
Hunt M11	16.7%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	12
Hunt MA1	100%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1
Hunt MA3	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	5
Fund-raising Tags (b)	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	8
Statewide Total:	48.4%	33.1%	15.5%	2.9%	13,930
(a) Table does not include percentages for antlerless, unclassified or spike bucks. Percentages may not total 100%.					
(b) Archery Only and Fund-raising Tags are listed separately and are not included within the individual zone or hunt.					



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# 2014 DEER TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

HUNT NAME	Quota	PREFERENCE DRAWING						RANDOM (DRAW BY CHOICE) DRAWING			
		Preference Point Quota	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Point (12) Applicants	Total Tags Awarded by Preference Drawing	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants
<b>C, D AND X ZONE HUNTS</b>											
C	8150	7335	5490	0	5490	9	0	2660	0	2660	0
D9	2000	1800	757	0	757	9	0	1005	0	705	300
D12	950	855	938	0	855	5	0	95	83	12	0
D16	3000	2700	1296	0	1296	4	0	652	0	565	87
D17	500	450	637	0	450	5	0	50	50	0	0
X1	769	693	2958	0	693	7	1	76	76	0	0
X2	149	135	1469	1	135	12	5	14	14	0	0
X3A	274	247	1822	0	247	9	4	27	27	0	0
X3B	794	715	3102	2	715	12	2.33	79	79	0	0
X4	384	346	1716	0	346	7	2.67	38	38	0	0
X5A	65	59	993	2	59	12	8	6	6	0	0
X5B	50	45	2133	9	45	12	10.67	5	5	0	0
X6A	319	288	2033	0	288	11	3	31	31	0	0
X6B	304	274	1418	0	274	9	3	30	30	0	0
X7A	224	202	1719	0	202	10	4	22	22	0	0
X7B	134	121	944	1	121	12	4	13	13	0	0
X8	209	189	695	0	189	7	1.167	20	20	0	0
X9A	650	585	3898	1	585	12	3	65	65	0	0
X9B	325	293	779	0	293	11	1	32	32	0	0
X9C	325	293	515	0	293	6	0	32	32	0	0
X10	400	360	335	0	335	10	0	65	0	65	0
X12	680	612	4557	0	612	10	3.5	68	68	0	0

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<b>ADDITIONAL HUNTS</b>											
G1	2710	2439	3168	0	2439	11	0	271	271	0	0
G3	35	32	5093	735	32	12	12	3	3	0	0
G6	50	45	1267	3	45	12	10	5	5	0	0
G8	10	9	172	0	9	6	6	1	1	0	0
G12	30	27	119	0	27	6	2	3	3	0	0
G13	300	270	721	0	270	7	1	30	30	0	0
G19	25	23	241	0	23	10	4	2	2	0	0
G21	25	23	97	0	23	6	2	2	2	0	0
G37	25	23	1685	146	23	12	12	2	2	0	0
G38	300	270	298	0	270	11	0	30	28	2	0
G39	5	4	433	34	4	12	12	1	1	0	0
<b>APPRENTICE HUNTS</b>											
J1	25	13	134	0	13	3	2	12	12	0	0
J3	15	8	351	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J4	15	8	215	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0
J7	15	8	42	0	8	3	2	7	7	0	0
J8	15	8	82	0	8	3	2	7	7	0	0
J9	5	3	17	0	3	3	2	2	2	0	0
J10	65	33	260	0	33	3	2	32	32	0	0
J11	40	20	78	0	20	2	1	20	20	0	0
J12	10	5	758	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0
J13	40	20	76	0	20	2	0	20	20	0	0

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HUNT NAME	Quota	PREFERENCE DRAWING						RANDOM (DRAW BY CHOICE) DRAWING			
		Preference Point Quota	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Point (12) Applicants	Total Tags Awarded by Preference Drawing	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants
J14	30	15	51	0	15	1	0.5	15	15	0	0
J15	10	5	243	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0
J16	75	38	90	0	38	2	0	37	37	0	0
J17	25	13	55	0	13	2	0	12	12	0	0
J18	75	38	112	0	38	3	0	37	37	0	0
J19	25	13	167	0	13	3	2	12	12	0	0
J20	20	10	87	0	10	3	2	10	10	0	0
J21	50	25	168	0	25	3	1	25	25	0	0
<b>MUZZLELOADER HUNTS</b>											
M3	20	18	820	102	18	12	12	2	2	0	0
M4	10	9	66	0	9	10	6	1	1	0	0
M5	5	4	105	2	4	12	11	1	1	0	0
M6	80	72	76	0	72	3	0	8	4	4	0
M7	150	135	225	0	135	8	0	15	15	0	0
M8	20	18	92	0	18	10	4	2	2	0	0
M9	15	14	647	36	14	12	12	1	1	0	0
M11	20	18	587	2	18	12	11	2	2	0	0
MA1	150	135	168	0	135	7	0	15	15	0	0
MA3	150	135	136	0	135	11	0	15	1	14	0
<b>AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS</b>											
A1	1945	1751	544	0	544	6	0	1401	0	1235	166
A3	130	117	343	0	117	3	1	13	13	0	0
A4	10	9	52	0	9	6	3	1	1	0	0

# 2014 DEER TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

HUNT NAME	Quota	PREFERENCE DRAWING						RANDOM (DRAW BY CHOICE) DRAWING			
		Preference Point Quota	Total 1st Choice Applicants	1st Choice Max Point (12) Applicants	Total Tags Awarded by Preference Drawing	Highest Point Value Awarded Tag	Lowest Point Value Awarded Tag	Total Tags Awarded by Random Drawing	Tags Awarded to 1st Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 2nd Choice Applicants	Tags Awarded to 3rd Choice Applicants
A5	30	27	128	0	27	7	3.2	3	3	0	0
A6	70	63	228	0	63	6	1.67	7	7	0	0
A7	110	99	281	0	99	5	1	11	11	0	0
A8	10	9	48	0	9	3.5	3	1	1	0	0
A9	5	4	74	0	4	10	7	1	1	0	0
A11	50	45	317	0	45	6	3	5	5	0	0
A12	90	81	256	0	81	4	1	9	9	0	0
A13	45	41	183	0	41	5.5	2	4	4	0	0
A14	25	23	135	0	23	7	3	2	2	0	0
A15	40	36	46	0	36	6	0	4	4	0	0
A16	140	126	411	0	126	4	1	14	14	0	0
A17	300	270	26	0	26	6	0	271	0	202	69
A20	100	90	450	0	90	9.67	2	10	10	0	0
A21	25	23	101	0	23	11	4	2	2	0	0
A24	100	90	249	0	90	5	1	10	10	0	0
A25	35	32	176	0	32	6	3	3	3	0	0
A26	30	27	460	0	27	10	9	3	3	0	0
A27	5	4	161	0	4	11	9	1	1	0	0
A30	40	36	284	0	36	7	4	4	4	0	0
A31	1000	900	483	0	483	11	0	502	0	414	88
A33	25	23	67	0	23	5	1	2	2	0	0
PD	0	0	6901	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# 2015 PROPOSED\* DEER HUNTS

◆ Tag quota filled in the 2014 Big Game Drawing conducted on June 11, 2014. ★ Tag quota did not fill in 2014.

**PREMIUM DEER ZONES and HUNTS** Applications for premium deer hunt tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing must be submitted to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or telephone sales by midnight on June 2, 2015. You must use your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for a premium deer hunt tag. Exception: junior hunters may use a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for apprentice deer hunts, but only one application may be used to apply for apprentice deer hunts.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
	P D	Point Only	N/A	To earn a point, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2015.			
General Zones	C	General Season Buck in Zones C1-C4	27%	8,150	◆	Hunt A1	See C Zone Below
		C1				See Hunt A1	Sep 19-Oct 18
		C2				See Hunt A1	Sep 19-Oct 25
		C3				See Hunt A1	Sep 19-Oct 25
		C4				See Hunt A1	Sep 19-Oct 4
	D6		15%	6,000	6/11/14	Aug 15-Sep 6	Sep 19-Nov 1
	D9		12%	2,000	7/2/14	Aug 15-Sep 6	Sep 26-Oct 25
	D12		17 %	950	◆	Oct 3-25	Nov 7-29
	D17		20%	500	◆	Sep 5-27	Oct 10-Nov 1

C Tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3 and C4 General Seasons only.

**C1** Large areas of private land where access is restricted. Some private land owned by timber companies is open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131; fair access. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**C2** Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**C3** Good access in middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151, and fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**C4** Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to public. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

**D6** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005. Forest closures may restrict hunter access and tag allotment.

**D9** Good access on public land. (559) 243-4005.

**D12** Extremely dry and hot desert deer zone. Wilderness areas severely restrict vehicle access; 4 X 4 recommended for entire zone

**D17** Wilderness Area and Mojave National Preserve restrict vehicle access. (909) 484-0167.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
X Zones	X1		44%	770	◆	See Hunt A3	Oct 3-18
	X2		71%	150	◆	See Hunt A4	Oct 3-18
	X3A		60%	275	◆	See Hunt A5	Oct 3-18
	X3B		55%	795	◆	See Hunt A6	Oct 3-18
	X4		46%	385	◆	See Hunt A7	Oct 3-18

**X1** Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**X2** Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details.

CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**X3A** Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**X3B** Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM property (530) 279-6101 for information. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**X4** Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
X Zones, continued	X5A		59%	65	◆	See Hunt A8	Oct 3-18
	X5B		68%	50	◆	See Hunt A9	Oct 3-18
	X6A		67%	320	◆	See Hunt A11	Oct 3-18
	X6B		50%	305	◆	See Hunt A12	Oct 3-18
	X7A		57%	225	◆	See Hunt A13	Oct 3-18
	X7B		41%	135	◆	See Hunt A14	Oct 3-18
	X8		19%	210	◆	See Hunt A15	Sep 26-Oct 11
	X9A		52%	650	◆	See Hunt A16	Sep 19-Oct 12
	X9B		38%	325	◆	See Hunt A17	Sep 19-Oct 12
	X9C		31%	325	◆	See Hunt A18	Oct 17-Nov 8
	X10		15%	400	◆	See Hunt A19	Sep 26-Oct 11
	X12		48%	680	◆	See Hunt A20	Sep 19-Oct 12

**X5A** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

**X5B** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

**X6A** CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**X6B** Good access on public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**X7A** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**X7B** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**X8** Good access on public lands except two wilderness areas (916) 358-2900.

**X9A** Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

**X9B** Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

**X9C** Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

**X10** Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain. (559) 243-4005.

**X12** Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
General Method Hunts	G1	Late Season Buck in zone C4	35%	2,710	◆	N/A	Oct 24-Nov 1
	G3	Goodale Buck	75%	35	◆	N/A	Dec 5-20
	G6	Kern River Deer Herd Buck	35%	50	◆	N/A	Dec 5-13
	G8	Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless	64%	10	◆	N/A	Oct 3-4 & 10-12
	G9	Camp Roberts Antlerless	N/A	0		N/A	2015 HUNT CANCELLED DUE TO BASE OPERATIONS.
	G12	Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-sex	35%	30	◆	N/A	Sep 19-27
	G13	San Diego Antlerless	27%	300	◆	N/A	Oct 24-Nov 15

**G1** Late season tag, valid in C4 only. Instructions for how to apply for the G1 Tehama Wildlife Area Access Permit can be found at [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/additionalinfo.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/additionalinfo.html). CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

