

Regulatory Language

Section 550, Title 14, CCR is amended to read:

~~§ 550. Regulations for General Public Use Activities on All State Wildlife Areas Listed Below.~~

~~(a) State Wildlife Areas:~~

- ~~(1) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(2) Ash Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen and Modoc counties) (Type B);~~
- ~~(3) Bass Hill Wildlife Area (Lassen County), including the Egan Management Unit (Type C);~~
- ~~(4) Battle Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties);~~
- ~~(5) Big Lagoon Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(6) Big Sandy Wildlife Area (Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties) (Type C);~~
- ~~(7) Biscar Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(8) Buttermilk Country Wildlife Area (Inyo County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(9) Butte Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);~~
- ~~(10) Cache Creek Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the North Fork Cache Creek and Harley Gulch management units (Type C);~~
- ~~(11) Camp Cady Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(12) Cantara/Ney Springs Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(13) Cartago Wildlife Area, Inyo County (Type C);~~
- ~~(14) Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(15) Cinder Flats Wildlife Area (Shasta County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(16) Clear Lake Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the Rodman Slough Unit (Type C);~~
- ~~(17) Collins Eddy Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yolo counties) (Type C);~~
- ~~(18) Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (Colusa County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(19) Coon Hollow Wildlife Area (Butte County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(20) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Merced County), including the Upper Cottonwood and Lower Cottonwood management units (Type C);~~
- ~~(21) Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area (Del Norte County);~~
- ~~(22) Crocker Meadow Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(23) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (Yuba County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(24) Decker Island Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(25) Doyle Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(26) Dutch Flat Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(27) East Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(28) Eel River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(29) Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area (Del Norte County);~~
- ~~(30) Elk River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(31) Fay Canyon Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(32) Fay Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(33) Feather River Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yuba counties), including the Abbott Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marysville, Morse Road, Nelson Slough, O'Connor Lakes, Shanghai Bend, and Star Bend management units (Type C);~~
- ~~(34) Fitzhugh Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(35) Fremont Weir Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(36) French Valley Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);~~

~~(37) Grass Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
~~(38) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (Butte and Sutter counties) (Type A);~~
~~(39) Green Creek Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);~~
~~(40) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Solano County), including the Garibaldi Crescent (Type A), Gold Hills (Type B), Goodyear Slough (Type B), Grey Goose (Type C), Grizzly Island (Type A), Island Slough (Type B), Joice Island (Type A), West Family (Type B) and Montezuma Slough management units;~~
~~(41) Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area (Lassen and Sierra counties) (Type C);~~
~~(42) Heenan Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);~~
~~(43) Hill Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County);~~
~~(44) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);~~
~~(45) Honey Lake Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);~~
~~(46) Hope Valley Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);~~
~~(47) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
~~(48) Imperial Wildlife Area (Imperial County), including the Wister Management Unit (Type A) and Finney Ramer Management Units (Type C);~~
~~(49) Indian Valley Wildlife Area (Lake County) (Type C);~~
~~(50) Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);~~
~~(51) Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area (Madera County) (Type C);~~
~~(52) Knoxville Wildlife Area (Napa and Yolo counties) (Type C);~~
~~(53) Laguna Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);~~
~~(54) Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);~~
~~(55) Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);~~
~~(56) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);~~
~~(57) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type C);~~
~~(58) Los Banos Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);~~
~~(59) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area (Sacramento County) (Type C);~~
~~(60) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);~~
~~(61) Marble Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);~~
~~(62) Mendota Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type A);~~
~~(63) Merrill's Landing Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);~~
~~(64) Miner Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);~~
~~(65) Monache Meadows Wildlife Area (Tulare County) (Type C);~~
~~(66) Morro Bay Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County) (Type C);~~
~~(67) Moss Landing Wildlife Area (Monterey County) (Type C);~~
~~(68) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties) (Type C);~~
~~(69) Mud Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
~~(70) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (Solano, Napa, and Sonoma counties), including the American Canyon, Coon Island, Dutchman Slough, Huichica Creek, Napa River, Ringstrom Bay, Sonoma Creek, Tolay Creek, and Wingo management units (Type C); and Green Island, Southern Crossing, and White Slough management units;~~
~~(71) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties), including the China Island, Gadwall, and Salt Slough management units (Type A);~~
~~(72) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);~~
~~(73) Oroville Wildlife Area (Butte County), including the Thermalito Afterbay Management Unit (Type C);~~

