

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REGULATORY ACTION

Amend Section 361
Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR)
Re: Archery Deer Hunting

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: November 15, 2011
- II. Date of Pre-adoption Statement of Reasons: March 7, 2012
- III. Date of Final Statement of Reasons: April 16, 2012
- IV. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:

- (a) Notice Hearing: Date: December 15, 2011
 Location: San Diego, California
- (b) Discussion Hearings: Date: March 7, 2012
 Location: Riverside, California
- (c) Adoption Hearing: Date: April 11, 2012
 Location: Eureka, California

- V. Update:

Existing regulations provide for the number of license tags available for Area-Specific Archery Hunts. The original proposal changed the number of tags to a series of tag ranges. After collection of fall/spring herd survey data, harvest data and subsequent population analysis, the proposal is further modified to provide the final tag quotas based on these analyses.

Pursuant to its April 11, 2012 meeting in Eureka, the Fish and Game Commission adopted the proposed final tag quotas (modified proposal) identified in the table within the Updated Informative Digest.

- VI. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Opposition and in Support:

No (other) public comments, written or oral, were received during the public comment period.

- VII. Location and Index of Rulemaking File:

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIII. Location of Department files:

Department of Fish and Game
1812 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

IX. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

Number of Tags

There is no reasonable alternative to the proposed action.

(b) No Change Alternative:

Number of Tags

The no change alternative was considered and found inadequate to attain the project objectives. Retaining the current number of tags for the hunts listed may not be responsive to changes in the status of the herds. The deer herd management plans specify objective levels for the proportion of bucks in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by modifying the number of tags. The no change alternative would not allow management of the desired proportion of bucks stated in the approved deer herd management plans.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the regulation is proposed, or would be effective and less burdensome to the affected private persons than the proposed regulation.

X. Impact of Regulatory Action:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made.

(a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businessmen to Compete with Businesses in Other States:

The proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. The proposed action adjusts tag quotas for existing hunts. Given the number of tags available and the area

over which they are distributed, these proposals are economically neutral to business.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California:

None.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Private Persons:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State:

None.

- (e) Other Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies:

None.

- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts:

None.

- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4:

None.

- (h) Effect on Housing Costs:

None.

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
(Policy Statement Overview)**

Existing regulations provide for the number of hunting tags for existing area-specific archery hunts. The proposal changes the number of tags for existing hunts to a series of ranges presented in the table below. These ranges are necessary, as the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because severe winter conditions can have an adverse effect on herd recruitment and over-winter adult survival, final tag quotas may fall below the proposed range into the “Low Kill” alternative identified in the 2007 Environmental Document Regarding Deer Hunting.

The original proposal changed the number of tags to a series of tag ranges. After collection of fall/spring herd survey data, harvest data and subsequent population analysis, the proposal is further modified to provide the final tag quotas based on these analyses.

Pursuant to its April 11, 2012 meeting in Eureka, the Fish and Game Commission adopted the final tag quotas (modified proposal) identified in the following table:

Archery Deer Hunting: § 361			
2012 Tag Allocations (Modified Proposal)			
Hunt Number (and Title)	Current	Original Proposal	Modified Proposal
A-1 (C Zone Archery Only Tag)	1,945	150-3,000	1,945
A-3 (Zone X-1 Archery)	130	50-1,000	125
A-4 (Zone X-2 Archery)	20	5-100	15
A-5 (Zone X-3a Archery)	35	10-300	40
A-6 (Zone X-3b Archery)	90	25-400	90
A-7 (Zone X-4 Archery)	135	25-400	140
A-8 (Zone X-5a Archery)	15	15-100	10
A-9 (Zone X-5b Archery)	5	5-100	5
A-11 (Zone X-6a Archery)	55	10-200	55
A-12 (Zone X-6b Archery)	110	10-300	110
A-13 (Zone X-7a Archery)	50	10-200	50
A-14 (Zone X-7b Archery)	25	5-100	25
A-15 (Zone X-8 Archery)	50	5-100	50
A-16 (Zone X-9a Archery)	140	50-500	140
A-17 (Zone X-9b Archery)	300	50-500	300
A-18 (Zone X-9c Archery)	350	50-500	350

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2012 Tag Allocations (Modified Proposal)			
Hunt Number (and Title)	Current	Original Proposal	Modified Proposal
A-19 (Zone X-10 Archery)	120	25-200	120
A-20 (Zone X-12 Archery)	190	50-500	190
A-21 (Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt)	25	25-100	25
A-22 (San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	1,000	200-1,500	1,000
A-24 (Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	100	25-200	100
A-25 (Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	35	20-75	35
A-26 (Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt)	30	10-100	30
A-27 (Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt)	5	5-75	5
A-30 (Covelo Archery Buck Hunt)	40	20-100	40
A-31 (Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	1,000	200-1,500	1,000
A-32 (Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	250	50-300	250
A-33 (Fort Hunter Liggett Late Season Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	25 Military* & 25 Public	25 Military* & 25 Public	25 Military* & 25 Public

* *Specific numbers of tags are provided for military hunts through a system which restricts hunter access to desired levels and ensures biologically conservative hunting programs.*