**G3** Good public access; unpredictable weather (760) 872-1171.

**G6** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

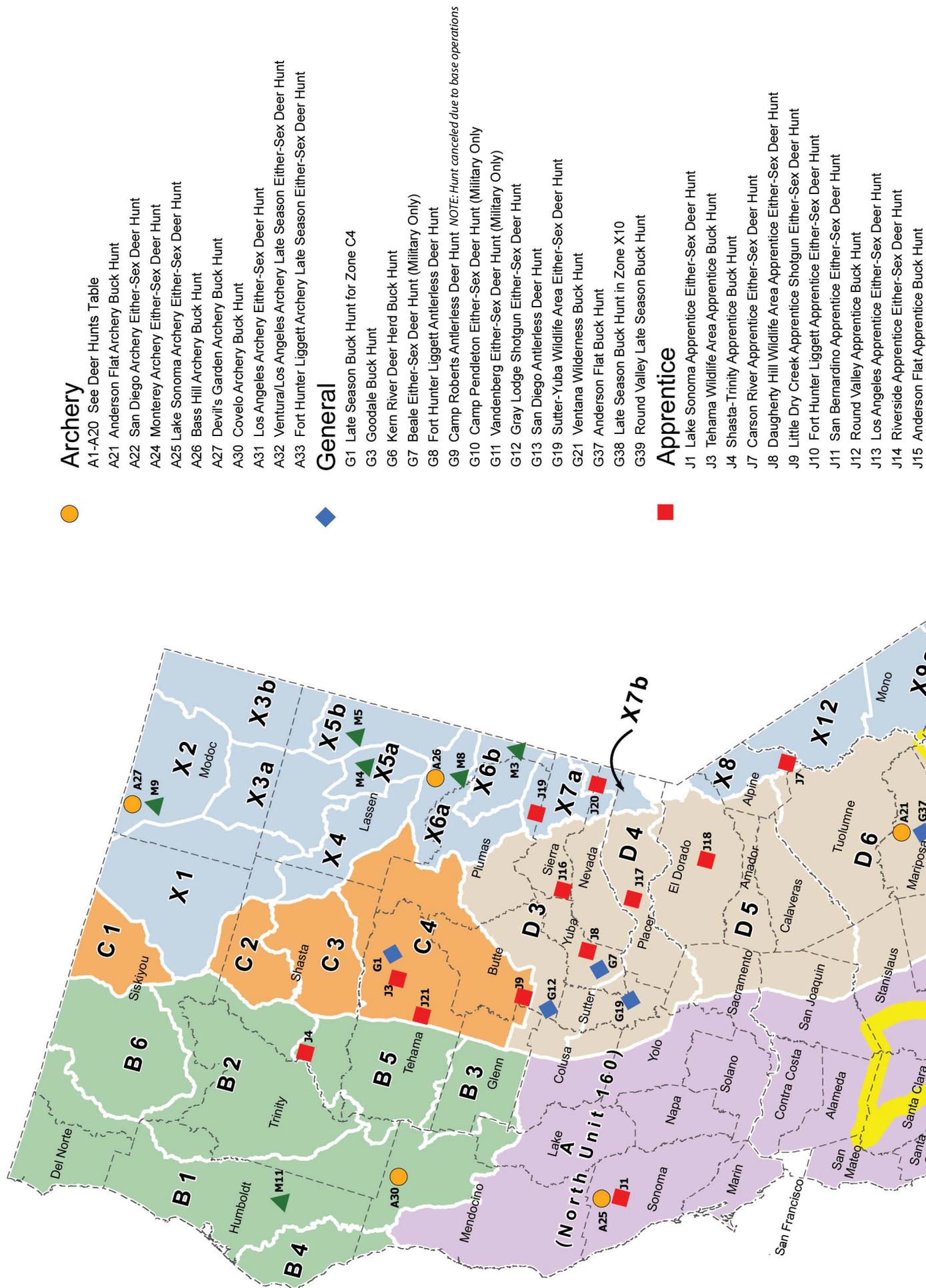
**G8** Access fee required; date subject to change (831) 386-2214.

**G9** 2015 Hunt cancelled due to base operations.

**G12** Gray Lodge Wildlife Area only; shotguns with solid slugs only (916) 358-2900.

**G13** Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

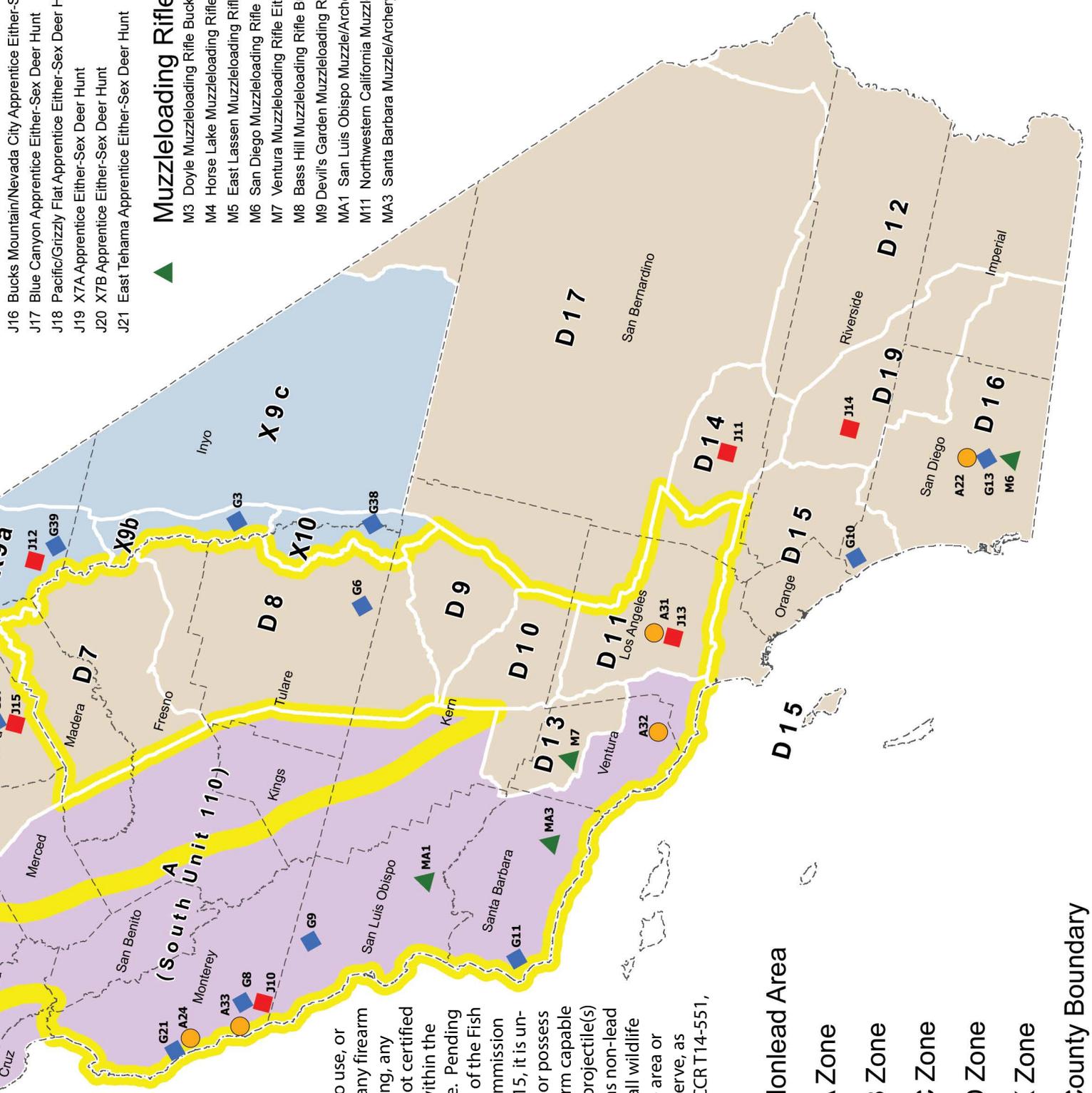
# 2015 Deer Zones and Additional Hunts



- J16 Bucks Mountain/Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J17 Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J18 Pacific/Gizzly Flat Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J19 X7A Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J20 X7B Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J21 East Tehama Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

**Muzzleloading Rifle**

- M3 Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M4 Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M5 East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M6 San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Hunt
- M7 Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- M8 Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M9 Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- MA1 San Luis Obispo Muzzle/Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- MA11 Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- MA3 Santa Barbara Muzzle/Archery Buck Hunt



\* It is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead within the Condor Range. Pending final approval of the Fish and Game Commission on April 9, 2015, it is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead when taking all wildlife in any wildlife area or ecological reserve, as described in CCR T14-551, 552 and 630.

- Nonlead Area
- A Zone
- B Zone
- C Zone
- D Zone
- X Zone
- County Boundary

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
General, con't.	G19	Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-sex	57%	25	◆	N/A	Sep 26-Dec 31
	G21	Ventana Wilderness Buck	27%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 14-Dec 6
	G37	Anderson Flat Buck	69%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 28-Dec 6
	G38	Late season Buck in zone X10	12%	300	◆	N/A	Oct 17-Nov 1
	G39	Round Valley Late Season Buck	100%	5	◆	N/A	Oct 24-Nov 8

**G19** Archery-crossbow-shotguns with solid slugs only; all portions walk-in only (916) 358-2900.

**G21** Open only on lands designated USFS Ventana Wilderness Area in Monterey County; steep, rugged, brushy; vehicle restrictions (831) 649-2870.

**G37** Good access on National Forest Service lands (559) 243-4005.

**G38** Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

**G39** Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
Muzzleloading Hunts	M3	Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	77%	20	◆	N/A	Nov 21-29
	M4	Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	100%	10	◆	N/A	Oct 24-Nov 1
	M5	East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	100%	5	◆	N/A	Oct 24-Nov 1
	M6	San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-sex	13%	80	◆	N/A	Dec 19-31
	M7	Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-sex	14%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 28-Dec 13
	M8	Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	54%	20	◆	N/A	Oct 24-Nov 1
	M9	Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	93%	15	◆	N/A	Oct 24- Nov 8
	M11	Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	67%	20	◆	N/A	Nov 14-29
	MA1	San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Archery Either-sex	11%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 28-Dec 13
	MA3	Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Archery Buck	7.8%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 28-Dec 13

**M3** Good access on public lands. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M4** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M5** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M6** Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

**M7** Good access; hunt on public lands (858) 467-4201.

**M8** Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands

that are public. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M9** Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**M11** Contact CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493 or CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**MA1** Open only on that portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the Los Padres National Forest. Good access on public lands; rugged terrain (831) 649-2870.

**MA3** Fair access on public lands vehicle use limited (858) 467-4201.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
Apprentice Hunts	J1	Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-sex	17%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 7-8
	J3	Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck	64%	15	◆	N/A	Nov 28-29
	J4	Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck	71%	15	◆	N/A	Nov 28-Dec 6
	J7	Carson River Apprentice Either-sex	20%	15	◆	N/A	Oct 17-25
	J8	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-sex	20%	15	◆	N/A	Dec 5-31

**J1** Rugged oak/grassland habitat with good deer numbers. Boats required in two-thirds of area. No dogs allowed (707) 944-5500.

**J3** Hunt area is restricted to CDFW's Tehama Wildlife Area. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

**J4** Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2300 and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**J7** Good public access on National Forest lands (916) 358-2900.

**J8** Good access. Wildlife Area only (916) 358-2900.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
Apprentice Hunts, ctd.	J9	Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-sex	40%	5	◆	N/A	Sep 19-27
	J10	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-sex	71%	65	◆	N/A	Oct 3, 4 & 10-12
	J11	San Bernardino Apprentice Either-sex	32%	40	◆	N/A	Nov 21-29
	J12	Round Valley Apprentice Buck	100%	10	◆	N/A	Dec 5-20
	J13	Los Angeles Apprentice Either-sex	29%	40	◆	N/A	Nov 21-29
	J14	Riverside Apprentice Either-sex	50%	30	◆	N/A	Nov 21-29
	J15	Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck	30%	10	◆	N/A	Nov 28-Dec 6
	J16	Bucks Mountain/Nevada City Apprentice Either-sex	41%	75	◆	N/A	Sep 26-Nov 1
	J17	Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-sex	36%	25	◆	N/A	Sep 26-Nov 1
	J18	Pacific/Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-sex	55%	75	◆	N/A	Sep 26-Nov 1
	J19	Zone X7A Apprentice Either-sex	89%	25	◆	N/A	Oct 3-18
	J20	Zone X7B Apprentice Either-sex	31%	20	◆	N/A	Oct 3-18
J21	East Tehama Apprentice Either-sex	60%	50	◆	N/A	Sep 19-Nov 1	

**J9** Good access. Wildlife Area only. Shotguns using slugs only (916) 358-2900.

**J10** Season subject to change by Commanding Officer (831) 386-2214.

**J11** Within D14 and San Bernardino County only. Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

**J12** Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

**J13** Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.

**J14** Within zone D19 and Riverside County only. Good access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

**J15** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**J16** Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Butte, Colusa and Glenn counties.

**J17** Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations. (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Colusa County.