- ~~(74) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties), including the Black John Slough, Burdell, and Petaluma River management units (Type C); and Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek management units;~~
- ~~(75) Pickel Meadow Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(76) Pine Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(77) Point Edith Wildlife Area (Contra Costa County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(78) Putah Creek Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(79) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(80) Red Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(81) Rhode Island Wildlife Area Contra Costa County (Type C);~~
- ~~(82) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(83) Sacramento River Wildlife Area (Butte, Colusa, and Glenn counties) (Type C);~~
- ~~(84) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(85) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Riverside County) including the Davis Road Unit, and the Potrero Unit (Type A);~~
- ~~(86) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County);~~
- ~~(87) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(88) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties) (Type C);~~
- ~~(89) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(90) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);~~
- ~~(91) Sheepy Ridge Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(92) Silver Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(93) Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(94) Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(95) South Fork Wildlife Area (Kern County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(96) South Spit Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(97) Spenceville Wildlife Area (Yuba and Nevada counties) (Type C);~~
- ~~(98) Surprise Valley Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(99) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (Sutter County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(100) Tehama Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(101) Truckee River Wildlife Area (Placer and Nevada counties), including the Boca, Polaris, Union Ice, and West River management units (Type C);~~
- ~~(102) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Butte and Glenn counties), including the Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek, and Llano Seco management units (Type A);~~
- ~~(103) Volta Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);~~
- ~~(104) Waukell Creek Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(105) Warner Valley Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(106) West Hilmar Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties) (Type C);~~
- ~~(107) West Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(108) White Slough Wildlife Area (San Joaquin County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(109) Willow Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);~~
- ~~(110) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County).~~

~~(b) Area Regulations:~~

~~(1) Regional Manager's Authority: The regional manager shall have the authority to regulate public use of State wildlife areas where such use is not provided for in these regulations or in sections 551 and 552 of this title.~~

~~(2) Entry Restrictions. The department may limit the number of persons entering any area listed in section 550 or 551 of this title during any period for safety reasons, to reduce crowding, to provide for the limited take of a species, or may close portions of~~

~~areas or close areas entirely to public entry or to specific activities. No person shall enter an area that has been closed to the public, except by written permission of the regional manager. On wildlife areas where entry and exit sites are designated by the department, no person shall enter or leave except at designated sites.~~

~~(3) Procedures for Issuing Entry Permits. In the event that the department elects to limit the number of hunters, trappers, or other users, entry permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, or by a drawing to be held at a designated department office. The department shall inform the commission in writing and the public via the news media of any implementation of the provisions of this subsection, when limits imposed under this subsection differ substantially for a specific area from the prior year. Such notification shall include: the State wildlife area affected, the time period, the reason for the limitation or closure, the number of entry permits to be issued, and the method of issuance.~~

~~(4) Permit Requirements. No person shall enter any State wildlife area or portion thereof where the department has limited public entry without a valid entry permit in their immediate possession. [See subsections 551(f), (g), and (h) for regulations regarding general requirements and costs for individual entry permits. See subsection 551(q) for entry permit requirements for specific areas.] Upon leaving the State wildlife area, the permit must be completed and returned to the checking station, or drop box.~~

~~(5) Use Permits for Organized Events. Any person organizing an event or gathering to be conducted on a State wildlife area shall obtain a use permit from the appropriate regional manager. Such events or gatherings shall be compatible with wildlife area objectives.~~

~~(6) Motor Driven Vehicles.~~

~~(A) No person shall drive, operate, leave, place, or stop any motor driven vehicle or trailer on any State wildlife area except on public or established roads or on designated jeep trails and such other areas as designated by the department. No person shall park or leave any motor driven vehicle or trailer in any area where signs prohibiting parking are posted. Unless noted in subsections 551(q) or 552(a) the use of off highway vehicles (OHV's) and all terrain vehicles (ATV's) is prohibited on areas owned and/or managed by the department. The department may designate the parking lot where a person must park a vehicle while on the wildlife area.~~

~~(B) No person shall drive a vehicle carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, or wildlife.~~

~~(7) Signs, Traffic and Road Closures.~~

~~(A) Drivers of motor driven vehicles operated within the wildlife areas shall comply with the directions of traffic signs posted in the area by the department.~~

~~(B) No person shall damage, remove, or destroy any barrier, sign, signpost, or signboard on any wildlife area.~~

~~(8) Boats.~~

~~(A) The department may restrict the use and operation of boats on State wildlife areas, department administered national wildlife refuges, and State recreation areas to protect natural resources or provide for the orderly operation of hunting and fishing programs on these areas. Boating restrictions may include, but not be limited to, limiting boat speeds, limiting motor size and type, or prohibiting the use of motors. During the times waterfowl are present, the provisions of Section 251 of this Title will also apply.~~

~~(B) Except as prohibited in subsection 551(q), boats may be used under the following regulations on State wildlife areas, department administered national wildlife refuges, and State recreation areas.~~

~~1. When launch sites are designated by the department, all boats must be launched and removed from those sites.~~

~~2. All persons shall remove their boats from the waters or beach when instructed to do so by an employee of the department. Any peace officer may remove the boat of any person who has been instructed to remove their boat from the waters or beach, and fails to comply with the instruction of the employee of the department.~~

~~3. The use of boats may be restricted to certain zones designated by the department.~~

~~4. Boat speed shall not exceed five miles per hour unless otherwise noted in subsection 551(q).~~

~~5. Any peace officer may remove any boat that is left unattended in the waters or on the beach in excess of 72 hours.~~

~~(9) Vandalism and Litter.~~

~~(A) No person shall tamper with, damage, or remove any property not his own when such property is located within a State wildlife area.~~

