

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

Amend Section 300
 Title 14, California Code of Regulations
 Re: Upland Game Birds

- I. Date of Initial Statement of Reasons: March 12, 2014
- II. Date of Final Statement of Reasons: August 18, 2014
- III. Dates and Locations of Scheduled Hearings:
 - (a) Notice Hearing: Date: April 16, 2014
Location: Ventura, CA
 - (b) Discussion Hearing: Date: June 4, 2014
Location: Fortuna, CA
 - (c) Adoption Hearing: Date: August 6, 2014
Location: San Diego, CA
- IV. Update:

The Department initially established a range of permits for sage grouse because spring population surveys were not complete at the time the ISOR was prepared. Specific hunting permit numbers were established following completion of spring lek counts and analyzing that information to project fall population size. This modification was necessary to base hunting permits on current population information for 2014.

Table 1. Results of sage grouse lek counts and fall population modeling, 2014.

Hunt Zone	2012 Males	2014 Males	Change %	Projected Total Fall Population	Allowable harvest (5% of low fall pop.)
East Lassen	393	149	-62%	246 - 393	12
Central Lassen	199	48	-76%	170 - 272	8

North Mono	510	524	+3%	714 - 1143	36
South Mono	418	235	-44%	507 - 810	25

Lek counts were down 62% in the East Lassen Zone and 76% in the Central Lassen Zone since the 2012 Rush Fire and the extremely dry conditions that followed in 2013 and 2014. The fire perimeter encompassed about 272,000 acres in California, including most of the East Lassen Hunt Zone. The Central Lassen Zone which did not burn declined more than East Lassen Zone, presumably because sage grouse move from the Central Lassen Zone also rely on seasonal habitats in the East Lassen Zone. Both of the Lassen Zones were at the low end of suitable conditions for sage grouse before the fire and have been degraded further since the fire. Recovery of productive range conditions is not expected in the short term and the future trajectory of this population is unclear at this time. Therefore, because of the significant declines and resulting low population size, the Department is not recommending any changes in permits for either Lassen zone in 2014. No hunting permits were adopted in either of the Lassen Zones since the fire in 2012 or 2013.

The North Mono Zone is the only area in California where sage grouse lek trends were up in 2014, with the highest spring breeding population recorded in recent years. The North Mono Zone is higher in elevation, thereby receiving more precipitation and less impacted by non-native grasses. This area contains more productive nesting and brood rearing habitats. The Department is recommending no change from the 30 permits currently in regulation for the North Mono Zone. Maintaining the currently allowable harvest is highly conservative and is not expected to have any effect on population trajectory.

The two-year trend in South Mono Zone is down 44% since 2012. This decline is similar to declines reported in most other states following drought conditions since 2012. The South Mono Zone is lower elevation, with more degraded range conditions. Because of the downward trajectory of the South Mono population and drought conditions in 2014, the Department is not recommending any permits (down from the currently allowed 25 permits) for the South Mono Zone in 2014.

On August 6, the Commission adopted the following permit numbers, amending subsection 300(a)(1)(D)4., for the 2014 sage grouse season:

East Lassen: 0 (2-bird) permits
 Central Lassen: 0 (2-bird) permits
 North Mono: 30 (1-bird) permits
 South Mono: 0 (1-bird) permits

No other modifications were made to the originally proposed language of the Initial Statement of Reasons.

V. Summary of Primary Considerations Raised in Support of or Opposition to the Proposed Actions and Responses to Those Considerations:

The summary of public comments received during the Notice period through July 14, 2014, and the Department responses are attached as Attachment A.

Copies of the letters and emails received during the Notice period through July 14, 2014, are attached as Attachment B.

VI. Location and Index of Rulemaking File:

A rulemaking file with attached file index is maintained at:
California Fish and Game Commission
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320
Sacramento, CA 95814

VII. Location of Department files:

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

VIII. Description of Reasonable Alternatives to Regulatory Action:

(a) Alternatives to Regulation Change:

No Alternatives were identified.

(b) No Change Alternative:

Without a regulation change:

1. Sage grouse permit numbers would not change from 2013 and permits for 2014 would not be calculated based on current year data.
2. Pheasant archery-only hunting would only include the early season and not include the later season following the general seasons. Due to public request for early and late archery only season, and negligible impact by hunting both season, this is not a recommended alternative.
3. Eurasian collared-doves would only be open all year in Imperial

County and follow the same season as mourning and white-winged doves in the rest of the State, but with unlimited bag and possession limits. Due to the invasive nature of this non-native species and the potential impact on native species there is no biological basis to limit year-round harvest statewide.

(c) Consideration of Alternatives:

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

IX. 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 initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

(a) Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses 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, because the regulations propose only minor changes to current seasons and bag limits.

(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; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment.

The Commission does not anticipate any impacts the proposed action would have on the creation or elimination of jobs or businesses in California or on the expansion of businesses in California; and, does not anticipate benefits to worker safety, because the regulations propose only minor changes to current seasons and bag limits.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. The proposed regulations are intended to provide continued recreational opportunity to the public. Hunting provides opportunities for multi-generational family activities and promotes respect for California's environment by the future stewards of the State's resources.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the environment by the sustainable management of California's upland game resources. The fees that hunters pay for licenses and stamps are used for conservation.