**J18** Good access on National Forest lands; mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

**J19** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**J20** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**J21** Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Tehama Wildlife Area is not open to J21 hunters during the G1 season. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
Area-Specific	A1	Archery Season Buck in Zones C1 - C4	26%	1,945	◆	See Zone Below	N/A
		C1				Aug 15-30	N/A
		C2				Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
		C3				Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
		C4				Aug 15-30	N/A
	A3	Archery Buck in zone X1	32%	130	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A4	Archery Buck in zone X2	30%	10	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A

**A1** tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3 and C4 during the Archery Season only.

**A1-C1** Fair access. Much private land, some owned by timber companies and open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest; (530) 842-6131. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**A1-C2** Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

**A1-C3 and C4** Good access at middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forestland (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Sierra Pacific Industries property is restricted to

walking only; no motorized vehicle access behind locked gates without Sierra Pacific Industries' prior written permission. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**A3** Good access on public lands administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity N.F. (530) 226-2500, Modoc N.F. (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Road management areas within zone - refer to national forest maps for detail. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**A4** Good access on public lands, primarily administered by Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
Area-Specific, Continued	A5	Archery Buck in zone X3a	35%	30	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A6	Archery Buck in zone X3b	33%	70	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A7	Archery Buck in zone X4	29%	110	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A8	Archery Buck in zone X5a	30%	10	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A9	Archery Buck in zone X5b	60%	5	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A11	Archery Buck in zone X6a	72%	50	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A12	Archery Buck in zone X6b	46%	90	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A13	Archery Buck in zone X7a	27%	45	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A14	Archery Buck in zone X7b	60%	25	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A15	Archery Buck in zone X8	23%	40	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A16	Archery Buck in zone X9a	45%	140	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A17	Archery Buck in zone X9b	17%	300	7/2/14	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A20	Archery Buck in zone X12	21%	100	◆	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A21	Anderson Flat Archery Buck	8%	25	◆	Nov 14-27	N/A
	A22	San Diego Archery Either-sex	7.3%	1,000	6/25/14	Sept 5-Oct 18 Nov 21-Dec 31	N/A
	A24	Monterey Archery Either-sex	33%	100	◆	Oct 10- Nov 8	N/A
	A25	Lake Sonoma Archery Either-sex	17%	35	◆	Oct 3-26	N/A
	A26	Bass Hill Archery Buck	88%	30	◆	Nov 21-Dec 13	N/A
	A27	Devils Garden Archery Buck	60%	5	◆	Oct 24-Nov 8	N/A
A30	Covelo Archery Buck	27%	40	◆	Nov 14-29	N/A	
A31	Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-sex	4.0%	1000	7/2/14	Sep 26-Dec 31	N/A	
A33	Fort Hunter Liggett Archery Late Season Either-sex	38%	25	◆	Oct 3-Nov 11	N/A	

**A5** Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A6** Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office BLM (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM lands (530) 279-6101 for more information. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A7** Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**A8-A9** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**A11** CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**A12** Good access to public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**A13** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**A14** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**A15** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**A16** Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

**A17** Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

**A20** Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

**A21** Good public access on national forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**A22** Split season. Good access on public lands; rugged at higher elevations. (858) 467-4201.

**A24** Fair access on public land; steep terrain; possible fire closures on National Forest lands (831) 649-2870.

**A25** Sat-Sun-Mon only; rugged terrain, oak/grassland and chaparral habitat with good deer numbers (707) 944-5500.

**A26** Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**A27** Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A30** Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, and Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493, CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**A31** Good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.

**A33** Season subject to change by commanding officer. Access fee required (831) 386-2214.

## ONLINE HARVEST REPORTING

**RESTRICTED DEER HUNT** The restricted deer hunt tag is issued upon request to hunters applying on a first-deer tag. Hunters may apply for a restricted deer hunt tag as their second-deer tag on Aug. 2, 2015. The restricted deer hunt tag will be available at CDFW license sales offices, license agents, online and telephone sales until tag quotas fill.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
Area-Specific	A19	Archery Buck in zone X10	10%	100	7/14/14	Aug 15- 30	N/A
Gen.	D7		9.0%	9,000	8/4/14	Aug 15-Sep 6	Sep 19 -Nov 1
	D16		18%	3,000	8/4/14	Sep 5-27	Oct 24-Nov 22

**A19** Adequate public land access; steep, rough terrain. (559)243-4005.

**D16** Good access on public lands; higher elevations rugged

**D7** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

(858) 467-4201.

**UNRESTRICTED DEER ZONES and HUNTS** Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request until tag quotas fill. You may use your first-deer tag and/or second-deer tag to apply for unrestricted deer hunt tags.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates	
General Deer Zones	AO		13%	N/A	N/A	See Zone	Archery Only See Season	
	A		27%	65,000		Jul 11-Aug 2	Aug 8-Sep 20	
	B	General and Archery Seasons in Zones B1 - B6		28%	35,000	9/19/14	See B Zone Below	See B Zone Below
		B1	Aug 15-Sep 6				Sep 19 -Oct 25	
		B2	Aug 15-Sep 6				Sep 19 -Oct 25	
		B3	Aug 15-Sep 6				Sep 19 -Oct 25	
		B4	Jul 25-Aug16				Aug 22 -Sep 27	
		B5	Aug 15-Sep 6				Sep 19 -Oct 25	
		B6	Aug 15-Sep 6				Sep 19 -Oct 18	
	D3-5		18%	33,000	10/18/14	Aug 15-Sep 6	Sep 26- Nov 1	
	D8		6.6%	8,000	★	Aug 15-Sep 6	Sep 26 -Oct 25	
D10		25%	700	★	Aug 15-Sep 6	Sep 26 -Oct 25		

**AO** Archery only (AO) Tags are valid for archery equipment during the archery and general seasons in zones A, B, any D zone, hunt G10 (military personnel only).

**A** Mostly private land. Public access on BLM and National Forest lands. For specific information regarding these areas contact the local BLM field office or National Forest at: Ukiah BLM (707) 468-4000, Hollister BLM (831) 630-5000, or Bakersfield BLM, (661) 391-6000; Mendocino NF in Willows (530) 934-3316, or Los Padres NF in Goleta (805) 968-6640. For additional information contact the nearest Department Regional office.

**B** Zone B Tag is valid in Zones B1 - B6

**B1** Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

**B2** Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 934-3316, Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**B3** Good public access to Mendocino National Forest lands in western part of hunt area (530) 934-3316 CDFW Rancho Cordova office (916) 358-2900.

**B4** Largely private, limited public access on King Range Conservation area, administered by Arcata Field Office BLM (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

**B5** In the western portion of the zone, public access is good on Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316 and Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500. CDFW Redding office (530) 529-7162.

**B6** Public access good in Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131. Foothills of Scott and Shasta valleys are largely private. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**D3-5** D3-5 Tag is valid in Zones D3, D4 and D5. Good public access on National Forest lands, mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900.

**D8** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**D10** No public land available; hunting normally restricted to landowners and permittees (559) 243-4005.

	Hunt Code	Hunt Title	2014 Estimated Hunter Success	2014 Tag Quota	Date Quota Filled	2015 Proposed Archery Season Dates	2015 Proposed General Season Dates
General cont.	D11		9.0%	5,500	★	Sep 5-27	Oct 10- Nov 8
	D13		7.6%	4,000	★	Sep 5-27	Oct 10- Nov 8
	D14		16%	3,000	9/17/14	Sep 5-27	Oct 10- Nov 8
	D15		20%	1,500	★	Sep 5-27	Oct 10- Nov 8
	D19		12%	1,500	9/11/14	Sep 5-27	Oct 3 -Nov 1
Area-Specific	A18	Archery Buck in zone X9c	5.3%	350	★	Aug 15-Sep 6	N/A
	A32	Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex	3.6%	250	9/18/14	Nov 14-Dec 6	N/A

\*Subject to final approval by the California Fish and Game Commission on April 9, 2015. For information on approved tag quotas and season dates, please contact your nearest CDFW license sales office after April 13, 2015; or go online at: [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer)

**D11** Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.

**D13** Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands; portion of zone on private lands (858) 467-4201.

**D14** Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

**D15** Tag good for D11, D13 and D15, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands. Written permission is required to hunt on Santa

Catalina Island which is private property (858) 467-4201.

**D19** Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (909) 484-0167.

**A18** Wilderness areas/Death Valley National Park restrict vehicle access and hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

**A32** Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.

◆ Tag quota filled in the 2014 Big Game Drawing conducted on June 11, 2014. ★ Tag quota did not fill in 2014.



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# SHARE



Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife



## ADDITIONAL ELK HUNTS!

**For the first time SHARE will offer elk hunts on 3 properties in Humboldt County**

SHARE elk hunt applications will be on sale from July 1 through August 17:

- Two properties will offer 2 antlerless elk tags for junior hunters only
- The third property will have 5 antlerless tags for any licensed hunter
- There will be no cost for the Humboldt elk tags
- Preference points will not be utilized (gained or lost)

Check the SHARE webpage on June 1st for other elk hunts

### OTHER HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

**Solano County** - wild pig • **Santa Barbara County** - deer, bear, wild pig, turkey, dove and quail

**Merced County** - waterfowl, dove, pheasant • **Yolo County** – turkey

For more information about these hunts or the SHARE Program please visit the SHARE website at:

**[www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/share](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/share)**



# ELK, ANTELOPE & BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING

## ELK, ANTELOPE & BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING INFORMATION

For the 2015 Big Game Drawing, 13 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. To look up your preference points totals log on to your customer profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/) and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page.

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted. All applicants must submit the \$8.13 nonrefundable processing fee for their application.

## ELK AND ANTELOPE TAG APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must be 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2015, and possess a valid 2015/2016 California hunting license. Only one nonresident may be drawn for an elk or antelope tag annually.

## APPRENTICE ELK & ANTELOPE HUNTS

Applicants must possess a valid 2015/2016 California Junior Hunting License. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied when hunting, by a licensed adult chaperone at least 18 years of age.

## BIGHORN SHEEP TAG APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2015, and possess a valid 2015/2016 California hunting license and must not have drawn a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year.

No more than 10% of the bighorn sheep tag quota may be drawn by non-residents (CCR T14-708.9(b)(10)).

Applicants cannot apply as a party for a bighorn sheep tag.

## MANDATORY BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT ORIENTATION

Successfully drawn applicants and recipients of fund-raising tags must complete the hunter orientation requirement.

## APPLYING AS A PARTY

Up to two residents may apply as a party. Nonresidents cannot apply as a party for elk or antelope tags. See page 20 for instructions on applying as a party.

If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

**Bighorn sheep applicants may not apply as a party.**

## CHECK YOUR BIG GAME DRAWING RECEIPT CAREFULLY!

All applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt containing the applicants name, hunt choice, accumulated preference points and a Party Number. Applicants should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information. License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 419-7573, or e-mail [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov).

## DRAWING RESULTS

The CDFW has 10 business days to conduct the drawing. Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 17, 2015 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/) and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page. Applicants will also see their new preference point totals by clicking on the tab 'Preference Point.' On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

## NOTIFYING APPLICANTS

Successful applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 2, 2015. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

## TAG FEES & PAYMENT DEADLINE

Fee payments from successful applicants for elk and antelope tags must be received by the designated CDFW license sales office or purchased online by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2015. Fee payments for bighorn sheep tags must be received by CDFW's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2015. Should there be unclaimed tags for any hunt after that date; the alternate list for that hunt shall be used. Tags will be awarded on an individual basis in the order drawn.

**Elk Tag Fee:**

Resident - \$445.35  
Nonresident - \$1361.20

**Antelope Tag Fee:**

Resident - \$149.61  
Nonresident - \$458.50

**Bighorn Sheep Tag Fee:**

Resident - \$407.50  
Nonresident - \$1507.50

**DEFINITIONS**

**Antlerless Elk:** Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull CCR T14-364(l)(3).

**Bull Elk:** Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four

inches in length as measured from the top of the skull CCR T14-364(l)(1).

**Either-Sex Elk:** Bull elk or antlerless elk. CCR T14-364(l)(4).

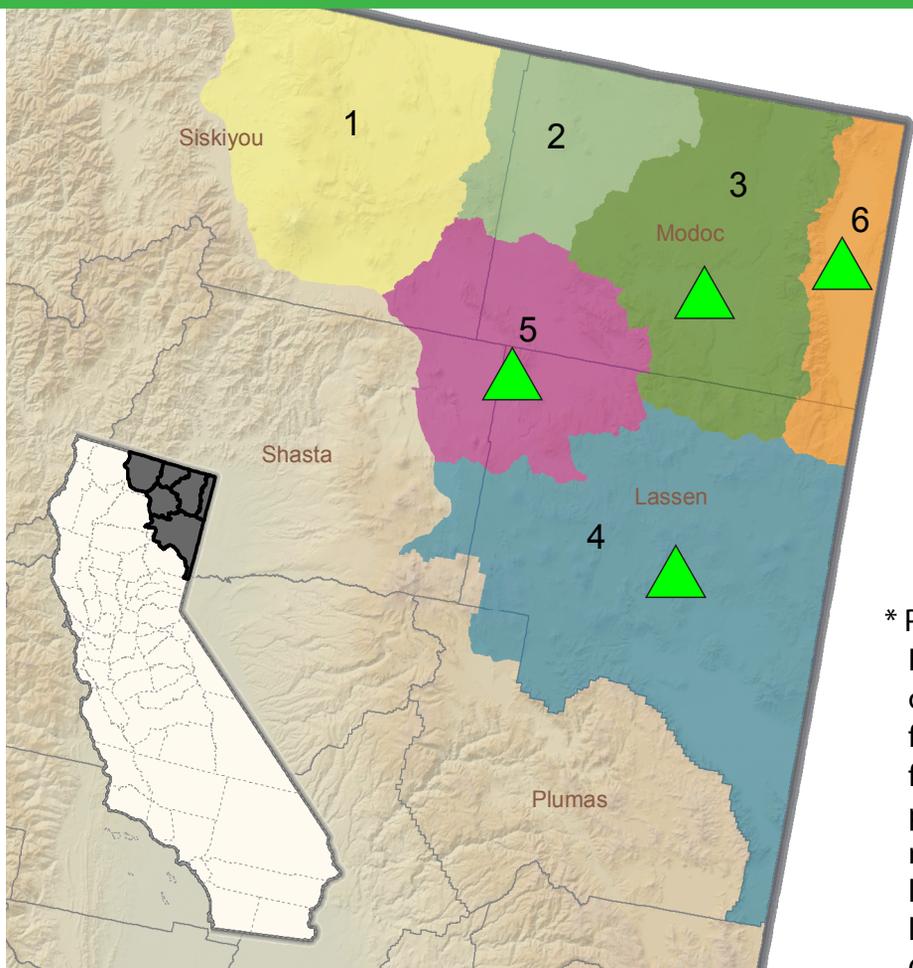
**Spike Bull Elk:** A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base. CCR T14-364(l)(2).