~~(B) No person shall leave, deposit, drop, bury, or scatter bottles, broken glass, feathers, hides, wastepaper, cans, sewage, or other rubbish in any State wildlife area except in a receptacle or area designated for that purpose, and no person shall import and deposit any rubbish or toxic substance into State wildlife areas from other places. Where no designated receptacles are provided, any refuse resulting from a person's use of the area must be removed from the area by such person.~~

~~(10) Trees and Minerals.~~

~~(A) No person shall dig up, cut, damage, or remove from a wildlife area any trees, shrubs, vines, plants or wood, except that vegetation may be cut and used for the purpose of building blinds, unless otherwise directed by the area manager.~~

~~(B) No person shall dig up or remove any humus, soil, sand, gravel, or rock.~~

~~(11) Bottles and Artifact Collecting. No person shall collect or remove bottles or artifacts, or dig or otherwise disturb the soil to locate or remove bottles or artifacts, from any Wildlife Area.~~

~~(12) Camping and Unattended Personal Property. No person shall camp, including on a boat, in any part of a State wildlife area except in areas designated by the department. (See subsection 551(q) for additional camping restrictions on specific areas). Camping on wildlife areas shall be limited to not more than seven consecutive days, and not more than 14 days total in any calendar year, except by written permission of the Regional Manager. Personal property may not be left on State wildlife areas for camping or other purposes, except at authorized locations. Decoys may not be left in the field overnight, except as provided in subsection 551(q). Any hunting blinds on wildlife areas shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis.~~

~~(13) Fires. From April 30 through October 30 on Type C areas, and during the entire year on Type A and B areas, no person shall build or maintain fires except in portable gas stoves, in charcoal briquette barbecues, or in fireplaces at sites developed by the department. No fire shall be left unattended and all fires shall be extinguished with water before leaving. (See subsection 551(q) for additional fire restrictions.)~~

~~(14) Use of Dogs and Field Trials. The department may prohibit or restrict the use of dogs on any State wildlife area (see subsection 551(q)). Except as further prohibited in subsection 551(q), dogs are allowed only for hunting or when under immediate control. Dogs must be leashed at designated campsites and checking station areas. Special~~

permits are required for field trials. Dog training is allowed only in areas designated by the department.

~~(15) Pesticides Use. No person, other than authorized federal, state, or local employees conducting a pest control program approved by the department, shall apply any pesticide in any State wildlife area.~~

~~(16) Livestock. No person shall permit livestock, including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and hogs, to browse, graze, bed, cross, or otherwise trespass on any State wildlife area except under an authorized grazing permit issued by the department. The recreational use of horses is allowed, except as designated in subsection 551(q). Persons who fail to remove their livestock from any State wildlife area within 48 hours after receiving official notice of trespass by the regional manager through certified mail, shall be in violation of this section.~~

~~(17) Fish and Frogs. Fish and frogs may not be taken for commercial purposes (see subsection 551(q) for specific area regulations).~~

~~(18) Hunting and Trapping. Hunting and trapping shall be allowed on State wildlife areas during the regular open seasons subject to subsection 550(b)(19), 551(b), and 551(q), and such other area use regulations as specified by the regional manager.~~

~~(19) Areas where hunting and possession of firearms and archery equipment are prohibited. No person, except authorized personnel, shall possess or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas gun, spear gun, or other propulsive device of any kind in the following areas: Battle Creek, Crescent City Marsh, Elk Creek Wetlands, Eureka Slough, and Hill Slough wildlife areas; Cordelia Slough and Montezuma Slough management units of Grizzly Island Wildlife Area; White Slough Unit of Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area; and Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek units of the Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area.~~

~~(20) Fireworks / Explosives— No person shall possess or light fireworks or other explosive or incendiary devices on any state owned or managed wildlife area, except by written permission of the area manager or as provided for in Sections 551(b) or 551(q).~~

~~(21) Possession and use of Alcohol or other Controlled Substances. No person shall possess or use alcohol or other controlled substances while in the field hunting or engaged in other authorized recreational activities on any State wildlife area or Federal wildlife refuge. For the purpose of this section, “in the field” is defined as all areas except checking stations and designated parking areas. The possession and/or use of controlled substances pursuant to 11550 of the Health and Safety Code are prohibited on all areas managed and/or controlled by the department.~~

~~(22) Ejection. The department may eject any person from a State wildlife area for violation of any of these rules or regulations or for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or when a department employee determines that the general safety or welfare of the area or persons thereon is endangered. The decision, in such respect, of any department employee assigned management or enforcement responsibilities for the area shall be final.~~

~~(23) User Responsibility for Knowing Regulations. All wildlife area users shall be responsible for area-specific regulations listed under subsection 551(q). Failure to comply with any of the area-specific regulations shall be a violation of this subsection.~~

§550. General Regulations for Public Use on All Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands.

(a) All department land, except for fishing access and public access lands, is closed to visitor access and use until and unless the land is opened for a use or uses through regulations adopted by the commission in sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630, 702, or 703 of these regulations. The commission determines whether proposed designations and uses are consistent with the authorizing and reference statutes listed at the end of this section and the purposes for which the lands were acquired. Each proposed designation or use is subject to review pursuant to state and federal regulatory requirements prior to being authorized.

