

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

REQUESTS FOR REGULATORY ACTION 2014 - Related to Mammal Hunting

11-10-2014

FGC - California Fish and Game Commission DFW - California Department of Fish and Wildlife WRC - Wildlife Resources Committee MRC - Marine Resources Committee

Date Received	Name of Petitioner	Subject of Request	Code or Title 14 Section Number	Short Description	FGC Decision	DFW/FGC Staff Response
3/27/2014	Howard Strohn	Tule Elk in Priest Valley	364	Request for better herd management of Tule Elk in Priest Valley	Referred to DFW by FGC 6/4/2014	La Panza Elk Zone - Department is recommending no change for 2015-16 cycle.
4/21/2014	Lassen County Board of Supervisors	Increase Hunting Opportunities in Lassen County Hunt Zones	360, 361, 363, 364	Supervisors request an overall tag allocation of 10% archery, 10% muzzleloader, and 80% rifle for hunt zones 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, X1, X3A, X3B, X4, X7A and C4 to increase hunting opportunities (Resolution 14-016).	Referred to DFW by FGC 8/6/2014	DFW response dtd 05/13/14: . . . Your recommendation would involve reducing the general tag quotas so that 10% of all tags in all Lassen County big game zones would go to apprentice hunters. This proposal would affect the zones that include other counties in addition to Lassen County (such as deer zones X1, X3a, X3b, X4, X6a, X6b; elk in the Northeastern CA zone, and pronghorn in zones 3, 4, 5, and 6). To evaluate your proposal, the Department will analyze the demand for these tags by oth apprentice and general hunters and, during the course of the Commission rulemaking process, off the general public an opportunity to comment on the idea. Although we value our youth hunters the Department must strike a blalance in its recommendations to the Commission between encouraging apprentice hunters versus consideration for hunters who have applied for tags unsuccessfully year after year.

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6/23/2014	Jeff Seacrist	Big Game Drawing Rules		Establish a max preference point or cap for each big game species. The system is set up to favor those hunters who have applied but not been drawn and disadvantages young hunters and those who got into the sport later in life. Also, remove big horn sheep from the preference point system all together.	Placed as public recommendation at 08/06/14 FGC Business meeting for action at the 10/08/14 FGC Business meeting. Action taken: Referred to WRC on 10/8/2014.	Too late for current cycle. Consider in 2016-17 rulemaking cycle.
6/30/2014	James Cloninger	Deer Tag Application Fee		Consider allowing the deer tag application fee to be refundable for those who do not draw in their preferred zone.	Rejected 10/8/2014; statute does not allow refund of application fees.	Rejected. No statutory authority.
8/23/2014	Sam Craig	Mammal regulations		Request for changes in B zones for black-tailed deer.	Staff recommendation: Refer to mammal hunting rulemaking for 2016-17 season.	Received too late for 2015-16 cycle. Consider in 2016-17 rulemaking cycle.
10/1/2014	Colusa County Fish & Game Advisory Commission	Elk hunts	364	Request to increase elk hunting in Stonyford to control growing size of herd.	Staff recommendation: Refer to mammal hunting rulemaking for 2015-16 season.	Received too late for 2015-16 cycle. Consider in 2016-17 rulemaking cycle.