**Buck Pronghorn Antelope:** Pronghorn antelope with horns longer than the ears. CCR T14-363(k)(2).

**Doe Pronghorn Antelope:** Pronghorn antelope with horns shorter than the ears. CCR T14-363(k)(2).

**Either-Sex Pronghorn Antelope:** Buck or doe pronghorn antelope. CCR T14-363(k)(2).

# ANTELOPE



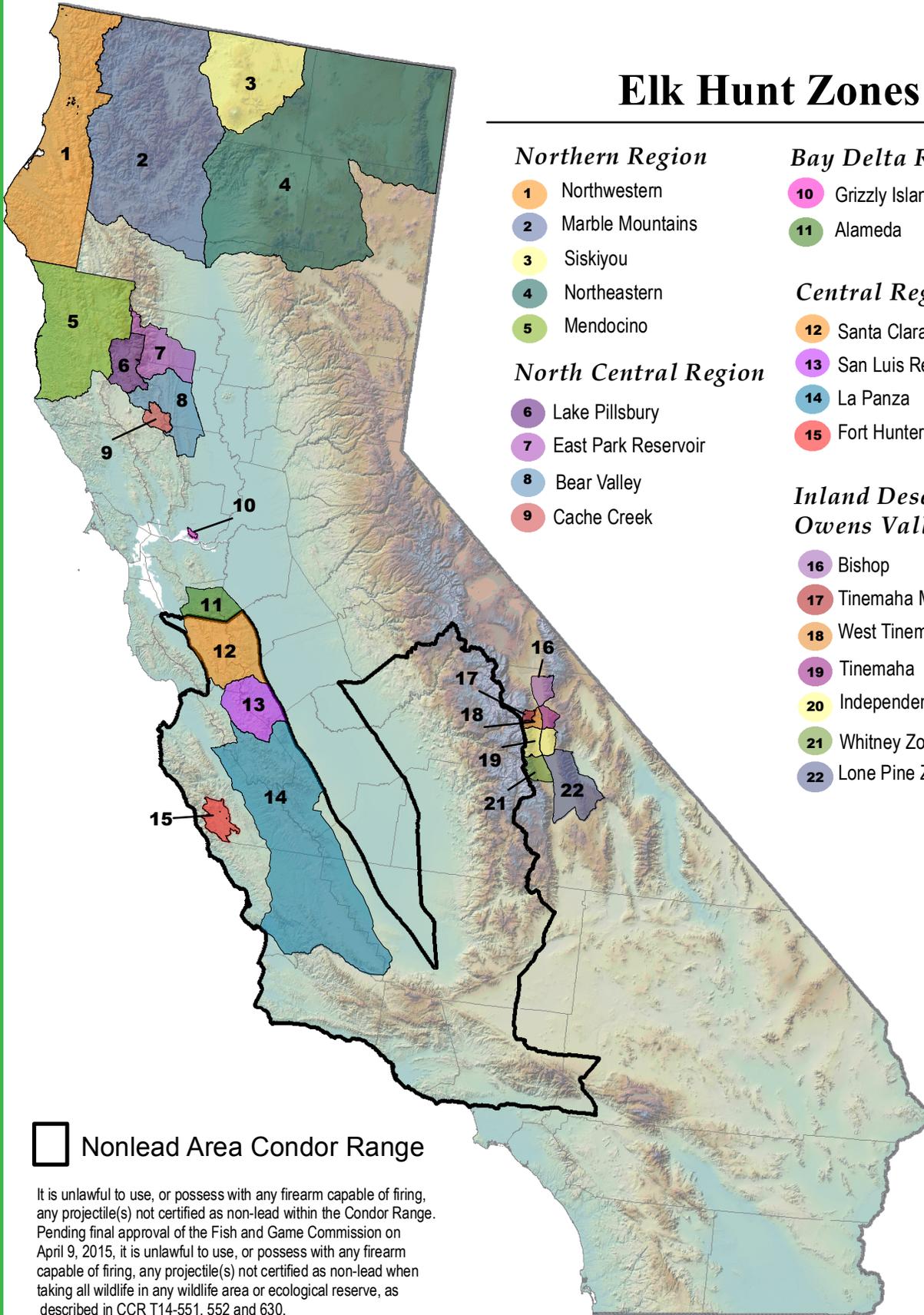
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**Antelope Hunt Zones**

- 1 Mount Dome      3 Likely Tables      5 Big Valley
- 2 Clear Lake      4 Lassen      6 Surprise Valley       Closed To Antelope Hunting
- ▲ Lassen Apprentice, Surprise Valley Apprentice, Big Valley Apprentice Hunt and Likely Tables Apprentice

# ELK

## Elk Hunt Zones



### Northern Region

- 1 Northwestern
- 2 Marble Mountains
- 3 Siskiyou
- 4 Northeastern
- 5 Mendocino

### North Central Region

- 6 Lake Pillsbury
- 7 East Park Reservoir
- 8 Bear Valley
- 9 Cache Creek

### Bay Delta Region

- 10 Grizzly Island
- 11 Alameda

### Central Region

- 12 Santa Clara
- 13 San Luis Reservoir
- 14 La Panza
- 15 Fort Hunter Liggett

### Inland Deserts Region Owens Valley Hunts

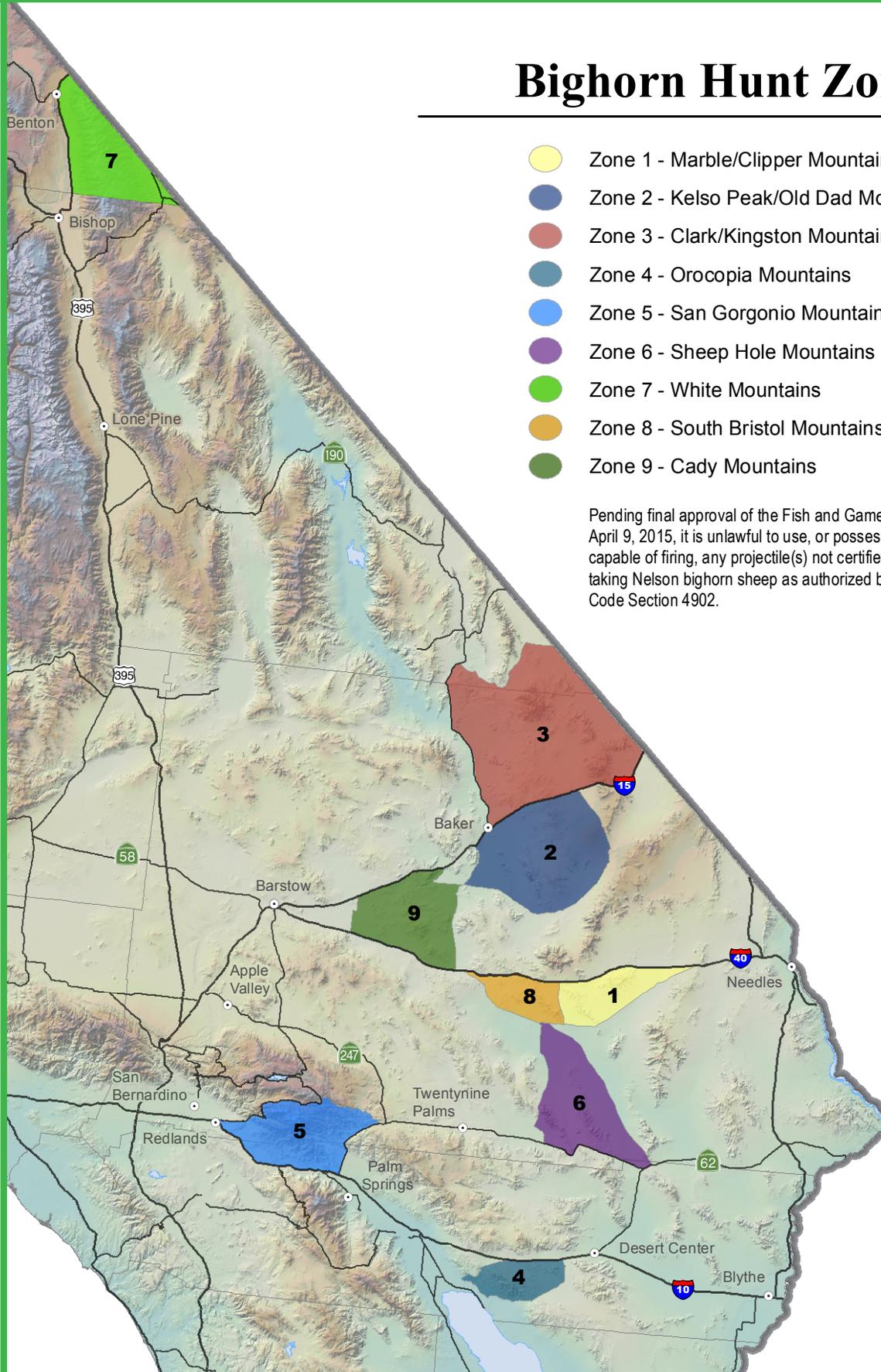
- 16 Bishop
- 17 Tinemaha Mountain
- 18 West Tinemaha
- 19 Tinemaha
- 20 Independence
- 21 Whitney Zone
- 22 Lone Pine Zone

### Nonlead Area Condor Range

It is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead within the Condor Range. Pending final approval of the Fish and Game Commission on April 9, 2015, it is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead when taking all wildlife in any wildlife area or ecological reserve, as described in CCR T14-551, 552 and 630.

# BIGHORN SHEEP

## Bighorn Hunt Zones



Pending final approval of the Fish and Game Commission on April 9, 2015, it is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead when taking Nelson bighorn sheep as authorized by Fish and Game Code Section 4902.