(b) Definitions

(1) "Department land" is defined as:

(A) any state-owned real property over which the department has jurisdiction and management authority;

(B) real property over which the department has management authority through a current lease, memorandum of understanding, management agreement, or similar document;

(C) real property designated by the commission as a wildlife area (Section 551 of these regulations);

(D) real property designated by the commission as an ecological reserve (Section 630 of these regulations);

(E) real property held or administered by the department as a fishing access;

(F) real property held or administered by the department as a public access;

(G) real property designated by the commission as a public shooting area.

(2) "Compatible uses" is defined as visitor uses that are consistent with the purposes and management of a particular department land. Predominant compatible uses on department lands are hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, wildlife photography, environmental education and/or environmental research.

(3) "Environmental education" is defined as:

(A) department administered or sponsored interpretive programs offered to the public;
or

(B) activities to increase the understanding and appreciation of wildlife and the natural environment conducted by organized youth or school groups.

(4) "Environmental research" is defined as the field study of biological, physical, or cultural processes or values with the primary purpose of improving the understanding of the natural environment.

(5) "Visitor" is defined as any person, other than a department employee or designee performing official duties, who enters department land.

(6) "Entry permit" is defined as a permit which allows entry to specified department land for department-authorized activities where general access is restricted per subsection 550(c)(2)(D). Entry permits may require payment of a fee to the department.

(7) "Special use" is defined as an activity, use, event or gathering on department land that is not authorized in sections 550, 551 or 630 of these regulations but which may be allowed with written authorization from the department; typically in the form of a Special Use Permit. When allowed, special uses occur on a limited basis as defined in the Special Use Permit or other authorizing document. An authorized special use on department land shall not conflict with the normal uses, purposes or management of the department land.

(8) "Reservation" is defined as a randomly drawn application that assures entry onto a wildlife area, when presented with the appropriate entry pass as specified in Section 550.5(c), if applicable.

(9) "Fishing" for the purposes of department land is defined as angling as defined in Section 1.05 of these regulations, and bow and arrow fishing tackle on wildlife areas as defined in Section 1.23 of these regulations.

(10) "Hunting" for the purposes of department land is defined as the legal take (as take is defined in Fish and Game Code Section 86) of wildlife species in sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations in addition to the general hunting regulations for seasons and method of take. The provisions of sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 shall have precedence over general hunting regulations, on department land where there may be differences between them.

(11) "Camping" for the purposes of department land is defined as an overnight or after-hours visitor stay which may include a vehicle, trailer, motor home, boat, tent, or any other type of vehicle or shelter.

(12) "Wildlife viewing" for the purposes of department land is defined as pedestrian use of roads or designated trails or use of visitor or interpretive facilities on department land when and where authorized by the department.

(13) "Dog training" for the purposes of department land is defined as the noncommercial act of training a hunting dog to improve the dog's performance in hunting migratory or upland game birds and retrieval of downed game, and to enhance the hunting experience.

(14) "Dog trial" for the purposes of department land is defined as an organized competitive or scored event for testing hunting dog performance.

(15) "Upland game birds" for the purpose of department land is defined as the upland game bird species listed in Fish and Game Code Section 3683.

(c) Visitor Entry and Responsibilities

(1) Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all regulations pertaining to fishing, hunting, and use of department land. These regulations are incorporated by reference into and become a condition of entry and entry permits. Failure to comply with any such regulations is a violation of this section.

(2) Visitor entry onto department land is at the discretion of the department, which may limit entry as it deems appropriate, to manage and protect fish, wildlife, native plants, habitats and other natural resources. Entry may require an entry permit and payment of a fee as provided in subsection 550(c)(2)(F).

(A) Visitor entry, where authorized or designated, is for activities authorized according to sections 550, 551, 552 or 630, of these regulations. All other visitor activities are prohibited.

(B) All visitors shall present and show valid entry permits, season or annual passes, licenses, and all fish and game taken on department land at the checking station or upon the request of any department employee. Visitors shall return all entry permits to the checking station or point of entry upon leaving department land.

(C) Visitor entry is authorized only from sunrise to sunset except during department-authorized hunting or fishing opportunities when access to hunting and fishing sites at other times may be permitted.

(D) The department may close all or portions of department land to visitors entirely, seasonally, or to specific activities or uses, and may limit the number of visitors entering an area for safety reasons, to reduce crowding, to avoid or reduce environmental disturbance, to limit the take of species, or to protect natural or cultural resources.

Designated closures and use restrictions for specific properties are provided in sections 551(for wildlife areas) and 630 (for ecological reserves) of these regulations.

1. The department may close any department land, or portion thereof, to any or all visitor use or access, without notice, by posting closed signs.

2. No visitor(s), other than those possessing written authorization from the department, shall enter or access any department land or portion thereof which is closed to visitors, including areas posted with closed signs and seasonally closed areas. This restriction does not apply to department employees or designees in the performance of official department duties.

(E) On department land where entry and exit sites are designated by the department, no visitor shall enter or leave the land except at those designated sites.

(F) No visitor shall enter any department land or portion thereof where the department has restricted visitor entry without a valid entry permit as provided in subsection 550.5(c) of these regulations.

1. Where required, entry permits are only available and issued by the department at the area checking station, point of entry or by mail for successful special drawing applicants.

2. Where a fee is required for entry, a pass must be purchased in advance through the department's Automated License Data System and presented with photo identification at the time of entry for issuance of an entry permit. Passes are not sold on department lands. Passes are sold by license agents, department license sales offices or online at www.wildlife.ca.gov.

3. Rules regarding entry and reservation fees required for hunting on certain wildlife areas are in subsections 550.5(c) and 702(b) of these regulations.

(3) Daily Entry Permit Revocations, Refusals, and Ejections. Employees of the department are authorized to refuse entry or issuance of entry permits, revoke permits and/or eject any visitor from department land for violation of any regulations, drug or alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, or for any reason when it appears that the general safety or welfare of the property or persons thereon is threatened. The decision and duration of revocation, in such respect, of any department employee assigned management or enforcement responsibilities for the area shall be final.

(A) Visitors found to violate any such refusal, revocation or ejection may be cited and fined.

(B) Visitors affected by this subsection may appeal such actions to the commission.

(4) Penalties.

(A) A visitor's failure to comply with sections 550, 551, 552 or 630 of these regulations may result in any or all of the following:

1. denial of permission to enter department lands;

2. revocation of any permit already issued;

3. ejection from department lands for up to one calendar year from the date of discovery; and

4. citation or arrest under applicable provisions of the Fish and Game Code or regulations of Title 14, CCR.

(B) proceeding under any of the above provisions shall not preclude the exercise of any other remedy.

(d) Special Use Permits. Any person, group, organization, agency or company wishing to request approval of a special use, as defined in subsection 550(b)(7), on any department land shall submit a Permit Application for Special Use of Department Lands and the permit fee as specified in Section 703 of these regulations to the department. Additional regulations that apply to Special Use Permits are located in Section 550.5 of these regulations. Department review and issuance is dependent upon staffing

availability. If the department determines that the requested special use can be conducted in a manner that is not in conflict with current uses, management, or purposes of the department land on which the special use is proposed, the department may issue a special use permit.

(1) The department will charge fees to recover the department's reasonable costs to review and issue Special Use Permits.

(2) Conditions of issuance of the Special Use Permit may include a requirement to reimburse the department for any staff time or other costs related to the special use.

(3) All permittees shall observe and comply with all local, state and federal laws, regulations, requirements, terms, and conditions applicable to the special use.

(4) The Special Use Permit must be approved in writing by the department and in possession of the permittee prior to entering, and during the use of, department land.

(e) Environmental Education. Environmental education activities on department land shall be conducted only under written authorization from the regional manager or designee and coordinated with the area manager.

(1) If a purpose of the environmental education activity is to generate revenue for a person, entity or organization, the written authorization shall be in the form of a Special Use Permit.

(f) Research. Environmental research on department land shall be conducted only under written authorization from the regional manager or designee. Authorization may be given if the department determines that the environmental research and associated activities are compatible with current uses, management and purposes of the property. Conditions of approval may include, but are not limited to:

(1) proof of all necessary collecting permits;

(2) submission of written progress reports to the department;

(3) a schedule of activities and deliverables;

(4) provision of electronic copies of geospatial and all other field data and reports in a digital format specified by the department; and

(5) submission of copies of Natural Diversity Database field data forms for species tracked by the department.

(g) Protection of Resources. Except for the take of fish and/or wildlife in compliance with general and site-specific hunting and fishing regulations, or under permit from the department to conduct environmental research or environmental education, no visitor shall:

(1) mine or disturb geological formations, archeological, cultural or anthropological artifacts, structures, or resources;

(2) take or disturb any bird or nest, or eggs thereof;

(3) cut, saw, trim, remove, or disturb any plant, mammal, fish, mollusk, crustacean, amphibian, reptile, soil, sand, gravel, rock, mineral, or any other form of plant or animal life on department land, except that non-woody vegetation may be cut and used for temporary hunting blinds; or

(4) construct or build any type of structure, including those made of vegetation (except as provided in subsection 551(g)(3)) or any other type of material, on department land except as may be specifically authorized by a Special Use Permit.

(h) Fishing. Fishing (as defined in subsection 550(b)(9)) on department land shall be allowed except as otherwise stated in subsections 551(o), 551(y) or 630(e) of these regulations, or when the area is closed according to these regulations or posted by the department with signs that prohibit entry or fishing.

(1) Fishing shall be conducted in accordance with general fishing regulations, except that it shall be limited to fishing from the shore unless boating facilities and/or areas for boats or other floating devices are designated or as allowed in subsections 551(o), 551(y) or 630(e) of these regulations.

(2) No visitor shall take fish (as defined in Fish and Game Code Section 45) from department land for commercial purposes.

(i) Regional Manager's Authority.