# 2014 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*
499	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - ELK	0	0	0	6471	673
<b>APPRENTICE</b>						
484	CACHE CREEK BULL	1	0	1	198	0
471	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 1 - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	100	0
472	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 3 - BULL	1	0	1	310	0
466	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 1 - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	101	0
469	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 2 - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	187	0
464	LA PANZA PERIOD 1 - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	47	0
408	MARBLE MOUNTAIN - EITHER SEX	2	1	1	161	0
409	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA - EITHER SEX	2	1	1	358	0
<b>ANTLERLESS</b>						
329	BEAR VALLEY	1	0	1	19	0
416	CACHE CREEK PERIOD 2	2	1	1	118	4
463	EAST PARK RESERVOIR	2	1	1	97	5
450	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT - ARCHERY	4	3	1	94	0
444	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 1	4	3	1	150	2
448	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 2	4	3	1	287	1
433	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 1	4	3	1	284	30
436	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 2	6	5	1	160	22
439	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 3	6	5	1	106	10
442	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 4	6	5	1	135	8
443	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 5	6	5	1	287	18
309	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 4	2	1	1	467	7
417	LA PANZA PERIOD 1	5	4	1	82	0
418	LA PANZA PERIOD 2	6	5	1	147	0
331	LAKE PILLSBURY	4	3	1	178	4
301	MARBLE MOUNTAIN	10	8	2	213	5
327	MENDOCINO	2	1	1	36	0
304	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA	10	8	2	323	20
401	SISKIYOU	20	15	5	187	0
301	MARBLE MOUNTAIN	10	8	2	213	5
327	MENDOCINO	2	1	1	36	0
304	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA	10	8	2	323	20

# 2014 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS, CONTINUED

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*
401	SISKIYOU	20	15	5	187	0
<b>BULL</b>						
330	BEAR VALLEY	1	0	1	97	11
403	BIG LAGOON	5	4	1	317	25
487	BISHOP PERIOD 1 - MUZZLELOADER	2	1	1	252	53
490	BISHOP PERIOD 3	2	1	1	804	85
406	CACHE CREEK PERIOD 1	2	1	1	711	84
461	EAST PARK RESERVOIR	2	1	1	845	205
447	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 3	4	3	1	1791	242
437	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 2 - SPIKE BULL	3	2	1	166	15
440	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 3 - SPIKE BULL	4	3	1	85	9
350	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 4 - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	34	2
341	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 4	2	1	1	1795	442
351	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 5 - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	30	1
338	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 5	2	1	1	1087	242
308	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 1 - MUZZLELOADER	2	1	1	205	41
340	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 2	2	1	1	335	63
349	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 3	2	1	1	392	50
405	KLAMATH	5	4	1	273	29
419	LA PANZA PERIOD 1	6	5	1	457	71
420	LA PANZA PERIOD 2	6	5	1	332	47
332	LAKE PILLSBURY	2	1	1	654	70
486	LONE PINE PERIOD 2	2	1	1	485	93
496	LONE PINE PERIOD 3	2	1	1	169	17
429	LONE PINE PERIOD 4	2	1	1	326	45
302	MARBLE MOUNTAIN	35	27	8	1503	119
328	MENDOCINO	2	1	1	126	4
305	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA	15	12	3	3505	713
422	OWENS VALLEY MULTIPLE ZONE - ARCHERY	5	4	1	655	119
334	SANTA CLARA	1	0	1	94	5
300	SISKIYOU	20	15	5	729	46
312	TINEMAHA PERIOD 1 - ARCHERY	1	0	1	129	6
320	TINEMAHA MOUNTAIN PERIOD 3	1	0	1	139	10
315	WEST TINEMAHA PERIOD 1	2	1	1	304	61

# 2014 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS, CONTINUED

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*
317	WEST TINEMAHA PERIOD 2	2	1	1	169	17
323	WHITNEY PERIOD 2	1	0	1	110	13
352	WHITNEY PERIOD 3	1	0	1	55	3
<b>EITHER SEX</b>						
449	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT - ARCHERY	2	1	1	380	38
303	MARBLE MOUNTAIN - MUZZLELOADER / ARCHERY	5	4	1	184	9
411	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA - ARCHERY	10	8	2	545	48
483	NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA	30	23	7	1023	78
497	SAN LUIS RESERVOIR	3	2	1	472	39
*In the 2014 Big Game Drawing, the maximum preference points a hunter could have was 12. The maximum preference points a hunter could have and be eligible for an apprentice hunt was three.						



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# 2015 PROPOSED\* ELK HUNTS

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
Point Only	<b>499</b>	6471	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2015.		
APPRENTICE HUNTS - Applicants must be under 18 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (CCRT14-708.11(b)(2)).					
Marble Mountains either-sex (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>408</b>	161/2	50	2	Sept. 9-20
Northeastern California either-sex (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>409</b>	358/2	100	2	Sept. 16-27
Cache Creek Period 1 bull (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>484</b>	198/1	100	1	Oct. 10-25
La Panza Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>464</b>	47/1	100	1	Oct. 10- Nov. 1
Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>466</b>	101/2	100	3	Aug. 11-14
Grizzly Island Period 1 spike (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>467</b>	N/A	N/A	1	Aug 13-16
Grizzly Island period 2 spike bull (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>469</b>	187/2	100	2	Aug. 20-23
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>471</b>	100/1	100	1	Dec. 19- Jan1
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 bull (Apprentice Hunt)	<b>472</b>	310/1	100	1	Dec. 19- Jan1

Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required.

**408** See hunt 301 & 302 for comments

**409** See hunt 304 & 305 for comments

**484** See hunt 406 for comments

**464** See hunt 417 and 419 for comments

**466** See hunt 433 for comments

**467 and 469** See hunt 437 for comments

**471** See hunt 444 and 447 for comments

**472** See hunt 444 and 447 for comments

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
A R C H E R Y					
Northeastern CA Archery either-sex	<b>411</b>	545/10	20	10	Sept. 2-13
Owens Valley Multiple Zone Archery bull	<b>422</b>	655/5	60	5	Aug. 8-16
Tinemaha Period 1 Archery bull	<b>312</b>	129/1	0	1	Sept. 12-27
Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only either-sex	<b>449</b>	380/2	0	2	July 29-Aug 6
Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only antlerless	<b>450</b>	94/4	0	4	Sept 30-Oct 8

**411** See hunt 304 and 305 for comments. Archery season typically not during the rut. (530) 233-3581.

**422** Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171. Tag is valid in Bishop, Independence, Lone Pine, Tinemaha Mountain, and Whitney.

**312** See hunt 313 for comments

**449** See hunt 444 and 448 for comments

**450** See hunt 444 and 448 for comments

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
M U Z Z L E L O A D E R / A R C H E R Y					
Marble Mountains Muzzleloader/Archery either-sex	<b>303</b>	184/5	80	5	Oct. 31- Nov. 8

**303** See hunt 301 and 302 for comments

# 2015 PROPOSED\* ELK HUNTS, CONTINUED

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
<b>M U Z Z L E L O A D E R</b>					
Bishop Period 1 Muzzleloader bull	<b>487</b>	252/2	100	1	Sept. 12-27
Independence Period 1 Muzzleloader bull	<b>308</b>	205/2	100	1	Sept. 12-27

**487** See hunt 485 and 490 for comments

**308** See hunt 339 and 340 for comments

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
<b>R O O S E V E L T</b>					
Siskiyou antlerless	<b>401</b>	187/20	25	20	Sept. 9-20
Siskiyou bull	<b>300</b>	729/20	55	20	Sept. 9-20
Northwestern California either-sex	<b>483</b>	1023/30	83	45	Sept. 2-24
Marble Mountain antlerless	<b>301</b>	213/10	50	10	Sept. 9-20
Marble Mountain bull	<b>302</b>	1503/35	62	35	Sept. 9-20

**401 and 300** Very limited opportunity on public land; elk present on a few private lands with restricted access requiring trespass fees. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap (530) 598-6820.

**483** Very Limited opportunity on public land; Hunters are responsible for obtaining landowner permission to access private land. Landowners may charge a trespass fee. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap (707) 445-6497.

**301 and 302** Opportunity on public land; limited opportunity on private land with restricted access requiring trespass fee. Hunters seeking private land opportunities are recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Difficult terrain requiring hiking and elevation gain. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap (530) 598-6820. High daytime temperatures to be expected, pack animals recommended. Difficult hunt.

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
<b>R O O S E V E L T / T U L E</b>					
Mendocino antlerless	<b>327</b>	36/2	50	2	Sept. 23-Oct. 4
Mendocino bull	<b>328</b>	126/2	100	2	Sept. 23-Oct. 4

**327 and 328** Elk entirely on private property. Permission from landowner required. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land

opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Access fee may apply (707) 456-0329.

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
<b>R O C K Y M O U N T A I N</b>					
Northeastern CA antlerless	<b>304</b>	323/10	60	10	Sept. 16-27
Northeastern CA bull	<b>305</b>	3505/15	47	15	Sept. 16-27

**304 and 305** Opportunity for elk on public land; some on private land with restricted access. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. (530) 233-3581.

# 2015 PROPOSED\* ELK HUNTS, CONTINUED

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./ Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
<b>T U L E</b>					
Cache Creek Period 1 bull	<b>406</b>	711/2	50	3	Oct. 10-25
Cache Creek Period 2 antlerless	<b>416</b>	118/2	100	3	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1
La Panza Period 1 antlerless	<b>417</b>	82/5	80	5	Oct. 10-Nov. 1
La Panza Period 1 bull	<b>419</b>	457/6	100	6	Oct. 10-Nov. 1
La Panza Period 2 antlerless	<b>418</b>	147/6	100	6	Nov. 14-Dec 6.
La Panza Period 2 bull	<b>420</b>	332/6	100	6	Nov. 14-Dec 6.
Bishop Period 3 bull	<b>490</b>	804/2	100	2	Oct. 17-25
Independence Period 2 bull	<b>340</b>	335/2	100	2	Oct. 3-11
Lone Pine Period 3 bull	<b>496</b>	169/2	100	2	Oct. 17-25
Lone Pine Period 4 bull	<b>429</b>	326/2	100	2	Nov. 7-15
Tinemaha Period 2 bull	<b>426</b>	N/A	N/A	1	Oct. 3-11
West Tinemaha Period 1 bull	<b>315</b>	304/2	100	2	Sept. 12-27
Tinemaha Mountain Period 3 bull	<b>320</b>	139/1	0	1	Oct. 17-25
Tinemaha Mountain Period 4 bull	<b>321</b>	N/A	N/A	1	Nov. 7-15
Whitney Period 2 bull	<b>323</b>	110/1	100	1	Oct. 3-11
Whitney Period 3 bull	<b>352</b>	55/1	100	1	Oct. 17-25
Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless	<b>433</b>	284/4	100	5	Aug. 11-14
Grizzly Island Period 1 spike bull	<b>434</b>	N/A	N/A	4	Aug 13-16
Grizzly Island Period 2 antlerless	<b>436</b>	160/6	100	8	Aug. 18-21
Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull	<b>437</b>	166/3	100	3	Aug. 20-23
Grizzly Island Period 3 antlerless	<b>439</b>	106/6	100	8	Aug. 25-28
Grizzly Island Period 3 spike bull	<b>440</b>	85/4	100	2	Sept. 10-13
Grizzly Island Period 4 antlerless	<b>442</b>	135/6	100	8	Sept. 8-11
Grizzly Island Period 4 bull	<b>341</b>	1795/2	100	2	Sept. 10-13
Grizzly Island Period 5 antlerless	<b>443</b>	287/6	100	8	Sept. 15-18
Grizzly Island Period 5 spike bull	<b>351</b>	30/2	100	2	Sept. 17-20
Grizzly Island Period 5 bull	<b>338</b>	1087/2	100	2	Sept. 17-20

**406 and 416** Elk on public and private land. Significant numbers of elk on private land where access may be restricted. Mandatory hunter orientation by telephone prior to hunt day (916) 445-9992.

**417, 419, 418 and 420** Elk on public and private land (private land access may be restricted or access fee required). Access restrictions on CDFW properties. Low probability of hunter success. Off road travel is prohibited on Carrizo Plain National Monument. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. Public land access limitations apply to CDFW wildlife areas. (831) 649-2870

**490** Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

**340** Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

**496 and 429** Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

**426 and 315** Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

**320-321** Difficult hunt with large elevation gain from nearest access to elk. Use of pack stock highly recommended and encouraged. (760) 872-1171.

**323 and 352** Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.

**433, 434, 436, 437, 439, 440, 442, 341, 443, 351 and 338** Hunt CDFW land only. Hunters strongly encouraged to bring one non-hunting companion for assistance. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day (707) 425-3828 or (707) 944-5500.

# 2015 PROPOSED\* ELK HUNTS, CONTINUED

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps./Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 1 antlerless	<b>444</b>	150/4	25	4	Nov. 3-11
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 2 antlerless	<b>448</b>	287/4	25	4	Nov. 24 - Dec. 2
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 bull	<b>447</b>	1791/4	75	4	Dec. 19-Jan. 1
East Park Reservoir bull	<b>461</b>	845/2	100	2	Sept. 5-Oct. 1
East Park Reservoir antlerless	<b>463</b>	97/2	100	2	Sept. 5-Oct. 1
San Luis Reservoir either-sex	<b>497</b>	472/3	100	5	Oct. 3-25
Bear Valley antlerless	<b>329</b>	19/1	0	2	Oct. 10-18
Bear Valley bull	<b>330</b>	97/1	100	3	Oct. 10-18
Lake Pillsbury antlerless	<b>331</b>	178/4	100	4	Sept. 9-18
Lake Pillsbury bull	<b>332</b>	654/2	100	2	Sept. 28-Oct 7

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**444, 448, and 447** Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the base. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander due to military training. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2214. Areas designated for archery and muzzleloader may be open during general elk hunts.

**461 and 463** Colusa County Ordinance prohibits firearms (including archery equipment) on East Park Reservoir (Bureau of Reclamation, BOR) property. A variance allows the use of muzzleloaders (as defined in CCR T14-353). East Park Reservoir (BOR) property will be open to bull hunting Sept 14-17; and antlerless hunting Sept 21-24 & Sept 28-Oct 1. Other restrictions apply. Mandatory orientation prior to hunt day (916) 445-9992.

**497** Very limited opportunity on public land. State Park property not open to hunting. Public land method restricted to archery. Private land access may be restricted or access fee required. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Low probability of hunter success (916) 445-9992.