(1) The regional manager or his designee shall have the authority to place temporary restrictions on visitor use of department land for the purposes of protecting public health and safety or natural resources when circumstances warrant additional restrictions, and where such restrictions are not provided in sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations

(2) On state wildlife areas, the regional manager may authorize junior pheasant hunts during or outside the general pheasant season and may authorize junior turkey hunts during the regular season.

(j) Wildlife viewing, hiking, and photography are allowed on department land except when the property or portion of the property is specifically closed.

(1) Photography, videography, or filming of any type for commercial (profit or sale) purposes on or of department land requires a Special Use Permit from the department and a permit from the California Film Commission, pursuant to Government Code section 14998.8, et seq. The department shall not authorize or issue a Special Use Permit for any commercial photography, videography, or filming of any type without a valid permit from the California Film Commission.

(k) Introduction of Species. Visitors are prohibited from releasing, introducing, or transplanting animal or plant species, including domestic or domesticated species, onto or within department land or waters without a valid permit issued by the department or except as authorized for dog training in a designated area.

(l) Feeding of Wildlife. Visitors are prohibited from feeding fish or wildlife except as part of an otherwise legal activity, such as fishing in compliance with general fishing regulations, and Section 550(h).

(m) Pets. Visitors are prohibited from bringing pets, including but not limited to dogs and cats, onto department land except on a leash of less than ten feet or inside a motor vehicle, unless otherwise prohibited or restricted in subsections 551(o) or 630(h) of these regulations, or by prohibitions posted on the department land. Visitors may use dogs for hunting during an open season for an authorized species, unless otherwise prohibited.

(n) Use of Dogs for Hunting, Training and Dog Trials. The department may prohibit or restrict dog training, dog trials, or the use of dogs for any purpose on any department land. Dogs used for hunting, training and trialing must be leashed while in parking lots or checking stations.

(1) Dog training is allowed only on department lands with designated dog training areas as identified in subsections 551(i) and 630(i) of these regulations, and, pursuant to those subsections, may require written authorization.

(2) Dog trials are authorized on department land identified in subsection 551(i) of these regulations and require a Special Use Permit pursuant to subsection 550.5(d) of these regulations.

(3) The use of dogs for hunting mammals or training or trialing to prepare for or simulate hunting mammals on department land is subject to the provisions of Section 265 of these regulations.

(4) Additional site-specific regulations pertaining to dogs apply as specified in subsection 551(o) of these regulations.

(o) Horses, Pack Stock, and Horseback Riding. Recreational use of horses is allowed on department lands designated as wildlife areas except when the area is specifically closed or as specified in subsection 551(l) of these regulations. The recreational use of horses is prohibited on all other department lands except lands with department-designated horse trails or areas identified in subsection 630(g) of these regulations.

(p) Camping, Motorhomes, and Camp Trailers.

(1) No visitor shall camp, including on a boat, on any department land except on those wildlife areas where the department has designated campsites or camping areas, as provided in subsection 551(m) and Section 552 of these regulations. Within these wildlife areas, camping shall occur only in the department-designated campsites or areas. Camping, where authorized, may be conducted for up to seven consecutive nights and for a total of no more than fourteen nights per calendar year.

(2) The department may provide written authorization to camp outside of designated camping areas for authorized research, monitoring or management purposes. Such written authorization shall be in the immediate possession of the authorized person(s) at all times while on department land.

(3) Campers, camp trailers and motorhomes are prohibited on department lands except on those lands with department-designated camp trailer or motorhome accessible camping or parking areas.

(A) Visitors who wish to camp must register their camper, camp trailer or motorhome at the checking station or appropriate office and are limited to one camper, camp trailer or motorhome per registrant in the parking area. Utility trailers and cargo trailers are prohibited in designated camper, camp trailer and motorhome accessible camping and parking areas unless specifically authorized under a Special Use Permit.

(B) Parking areas are for visitor use only. The visitor responsible for the registered camper, camp trailer or motorhome shall show proof of use of the area within the previous seven days upon request. Failure to do so may result in citation and removal of the truck and camper, camp trailer or motorhome at the owner's expense.

(C) Campers, camp trailers and motorhomes over 30 feet in length are prohibited on all department lands.

(D) Tow vehicles for camp trailers must be stowed in designated vehicle parking lots.

(3) Camping is prohibited on all department lands designated as ecological reserves.

(q) Fires.

(1) Except as further restricted in subsection 551(n) of these regulations, fires are restricted to portable gas stoves, charcoal briquette barbeques, or fireplaces or pits developed by the department for visitor use, within department-designated campsites or camping areas on those lands designated as wildlife areas.

(2) Visitors are prohibited from using any form of fire on other department lands, including but not limited to wildlife areas that do not include designated campsites or camping areas and those lands designated as ecological reserves.

(3) No fire shall be left unattended and all fires shall be completely extinguished by the visitor before leaving the site.

(r) Hazardous Substances: No visitor shall apply, leave, dump, bury, release or dispose of any pesticide, herbicide, or hazardous substance, material or waste in, on, or from department land.