**329 and 330** Elk almost entirely on private property. Permission from landowner required. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Access fee may apply. (916) 445-9992.

**331 and 332** Elk on private and public property, moderate access to public ground. (916) 445-9992.



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# 2014 ANTELOPE TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants*
799	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY	0	0	0	6,655	619
<b>APPRENTICE</b>						
734	LIKELY TABLES APPRENTICE - EITHER SEX	5	4	1	441	0
790	LASSEN APPRENTICE - EITHER-SEX	5	4	1	424	0
780	BIG VALLEY APPRENTICE - EITHER SEX	1	0	1	89	0
766	SURPRISE VALLEY APPRENTICE - EITHER SEX	4	3	1	137	0
<b>BUCK</b>						
720	CLEAR LAKE	10	8	2	955	83
728	CLEAR LAKE - ARCHERY	1	0	1	56	1
730	LIKELY TABLES PERIOD 1	40	30	10	3,588	356
732	LIKELY TABLES PERIOD 2	35	27	8	1,736	163
738	LIKELY TABLES - ARCHERY	10	8	2	333	2
740	LASSEN PERIOD 1	30	23	7	3,705	446
742	LASSEN PERIOD 2	30	23	7	2,287	172
745	LASSEN - ARCHERY	5	4	1	385	16
750	BIG VALLEY	10	8	2	972	72
755	BIG VALLEY - ARCHERY	1	0	1	51	0
760	SURPRISE VALLEY	10	8	2	1,100	119
765	SURPRISE VALLEY - ARCHERY	1	0	1	74	0

\*In the 2014 Big Game Drawing, the maximum preference points a hunter could have was 12. The maximum preference points a hunter could have and be eligible for an apprentice hunt was three.



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# 2015 PROPOSED\* ANTELOPE HUNTS

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2014 Apps/Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
Point Only	<b>799</b>	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2015.			

APPRENTICE HUNTS	Applicants must be under 18 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. A licensed adult chaperone is required (CCR T14-708.10(b)(2)).					
	Apprentice Zone 3 - Likely Tables Period 1 Either-Sex	<b>734</b>	441/5	100	5	Aug. 22-30
	Apprentice Zone 4 - Lassen Period 1 Either-Sex	<b>790</b>	424/5	80	5	Aug. 22-30
	Apprentice Zone 5 - Big Valley Either-Sex	<b>780</b>	89/1	100	1	Aug. 22-30
	Apprentice Zone 6 - Surprise Valley	<b>766</b>	137/4	100	4	Aug. 22-30

**734 and 790** Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required.

Area call (530) 294-5824. To hunt the wildlife area a mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day is required.

**780** Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required. To hunt Ash Creek Wildlife

**766** Apprentice Hunt is for Junior Hunting License holders only. A licensed adult chaperone is required.

ARCHERY HUNTS	Zone 2 Clear Lake Archery Buck	<b>728</b>	56/1	0	1	Aug. 8-16
	Zone 3 Likely Tables Archery Buck	<b>738</b>	333/10	30	10	Aug. 8-16
	Zone 4 Lassen Archery Buck	<b>745</b>	385/5	40	10	Aug. 8-16
	Zone 5 Big Valley Archery Buck	<b>755</b>	51/1	100	1	Aug. 8-16
	Zone 6 Surprise Valley Archery Buck	<b>765</b>	74/1	100	1	Aug. 8-16

**728** See Hunt 720 for comments

**755** See Hunt 750 and 752 for comments

**738** See Hunt 730 and 732 for comments

**765** See Hunt 760 for comments

**745** See Hunt 740 and 742 for comments

GENERAL METHODS HUNTS	ZONE 2 - CLEAR LAKE					
	General Buck	<b>720</b>	955/10	90	15	Aug. 22-30
	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES					
	Period 1 General Buck	<b>730</b>	3588/40	88	40	Aug. 22-30
	Period 2 General Buck	<b>732</b>	1736/35	89	40	Sept. 5-13
	ZONE 4 - LASSEN					
	Period 1 General Buck	<b>740</b>	3705/30	90	45	Aug. 22-30
	Period 2 General Buck	<b>742</b>	2287/30	87	45	Sept. 5-13
	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY					
	General Buck	<b>750</b>	972/10	80	20	Aug. 22-30
	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY					
	General Buck	<b>760</b>	1100/10	90	10	Aug. 22-30

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**720** Antelope on public (Modoc NF- (530) 233-5811; BLM - (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private access may be restricted or fee required. Tag holders may submit an application for hunting access to Peninsula "U" portion of Clear Lake NWR. CDFW contact: (530) 233-3581.

BLM - (530) 257-0456) and private land. Private access may be restricted or fee required. CDFW contact: (530) 254-6808.

**730 and 732** Antelope on public (Modoc NF- (530) 233-5811; BLM - (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private access may be restricted or fee required. CDFW contact: (530) 233-3581.

**750** Antelope on public (Modoc NF - (530) 233-5811; Lassen NF - (530) 257-2151; BLM - (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private access may be restricted or fee required. CDFW contact: (530) 254-6808.

**740 and 742** Antelope on public (Lassen NF - (530) 257-2151;

**760** Antelope on public (Modoc NF - (530) 233-5811; BLM - (530) 279-6101) and private land. Private access may be restricted or fee required. CDFW contact: (530) 233-3581.

# 2014 BIGHORN SHEEP TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Quota	Random Quota	Total Applicants	Maximum Point Applicants
599	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY	0	0	0	4,129	372
501	MARBLE/CLIPPER MOUNTAINS	4	3	1	3,327	820
503	CLARK AND KINGSTON MOUNTAIN RANGES	1	0	1	843	153
504	OROCOPIA MOUNTAINS	2	1	1	1,062	264
505	SAN GORGONIO WILDERNESS	2	1	1	1,070	178
507	WHITE MOUNTAINS	1	0	1	1,286	130
508	SOUTH BRISTOL MOUNTAINS	1	0	1	801	92
509	CADY MOUNTAINS	2	1	1	913	252

# 2015 PROPOSED\* BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2014 Applicants/Tags	2014 Hunter Success (%)	2015 Tag Quota	2015 Hunt Dates
599	Point Only	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only.			To earn a point, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2015.
501	Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains	3327/4	100	3	Dec. 5 - Feb. 7
502	Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mountains	No Hunt	0	0	-
503	Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mountain Ranges	843/1	100	1	Dec. 5 - Feb. 7
504	Zone 4 - Orocochia Mountains	1062/2	100	1	Dec. 5 - Feb. 7
505	Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Wilderness	1070/2	100	2	Dec. 19 - Feb. 21
506	Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains	No Hunt	0	0	-
507	Zone 7 - White Mountains	1286/1	0	1	Aug 15. - Sep. 27
508	Zone 8 - South Bristol Mountains	801/1	100	1	Dec. 5 - Feb. 7
509	Zone 9 - Cady Mountains	913/2	100	2	Dec. 5 - Feb. 7

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**501, 502, 503** and **504** Vehicle access limited to designated routes.  
**505** Access extremely difficult. Travel by horseback recommended.  
 Access fees may be required on private land.  
**506** Extremely rugged terrain. Vehicle access very limited.

**507** Extremely rugged terrain at very high elevations. Altitude sickness has affected previous hunters. Physical condition should be above average. Vehicle access limited to none (760) 872-6585.  
**508** and **509** Vehicle access limited to designated routes.

# WILD PIG HUNTING

## WILD PIG TAGS

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a valid annual California hunting license may purchase wild pig hunting tags. There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase; however, tag fees are nonrefundable, and tags cannot be transferred from one person to another. For tagging requirements, see page 12.

## WILD PIG HUNTING SEASON

Wild pig tags are valid throughout the hunting year, commencing on July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016. There is no daily bag or possession limit for wild pig. For more information on pig hunting and regulations, please go to CDFW's website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig.html).

## LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

Generally, wild pigs may only be taken using archery equipment, rifles, .40 caliber or greater muzzleloaders, shotguns and pistols, or revolvers. Knives and spears are not legal methods of take for wild pigs in California. Please see the California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers (CCR T14-353) for detailed information.

## WILD PIG HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

### Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve

CDFW provides limited-permit apprentice pig hunting opportunities at Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve near Gilroy. The hunts are conducted in coordination with volunteers from the California Deer Association (CDA) who operate the program.

Hunts are scheduled in the spring and fall, and applicants may only apply online by visiting [www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/hunts/cdlo](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/delta/hunts/cdlo). Due to the high demand, hunters who are unable to attend the hunt for which they are drawn must notify our office within 5 days of being notified that they were successfully drawn. Please only apply for hunt dates you can attend.

Successful applicants will be assigned a volunteer from the CDA who will act as their guide for the duration of the hunt. Cañada de los Osos falls within the Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Area and non-lead ammunition is required for all big game hunts.

### SHARE Program for Private Lands Hunting

CDFW provides limited entry permitted hunting opportunities on private and public lands through the SHARE Program. See page 39 for more information and pig hunting opportunities offered through this program.

## MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about these hunts and others may be obtained by visiting CDFW's special pig hunts webpage: [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig/specialhunts.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/pig/specialhunts.html). The CDFW continues to work with resource conservation partners to provide these special pig hunts. Additional special opportunities will be announced on this webpage as they become available.

## TOP 15 COUNTIES FOR WILD PIG HUNTING

COUNTY	3-year average reported take
Monterey	542
Kern	461
Tehama	315
Mendocino	292
San Luis Obispo	281
Sonoma	251
Lake	136
San Benito	126
Santa Barbara	123
Colusa	109
Santa Clara	88
Glenn	76
Shasta	71
Fresno	56
Tulare	44



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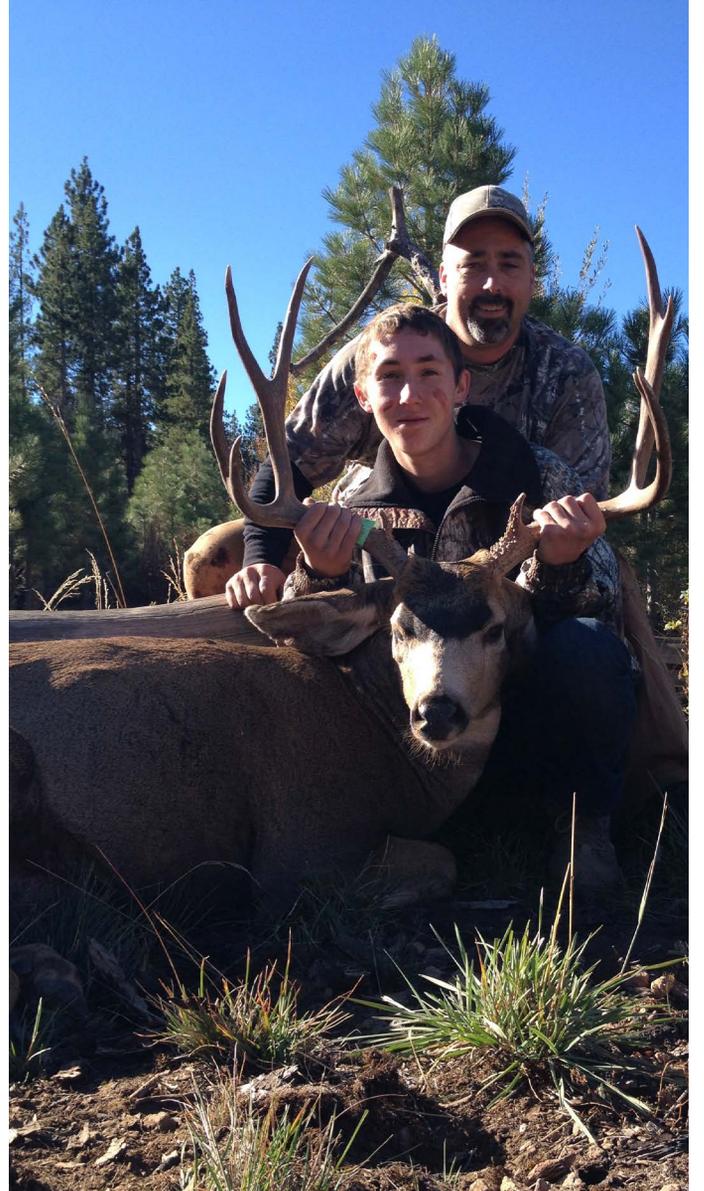


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# BEAR HUNTING

## BEAR TAGS

To hunt bear in California, all residents and nonresidents must be age 12 or older and have both a valid hunting license and a bear tag. Bear tags can be purchased from any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online, or by telephone sales. Hunters may purchase only one bear tag per hunting license year.

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

No person may possess more than one bear per hunting license year.

## BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Archery bear season in all bear zones opens August 15, 2015, and runs through September 6, 2015.

The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 and extends through December 27, 2015. In the remaining deer X zones, the season opens October 10, 2015, and extends through December 27, 2015. CDFW shall close the season earlier if 1,700 bears have been reported taken. For daily updates on reported bear harvest, visit our website: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear> or call toll-free (888) 277-6398.

## SUMMARY OF BEAR REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to take a cub or a sow accompanied by one or more cubs.

It is unlawful to feed or bait bears for the purpose of hunting them. It is unlawful to hunt bear over bait, or within a 400-yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.

Only CDFW employees may validate bear tags. Bear tags must be validated before the bear can be transported except for the purpose of taking it directly to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag. If Department offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one (1) business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

Every licensed bear hunter who takes a bear must immediately return the validated report card portion of the bear tag. The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#9941260-tag-reporting](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting#9941260-tag-reporting).

Any bear hunter who utilizes the services of a guide must verify that the guide has a valid guide's license and must write the guide's license number on the bear tag in the space provided.

Every licensed bear hunter who is unsuccessful in taking bear must return the report card portion of the bear tag by Feb. 1, **of the current license year**. The tag may be

presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting).

It is illegal to sell parts of any bear in California, including portions of legally-taken bears imported from other states. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull, which becomes the property of CDFW.

## MANDATORY PRESENTATION OF BEAR SKULL

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a CDFW office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become the property of CDFW. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned (CCR T14-367.5). Please see appointment section and office phone numbers on the next page.

**IMPORTANT!** Place a stick or other object in the bear's jaws so that the mouth remains open. Do not present frozen skulls to have the premolar tooth removed. Premolars break easily when the skull is frozen.

Whether or not you are successful, all bear tags must be returned to the CDFW no later than February 1, 2016. If you fail to return your 2015 bear tag, even if you did not kill a bear, you will be in violation of CCR T14-708.12(e).

## PLEASE CALL AHEAD BEFORE BRINGING YOUR BEAR SKULL TO A CDFW OFFICE.

## BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION

If you kill a bear, you must have the tag countersigned (validated) by a CDFW employee. Bear tags must be validated prior to transporting the bear, except for the purpose of taking the bear to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag en route to your home from the point where the bear was taken. All CDFW offices will validate bear tags. The report card portion must be returned immediately after tag validation.

CDFW is requiring a premolar tooth be extracted from EVERY bear taken during the hunting season. This will provide wildlife biologists with sufficient information to refine bear management. The premolar tooth will be processed by cutting it in cross section and examining it under a microscope. The bear's age can then be determined by counting annual growth rings, similar to tree rings. You will be notified of the age of your bear in the fall/winter of 2016.

## BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION APPOINTMENTS

If you cannot locate a CDFW employee, please call one of the offices listed below and they will provide assistance.

All CDFW offices will validate bear tags.

Please call the following locations for an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or a tooth pulled. Please leave your bear skull in your vehicle until you check in for your appointment.

- Ontario (909) 484-0167
- Redding (530) 225-2300
- Rancho Cordova (Sacramento) (916) 358-2900
- San Diego (858) 467-4201
- Yountville (707) 944-5500
- Fresno (559) 243-4005
- Eureka (707) 445-6493
- Crystal Lake Hatchery (530) 335-4111
- Darrah Springs Hatchery (530) 474-3141
- Iron Gate Hatchery (530) 475-3420
- Mt. Shasta Hatchery (530) 926-2215
- Trinity River Hatchery (530) 778-3931
- Feather River Hatchery (530) 538-2222
- Warm Springs Hatchery (707) 433-6325
- Red Bluff Screen Shop (530) 528-9406
- Shasta Valley Wildlife Area (530) 459-3926
- Yreka Screen Shop (530) 841-2555
- Mendota Wildlife Area (559) 655-4645
- Los Banos Wildlife Area (209) 826-0463
- Mokelumne River Hatchery (209) 759-3383
- Monterey (831) 649-2870
- Bishop (760) 872-1171
- La Grange (209) 853-2533 Ext. 6
- Los Alamitos (562) 342-7100
- Kern River Hatchery (760) 376-2846
- Merced River Hatchery (209) 563-6401
- Moccasin Hatchery (209) 989-2312
- Mad River Fish Hatchery (707) 822-0592

## DEFINITIONS

**Bear cub:** a bear less than one year old or weighing less than 50 lbs. CCR T14-365(c).

**Bait Related to Bears:** Any material capable of attracting a bear. CCR T14-365(e).

**Baited Area:** Any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed. CCR T14-257.5.

Note: Scents sprayed into the air and allowed to disperse over a wide area in the wind generally do not fall within the definition of bait. Scent products that have to be applied directly to a surface such as a rock, tree or bush generally cause the game to come to that specific place, and if they feed on it, it is bait.

## USE OF DOGS FOR PURSUIT/TAKE

Effective January 1, 2013, the use of dogs to pursue/take bears is unlawful for sport-hunting purposes.



**American Black Bear Hunt Area**

- Bear Hunt Area
- Nonlead Area
- Closed To Bear Hunting

\* It is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead within the Condor Range. Pending final approval of the Fish and Game Commission on April 9, 2015, it is unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as non-lead when taking all wildlife in any wildlife area or ecological reserve, as described in CCR T14-551, 552 and 630.

# HUNTING OUT OF STATE?

*It is the responsibility of out-of-state hunters to be aware of all laws and regulations pertaining to the state in which they are going to hunt. Proof of Hunter Education is required. Take note that the California equivalency certificate will not be accepted as evidence of hunter education.*

## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease, a fatal disease that affects deer and elk, has been detected in wild herds in eleven states. To prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease into California, the CDFW has imposed tight restrictions on the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk into California.

## “NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE”

When returning home with deer and elk harvested out of state, hunters must follow California’s strict regulations to avoid bringing CWD into our state. The California regulations can be summarized in one phrase: “No skull, no backbone.”

## FOLLOW OTHER STATES’ CWD REGULATIONS

If you will be hunting out of state in a known CWD endemic area, you should receive information at the time you receive your hunting tag(s) regarding disposal of the carcass remains and mandatory or voluntary CWD testing.

## HANDLE GAME WITH CAUTION

- Wear rubber gloves when field dressing carcasses;
- Bone out meat from the animal;
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal cord, eyes, spleen, and lymph nodes and avoid consuming these tissues;
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

## CALIFORNIA'S CWD REGULATIONS

No hunter harvested deer or elk (cervid) carcass or parts of cervid carcass shall be imported into the State, except for the following body parts: boned-out meat and commercially processed cuts of meat, portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, hides with no heads attached, clean skull plates (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached, antlers with no meat or tissue attached, finished taxidermy heads, upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories). CCRT14-712.

## LACEY ACT

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act (T16, US Code 1406). Such transport, if done in connection with commercial activity, may be classified as a felony.

## INTERSTATE WILDLIFE

### VIOLATOR COMPACT

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between 26 states, which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC. The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution.



*A deer and elk affected by Chronic Wasting Disease.*



*Check out our CDFW video on how to process your deer or elk to comply with CWD Regulations:*

**[www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-t3iCZcovM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-t3iCZcovM)**

# IMPORTATION LAW: SECTION 2353 FISH & GAME CODE

Birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians shall not be imported or possessed in this state unless all of the following requirements are met:

1. The animals were legally taken and legally possessed outside of this state,
2. The Fish and Game Code or Title 14 regulations do not expressly prohibit their possession in this state, and
3. A declaration is submitted to the department or a designated state or federal agency at or immediately before the time of entry, in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

Declaration is not required if shipped by common carrier under a bill of lading.

This form may be photocopied. The original copy of the declaration form shall be retained by the person importing the fish or game into the state. One copy shall be mailed to the CDFW, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, within 24 hours after entering the State. One copy shall be deposited at the point of entry with any state or federal agency or officer, and one copy shall remain with the fish or game if transported by other than owner or common carrier.

"Point of entry" refers to the city or town nearest your point of entry into California.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
California Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

## DECLARATION FOR ENTRY INTO CALIFORNIA OF GAME, FISH, BIRDS, OR ANIMALS

Description	Number	Pounds
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The above species of fish and/or game were legally taken and possessed by

\_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

**It is illegal to import any animal for commercial purposes prohibited by California law or regulation.**

Hunting License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Angling License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Game Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Entry into California via Highway \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

### *Q. Why do I need to show identification when purchasing a license?*

A. When you purchase a license you are required to provide identification or a previously issued ALDS license. This ensures CDFW will have an accurate record of your license history and help CDFW serve you better in:

- Tracking customer preference points for CDFW's annual Big Game Drawing.
  - Purchasing duplicate licenses.
  - Wildlife management efforts, such as harvest reporting.
- CDFW does not share or sell customers' personal information.

### *Q. Do I still need to have my license in possession when hunting or fishing?*

A. Under California law you are required to carry your license, validation, report card, or tag with you when you are hunting or fishing.

### *Q. Do I still have to punch tags and fill out report cards?*

A. Yes. All requirements for tagging, identifying and verifying take still apply. Now, you may either report your harvest online at: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting) or mail in the harvest report cards.

## LIFETIME LICENSES

### *Q. How do I claim my lifetime hunting license online?*

A. You may claim your license online at: [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales). Log in using your last name, date of birth and GO ID (from your previous hunting license). Select 'Purchase Licenses' from the menu at the top of the page. Select the '2015 Hunting' tab from the left side of the page and select 'Add to Cart' your lifetime hunting license and any other privileges you wish to claim (or purchase). After you have made all your selections, click on 'Check Out' and complete the transaction. There will be a zero dollar balance at the end, but you will need to select the 'Complete Transaction' icon. The transaction is not complete until you do this step. After this you will receive a notice that the transaction is complete and your license will be mailed to you.

## BIG GAME DRAWING

### *Q. Why is the D6 deer zone tag a premium deer tag for the 2015 hunting season?*

A. Regulations state when a deer hunt tag quota fills on or before the first business day after July 1, the deer tag is classified as a premium deer tag the following year (CCR T14-708.1(a)(2)(A)(1)). In 2014, the D6 deer zone's tag quota filled on June 11, 2014, through the Big Game Drawing. Note: Not everyone who applied for D6 as a second choice tag in the drawing was drawn for the tag.

### *Q. I heard that some hunters were drawn for C zone on their second choice, but I was not. What were my chances of being drawn for a C zone tag as my second choice in 2014?*

A. 8479 hunters applied for C zone as their second choice. However, 2192 of these hunters were drawn for their first choice in the first round of the drawing. The remaining 6287 hunters were competing for 2,660 C zone tags in the second round of the drawing. Hunters had a 42.31% chance of being drawn for a C zone tag in the second round of the drawing.

### *Q. I tried to purchase my hunting license online, and apply in the big game drawing, but the online sales system says 'Evidence of Hunter Education Required'. I am unable to purchase a hunting license online. I have purchased a hunting license through the ALDS before, so I must have hunter education on file.*

A. You have created a second customer profile (another GO ID) that is not connected to your license history and hunter education record. Log out of the online license sales system and find a previously issued ALDS hunting license or drawing receipt and log in again. Enter the last name, GO ID, and date of birth as it is printed on your license document. Once you have logged into the account that has your hunter education, you will be able to purchase a hunting license and enter the drawing. If you are unable to resolve this issue yourself, contact the Department's Internet Sales Help Desk at (916) 928-6882 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, between 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) for assistance.

Important: To be included in the Big Game Drawing, submit your application by midnight on June 2nd. If it is June 2nd and you are unable to resolve this issue, go to a license sales agent. Provide your proof of hunter education and customer information for the license sales agent and apply for the Big Game Drawing there.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
1ST DEER DRAW APPLICATION  
Receipt



D-0012456519-3

GO ID: 1040300750  
STATE ID: A333\*\*\*\* CA  
JOE HUNTER  
1234 SAMPLE ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95835

SEX: M HAIR: Blonde EYES: Blue  
HT: 6-01 WT: 150 DOB: 01/01/1985

Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months

Doc No: D-0012456519-3      Outlet No: 901001-001  
Trans: 00000003970259      1/30/2015 11:25:17 AM  
015591255

Customer does not have preference points for any species.

Item	Fee*
1st Deer Drawing Application (Res)	\$29.61

Party Number: 7092378  
Party Leader Name: HUNTER, JOE

Choices  
1st Choice - X1 - ZONE X1  
2nd Choice - D6 - ZONE D6

**Total: \$29.61**

\*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees, and license buyer surcharge.

If you would like for other hunters to enter the drawing as part of your party, please provide them the 'Party Number' from this receipt for the appropriate species. The party members will need to provide this Party ID at the time of application to join the party.

Detailed drawing information can be found at [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov).  
For questions regarding your application date or preference points, please contact DFG at (916) 419-7573.

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## Q. What does a Drawing Receipt look like?

A. Every applicant will receive a Drawing Receipt (DRA for deer, ELA for elk, ANA for antelope and SHA for sheep - printed at the upper right hand corner) for each species submitted. If you were not issued a receipt as pictured, you may not have been entered into the Big Game Drawing and you will not earn a preference point or be drawn for a premium deer tag. Note: Online sales customers may print their drawing receipt at the end of the sales transaction. Telephone sales customers will receive them in the mail.

Deer). The license agent only has four hours to cancel any sales transaction. If it has been more than four hours, you will need to contact the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch at (916) 419-7573 or e-mail [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov).

## Q. How can I apply for a deer preference point and get an unrestricted or restricted deer hunt tag?

A. Submit a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with a first choice of PD (Point Deer); and a second choice of an unrestricted or restricted deer tag. If your second choice deer tag is available when the Big Game Drawing is conducted, it will be processed in the second round of the drawing. Please see 'How the Drawing Works' on page 22 for more information on the second choice tags.

## Q. How can we apply as a party for drawing tags?

A. There are two ways to apply as a party. Members of a party can apply in the same sales transaction or in separate transactions at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales. See page 20 for details on the party application process.

## Q. How will I know that my tag choices for the drawing were entered correctly?

A. Verify that your tag choices are printed correctly on your Drawing Receipt. You may also verify your tag choices and view all your license items by accessing your customer profile online at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales). You will select the 'View My Drawing Applications/Preference Points' link at the top of the page.

## Q. Why did I get drawn for an X3A tag when I only wanted to apply for a preference point for X3A?

A. To apply for a deer preference point, you must tell the license sales clerk that you want to apply for the code PD (Point Deer). You do not need to indicate a hunt code along with the preference point code. Preference points are earned for the species and not a particular zone or hunt.

## Q. I wanted to apply for a deer preference point, but I was issued my deer tag at the license agent. How will I enter the Big Game Drawing?

A. If you were issued a deer tag at the license agent then you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will need to tell the sales clerk to cancel the transaction and re-sell you a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with the code PD (Point

## Q. I am the party leader, where can I find my Party Number to give to members of my hunting party so they can join me?

A. The Party Number is located on your Drawing Receipt for each species for which you applied. Make sure you give the correct Party Number to the correct party members of each species.

## Q. I don't have my party leader's Party Number. Will the license agent be able to join us together?

A. No. You must have the Party Number to join another hunter's party. This is done to ensure that only hunters the party leader allows may join his/her party. CDFW license sales offices and license agents cannot provide you with another hunter's Party Number, only the party leader or members of the party can provide you with their Party Number.

## Q. Can a junior hunter apply for a premium deer zone and an Apprentice Hunt on the same application?

A. Yes. Junior hunters who wish to apply for an Apprentice Hunt and a premium deer hunt on the same application must use a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Either the Apprentice Hunt or Premium deer hunt will be your first choice (which ever you want the most) and the other as your second choice. You will be issued a preference point if you are unsuccessful.

successful in receiving your first choice and your second choice tag will be processed in the second round of the drawing (if the hunt you chose has not filled by the second round of the drawing). If the junior hunter applies for an Apprentice Hunt on the First-Deer Tag Drawing Application, they cannot submit a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

***Q. My daughter is a junior hunter. We want to apply together for an X zone tag. Can she apply with me for an X zone tag and still apply for an Apprentice Hunt?***

A. Yes. You both can apply as a party for the X zone tag using your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Your daughter can apply for the Apprentice Hunts using her Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

***Q. Will a junior hunter earn two deer preference points if he/she is unsuccessful for both deer tag applications for a premium deer hunt and an Apprentice Hunt tag?***

A. No. Hunters may only earn one preference point per species (CCR T14-708.14(c)). Junior hunters submitting two applications in the drawing will earn one preference point if they are unsuccessful in their first choice tag on both applications. If they are successful in their first choice tag on either application their preference points will be reset to zero.

***Q. If a junior hunter applies for a premium deer hunt on a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application and an Apprentice Hunt on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application, how are the tag choices processed in the drawing? Which application has a higher priority?***

A. Neither deer tag application has a priority. The computer assigns each deer tag application a unique random number. The preference point value for each application is calculated the same way, the success or non-success of one application does not affect the other application.

***Q. When do I lose preference points?***

A. You lose all accumulated preference points for a species, as follows:

- Deer - You lose all accumulated preference points when you are drawn for a premium tag as your first choice.
- Elk, Pronghorn Antelope and Bighorn Sheep - You lose all accumulated preference points for a species if you are drawn for and pay for the tag.
- You also lose all accumulated preference points for any species if you do not participate in the drawing for that species for five (5) consecutive years.

***Q. I do not wish to apply for a premium tag this year. How can I earn a preference point for deer, elk, antelope, and bighorn sheep?***

A: At a license agent, CDFW license sales office or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458, you will need to purchase a California hunting license and inform the sales clerk you are applying in the Big Game Drawing. You will need to indicate to the sales clerk, which drawing application(s) you want to apply for; such as: deer, elk, antelope or bighorn sheep. To earn a preference point for deer the code is PD, elk is 499, antelope is 799 and bighorn sheep is 599.

If applying online, select the "2015 Hunting" tab and "add to the cart" a California hunting license and in the "Drawing" menu, "add to the cart" the drawing applications you want to apply for and enter the corresponding preference point code as indicated above.

To earn the preference point(s), the transaction must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2015.

***Q. I did not apply in the Big Game Drawing and it is now past the deadline; will I still be able to earn a preference point for this year?***

A. No. You will not earn a preference point for this year and you will not lose your previously accrued preference points. However, a hunter's points are reduced to zero when they have not applied for five (5) consecutive years. A missed application deadline is considered as not applying.

If it is after midnight on June 2, 2015, the drawing applications for Deer, Elk, Antelope and Bighorn Sheep will not be available in the "**Drawings**" list to purchase and apply for the drawing.

***Q. How will CDFW track my preference points?***

A. CDFW tracks preference points for current and future drawings using your Get Outdoor (GO) ID. To accurately track your preference points, you must use the same GO ID number to apply in the drawing each year. If you have changes or corrections to your mailing address, you may log into your customer profile and update at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/). If you have changes or corrections to your name, identification number, such as a driver's license number or date of birth, you must notify CDFW in writing at:

License and Revenue Branch  
1740 N. Market Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
or email: [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov)

***Q. How can I check my preference point totals in ALDS?***

A. Your preference point totals are printed on your Drawing Receipt. The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), and accumulated preference points. You can also check your preference points by logging on to your customer profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales/) and click on the link "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page.

# FUND-RAISING RANDOM DRAWINGS FOR BIG GAME TAGS

## ***Q. Do I need to purchase a 2015/2016 hunting license to apply?***

A. Applicants are not required to possess a valid 2015/2016 California hunting license at the time of entry. However, the successful tag holder must possess a valid 2015/2016 annual California hunting license before the tag is issued.

## ***Q. What is the deadline to apply?***

A. The application must be submitted and the sales transaction completed before midnight on June 2, 2015.

## ***Q. Is there a limit on the number of times I can apply?***

A. No. You may apply as many times as you want for each tag.

## ***Q. If I am drawn for a Fund-raising Random Drawing tag, will I lose my preference points?***

A. No. Preference points are not part of the fund-raising random drawing tag process. Preference points are only earned and applicable towards the general big game tag drawings.

## ***Q. If I am drawn, what are the tag fees for the Fund-raising Random Drawing tags?***

A. If you are drawn for a Fund-raising Random Drawing deer, elk, antelope or sheep tag, the tag will be provided at no additional charge.

## ***Q. If I apply in the Big Game Drawing and receive a premium deer zone tag, can I still receive the Fund-raising Random Drawing Open zone deer tag?***

A. Yes, you would receive both.

## ***Q. If I apply for the Open Zone Deer Fund-raising Random Drawing and win, but already have two deer tags, can I still get the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag?***

A. Yes, however, hunters are restricted each year to no more than two deer tags. In this case you would have to surrender either your First-deer or Second-deer tag prior to issuance of the Open Zone Deer Fund-raising tag.

# OBTAINING HUNTING MAPS

## ***Q. Where can I obtain hunting maps for deer zones?***

A. General maps detailing individual zone or deer hunt boundaries can be found at the CDFW web site: [www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/zonemapsinfo.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/deer/zonemapsinfo.html).

Additional maps are also available from:

- U.S. Forest Service (USFS) or online at [www.nationalforest-mapstore.com/Default.asp](http://www.nationalforest-mapstore.com/Default.asp);
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, by phone at 916-978-4400 or online at [www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/maps.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/info/maps.html).
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from sporting goods, backpacking or engineering stores or by contacting the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Branch of Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225, by phone at 888-ASK-USGS or online at [www.usgs.gov/pubprod/](http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/).

# OTHER

## ***Q. What should I do if I harvest a bear with a GPS collar?***

A. If you harvest a bear with a GPS collar, please return the collar to your local CDFW Regional Office. The collar contains important information regarding CDFW's bear aversive condition study in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

For more Frequently Asked Questions on hunting you may visit our web site at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game).



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# UNLAWFUL ACTIONS

*These are not complete regulations. Some sections are abbreviated. For a complete interpretation, refer to CCR-T14 or visit the Fish and Game Commission website at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov)*

## It is unlawful to do the following:

- Fail to exhibit on the demand of a Wildlife Officer, all licenses, tags, fish, or wildlife taken or otherwise dealt with under the Fish and Game Code, and any device or apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take fish or wildlife. FGC 2012.
- Take game birds, game mammals or furbearing mammals except as permitted by regulations. CCR T14-250.
- Hunt big game without a valid hunting license and tag. FGC 1054.2.
- Hunt with a crossbow during archery season (except with a Disabled Archer Permit). CCR T14-354(g).
- Possess a firearm while hunting during archery season or while hunting during the general season with an archery-only tag. CCR T14-354(h).
- Take spike buck. FGC 204(d).
- Pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except when the motor is off and/or the sails furled and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole. CCR T14-251.
- Knowingly feed big game mammals. CCR T14-251.3.
- Take game birds and mammals within 400 yards of any baited area. This does not apply to the taking of game birds and mammals on or over standing crops, croplands, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations or procedures. CCR T14-257.5.
- Take bears within 400 yards of any garbage dump or bait. CCR T14-365(e).
- Take more than two deer per license year. CCR T14-708.1.(a)(1).
- Intentionally discharge a firearm or release an arrow or crossbow bolt from a bow or crossbow upon or across any highway, road or other way open to vehicular traffic. CCR T14-354(e), FGC 3004(b).
- Nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle. CCR T14-354(i).
- Hunt with bow or crossbow that will not cast a legal hunting arrow, except flu-flu arrows, a horizontal distance of 130 yards. CCR T14-354(f).
- Hunt big game from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. CCR T14-352.
- Use dogs for pursuit/take, or for dog training, during the archery seasons for deer or bear. CCR T14-265(a)(1).
- Use dogs to take, bear, bobcat, elk, bighorn sheep and antelope CCR T14 265 (a)(2).
- Use dogs for pursuit/take of, or for dog training on, mountain lions (except under authority of a depredation permit). CCR T14-265(a)(3).
- Use an artificial light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal. FGC 2005(a).
- To deposit, permit to pass into, or place where it can pass into the waters of the state, or to abandon, dispose of, or throw away, within 150 feet of the high water mark of the waters of the state, any cans, bottles, garbage, rubbish, or the viscera or carcass of any dead mammal, or the carcass of any dead bird. FGC 5652.
- Fail to send a complete written report to the Department within 48 hours after killing or wounding while hunting, any human being, or domestic animal belonging to another, or after witnessing such killing or wounding. FGC 12151.5.
- Use of a shotgun larger than 10 gauge for the taking of any game bird or game mammal, or a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. FGC 2010; CCR T14-311 and 353(b).
- Possess a short barreled shotgun (Barrel less than 18 inches), or a short-barreled rifle (Barrel less than 16 inches) PC 33215.
- Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird or mammal. FGC 10500. However, possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are unstrung. FGC 10506. (National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.)
- Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tags and/or stamps in possession; FGC 1054.2.
- Transfer, use, possess or alter any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation. FGC 1052.
- Damage another's property or injure livestock while hunting. FGC 2004.
- Sell or barter game taken under the authority of a hunting license. FGC 3039.
- Possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments which is standing on or along or is being driven on or along any public highway or other way open to the public.
- A rifle or shotgun shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine. FGC 2006
- The provisions of this section shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces of this state or the United States, while on duty or going to or returning from duty. FGC 2006.