(s) Farming or Grazing: Unauthorized farming or grazing (including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and hogs) and associated activities on department land are prohibited.

(t) Vandalism: No visitor shall tamper with, damage, destroy or remove any property not their own when such property is located within any department land.

(u) Signs and Markers: No visitor shall tamper with, deface, damage, destroy or remove any barrier, sign, signpost, trail marker, or signboard on any department land. No visitor shall place any sign, flagging, or marking of any kind on any department land without prior written authorization from the department.

(v) Litter: No visitor shall leave, deposit, drop, dump, bury, or scatter any bottles, cans, glass (including broken glass), feathers, hides, carcasses, targets, shells, casings, vegetation, earth, rock, waste, sewage, cigarettes, cigars, or other debris or trash ("refuse") on any department land except in a receptacle or area designated for that purpose. Where no designated receptacles are provided, visitors must remove all refuse from the area.

(1) Visitors shall remove all of their personal equipment and belongings from department land daily. Failure to do so may result in unremoved items being deemed litter and disposed of.

(w) Fireworks/Explosives: No visitor shall import, possess or use fireworks, explosives or incendiary devices of any type on any department land unless authorized under permit by the department for management purposes.

(x) Possession and Use of Alcohol, Marijuana, and Controlled Substances:

(1) No visitor shall possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol while in the field hunting. For the purpose of this section, "in the field" is defined as all areas of department land except designated parking and camping areas. Visitors under the influence of alcohol to a level determined to be unsafe may be cited and ejected per section 550(c)(3).

(2) No visitor shall possess, use, or be under the influence of marijuana on any department land. Visitors in possession of medical marijuana cards and/or other legal authorization to possess marijuana for medical purposes (per Health and Safety Code sections 11362.7 through 11362.83) may only possess marijuana in that visitor's transport vehicle. Visitors with authorization to possess marijuana may not use it or be under its influence on department land. Visitors using or determined to be under the influence of marijuana on department land, or in possession of marijuana in violation of this section, may be cited and ejected per section 550(c)(3).

(3) No visitor shall possess, use, or be under the influence of any illicit controlled substance on any department land. Visitors possessing, using or under the influence of any illicit controlled substance on any department land may be cited and ejected per section 550(c)(3). Illicit controlled substances for purposes of this regulation are those substances where no medical authorization exists and no legal authorization allows possession for legitimate use of the substance.

(y) Motor Vehicles

(1) Visitors are prohibited from driving or operating any motor vehicle or trailer on department lands except on designated roads.

(2) Visitors are prohibited from stopping any motor vehicle between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment.

(3) On department lands where auto tour routes are provided, visitors shall use any pullouts or wide spots along the route to stop and view wildlife rather than block the road for other visitors.

(4) Designated parking areas are for visitor use only. Parking motor vehicles and trailers outside of designated parking areas is prohibited except for special use or research permittees who may be authorized otherwise. Utility, flatbed, cargo, or similar trailers are prohibited on department lands except as authorized under a Special Use Permit.

(5) No visitor shall operate a motor vehicle carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution, or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, or wildlife on department lands.

(6) Operators of motor vehicles shall not exceed 15 mph, unless otherwise posted, and shall comply with traffic and other signs posted on department lands.

(7) The use of off highway vehicles (OHV's), all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), motorcycles, and snowmobiles is prohibited on all department land, except where authorized and designated in subsection 551(k) of these regulations.

(z) Boats and Swimming

(1) The department may restrict the use and operation of boats, boat motors, and floating devices ("boating") on department lands to protect natural resources or provide for the orderly operation of compatible uses on these areas. Boating restrictions may include but are not limited to, prohibitions on use and operation or, if boating is allowed, limiting boat speeds and/or motor size and type. During the times waterfowl are present, the provisions of Section 251 of these regulations, which prohibits pursuit or shooting of birds or mammals from a motor driven vehicle (including but not limited to motorboats, airboats, or sailboats) also apply.

(2) Boats and floating devices are generally allowed on wildlife areas, except as restricted or prohibited in subsection 551(l) and Section 552 of these regulations. Boats are generally prohibited on ecological reserves except as provided in subsection 630(f) of these regulations. Where boats and/or floating devices are allowed on department land, they shall be used subject to the following regulations:

(A) no visitor shall operate a vessel carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution, or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, or wildlife;

(B) where launch sites are designated by the department, all boats must be launched and removed from those sites;

(C) any boat trailer shall remain attached to the tow vehicle and be stowed in a designated parking area;

(D) all visitors shall remove their boats from the water or beach when instructed to do so by an employee of the department. Any peace officer may remove the boat of any visitor who has been instructed to remove their boat from the water or beach and fails to comply with that instruction;

(E) the use of boats or other floating devices may be restricted to certain zones designated by the department;

(F) boat speed shall not exceed five miles per hour unless otherwise posted; and

(G) any peace officer may remove any boat that is left unattended on department land or in the water in excess of 72 hours.

(3) Swimming is prohibited on department lands except where designated and authorized in subsection 630(f) of these regulations.

(aa) Aircraft. No visitor shall operate any aircraft, hovercraft, or hot air balloon within department lands except as authorized by a Special Use Permit issued by the department.

(bb) Bicycles and bike riding are prohibited on department lands except where authorized and designated in subsection 551(j), Section 552, and subsection 630(g) of these regulations.

(1) On department lands where trails or roads have been designated for bicycles, no visitor shall ride, operate, leave, or park a bicycle except on those designated areas.

(cc) Firearms, Archery, and Other Propulsive Equipment:

(1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm by an active peace officer listed in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code or a retired peace officer in lawful possession of an identification certificate issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 25455 authorizing the retired officer to carry a concealed firearm. Nor shall this section prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm pursuant to a concealed carry permit issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 26150 or 26155.

(2) Possession, discharge, and use of firearms or archery equipment is prohibited on department lands except where the department has designated hunting areas or shooting sites, or with a permit issued by the department, or as authorized for dog training in a designated area, or when fishing with bow and arrow tackle as defined in subsection 550(b)(9) and allowed in subsection 550(h), or when dispatching a trapped animal per subsections 465.5(g)(1) and 550(ee) of these regulations. This prohibition includes air or gas operated devices or guns and all other propulsive devices.

(3) General (Non Hunting) Uses

(A) The use of glass or porcelain targets is prohibited on all department lands. Clay targets shall be used only at designated shooting sites where their use is allowed.

(B) Designated shooting sites are open daily from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise listed in subsections 551(v) or 630(j) of these regulations.

(C) Except as otherwise provided, an adult supervised youth may possess and discharge a BB gun on any wildlife area. A BB gun is not an authorized method of take and may not be used to take wildlife on any wildlife area. A BB gun is defined as an air and/or spring-actuated rifle similar to Daisy BB gun models 96 (Timberwolf), 105 (Buck), or 1938 (Red Rider), firing a spherical BB no larger than 0.177 inches in diameter (4.5 mm) at a muzzle velocity no greater than 350 feet per second. For the purpose of this section a youth is defined as a visitor under the age of 16.

(4) Hunting Method of Take. Where hunting is allowed, it shall be conducted in accordance with general hunting regulations and subject to sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations.

(A) Possession or discharge of shotguns larger than twelve gauge is prohibited on all department lands designated as Type A or Type B wildlife areas.

(B) Except for bow and arrow tackle as defined subsection 550(b)(9) and allowed in subsection 550(h), or as otherwise provided, no rifles, pellet or BB guns, combination rifle-shotguns, pistols, archery equipment, or revolvers shall be possessed in the field or discharged on any Type A or Type B wildlife areas. All legal firearms and archery equipment may be used on Type C wildlife areas unless prohibited in subsection 551(r) of these regulations. Firearms and archery equipment may be used on ecological reserves where hunting is authorized in subsection 630(d) of these regulations, subject to any restrictions therein.

(C) The use or possession of shot size larger than T in steel or BB in lead or non-toxic (other than steel) shot is prohibited on all department lands and national wildlife refuges. On those department lands where big game species may be hunted, shotguns with slugs may be used.

(D) A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field on Type A wildlife areas during the waterfowl season unless otherwise provided for in subsection 551(o) of these regulations. Subsection 551(o) also specifies additional wildlife areas where a hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells in the field during the waterfowl season. Only those visitors possessing a valid hunting permit for that day may possess ammunition in the field.

(E) At Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, the portion of the Tolay Creek Unit Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area south of Highway 37, and on all national wildlife refuges, only steel or other non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used or possessed.

(F) Except for bow and arrow tackle defined in subsection 550(b)(9) and allowed in subsection 550(h), archery equipment shall not be used during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons on Type A or Type B wildlife areas, unless provided in subsection 551(u) of these regulations.

(G) Loaded firearms, as defined in Fish and Game Code Section 2006 or Section 25850 of the Penal Code, are prohibited in parking lots, visitor areas, checking stations, and any other facility on department lands.

(dd) Falconry:

(1) On ecological reserves, falconry is prohibited.

(2) On Type C wildlife areas, raptors may be used to take legal game in accordance with general hunting and falconry regulations.

(3) On Type A and Type B wildlife areas, raptors may be used to take legal game only from the first Saturday following the end of the waterfowl season through the end of the falconry pheasant season. Raptors may be used only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

(ee) Trapping: Trapping is allowed on Type C wildlife areas, subject to furbearer and trapping provisions in sections 460 through 467 and property-specific closures or restrictions in subsections 551(o) and 551(r) of these regulations.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 355, 710, 710.5, 710.7, 713, 1050, 1526, 1528, 1530, ~~4570-4572~~, 1580, 1581, 1583, 1745, 1761, 1764, 1765, 1907, 2118, 2190, and 10504, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 355, 711, 713, 1050, 1055.3, 1301, 1526, 1528, 1530, ~~4570-4572~~, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1580, 1581, 1582, 1583, 1584, 1585, 1590, 1591, 1745, 1764, 1765, 2006, and 10504, Fish and Game Code. Sections 25455, 26150, and 26155, Penal Code.