(c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business 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) 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, Government Code: None.

(h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

UPDATED Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview

Current regulations in Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR) provide general hunting seasons for taking resident and migratory upland game birds under Section 300. The Department is recommending six regulation changes under this section as follows:

1. Adjust annual number of sage grouse hunting permits by zone.

Current regulations under subsection 300(a)(1)(D)4. provide a number of permits for the general sage grouse season in each of four zones. At this time the Department has proposed a range of permits specific for all four hunt zones. The final permit numbers will be proposed in June after spring lek counts are completed and annual population data are analyzed. Permit ranges for sage grouse hunting in 2014 are recommended as follows:

East Lassen: 0-50 (two-bird) permits
Central Lassen: 0-50 (two-bird) permits
North Mono: 0-100 (one-bird) permits
South Mono: 0-100 (one-bird) permits

2. Administrative changes to subsection 300(a)(1)(D)5. to reflect the Department's change to application procedures for sage grouse permits under the new Automated License Data System (ALDS).
3. Establish a longer general archery season for pheasants.

Current regulations provide for a 23-day early pheasant archery season under subsection 300(a)(2)(A)1.a. and a 44-day general pheasant archery season under subsection 300(a)(1)(A)1.b. The proposed regulation re-establishes a later pheasant archery-only season, and extends the season for 28 days, to allow for hunting opportunity both before and after the general pheasant season. However, archery equipment cannot be used on Type A and B wildlife areas during the pheasant and waterfowl seasons per subsection 551(b)(6).

4. Open Eurasian collared-dove season year-round statewide.

In 2013, Eurasian collared-dove season was opened all year in Imperial County under subsection 300(b)(1)(C). The changes proposed by the Department for the 2014-2015 season, and thereafter, would extend the all year open season for Eurasian collared-dove to apply statewide.

5. Increase the maximum daily bag limit to 15 for mourning and white-winged doves in aggregate; of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves. The recommendations from the Pacific Flyway Council at the March 11, 2014,

meeting was for the “Standard” regulatory alternative as prescribed by the mourning dove harvest strategy for doves in the Western Management Unit. In California, the daily bag limit for the Standard alternative is 15 mourning and white-winged doves in aggregate; of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves.

6. Minor editorial changes are also provided for consistency and clarity. The Department also proposes to make the following editorial changes:

Correct two omissions of necessary text. Adding text to subsection 300(a)(1)(C) specifying: Species, 2. Seasons, 3. Daily Bag and Possession Limits. Also a new subparagraph is added to 300(a)(2)(C) specifying: 3. Area: Statewide. The Eurasian collared-dove, spotted dove, and ringed turtle-dove are resident game bird species (per Fish and Game Code §3500 and 3683). For clarity and consistency, these species will be moved from under subsection 300(b), Migratory Upland Game Birds, to subsection 300(a), Resident Upland Game Birds.

Benefits of the Proposed Regulations

Adoption of sustainable upland game seasons, bag and possession limits provides for the maintenance of sufficient populations of upland game to ensure their continued existence.

The Fish and Game Commission, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 200, 202, and 203, has the sole authority to regulate upland game bird hunting in California. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found the proposed changes pertaining to hunting of resident game birds are consistent with Sections 550-553, 630, 703 and 4501 of Title 14. Therefore the Commission has determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

UPDATE

The Department presented the spring lek counts and subsequent population modeling and fall population projections, and on August 6, 2014, the Commission adopted the following permit numbers, amending subsection 300(a)(1)(D)4., for the 2014 sage grouse season:

East Lassen:	0 (2-bird) permits
Central Lassen:	0 (2-bird) permits
North Mono:	30 (1-bird) permits
South Mono:	0 (1-bird) permits

No other modifications were made to the originally proposed language of the Initial Statement of Reasons.

REGULATORY LANGUAGE

Section 300, Title 14, is amended to read:

§ 300. Upland Game Birds.

(a) Resident Upland Game Birds

(1) General Seasons: Shotgun; Crossbow; and Pistol/Revolver for Sooty/Ruffed Grouse Only; Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(A) Pheasants	The second Saturday in November extending for 44 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 males per day for the first two days of the season; 3 males per day after the first two days of the season Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit
3. Area: Statewide		
<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(B) Quail [including California (valley) quail, mountain quail, and Gambel's (desert) quail]	See area zone descriptions for details	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit
Mountain Quail only:	a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone Q1) - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October	
All species:	General Quail Season (Zone Q1) The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	b. Early Coastal Season (Zone Q2) – The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	c. Balance of the State Season (Zone Q3) – The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	

All species:	d. Early Season for Hunters with Junior Hunting Licenses in the Mojave National Preserve – The first Saturday in October extending for two days	
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QUAIL HUNTING ZONE AREA DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Zone Descriptions :

a. **Zone Q1:**

The early mountain quail season hunting zone includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, and those portions of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Yuba counties lying east of the western boundary of the national forests.

b. **Zone Q2:**

The early coastal quail season (all species) hunting zone includes the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino.

c. **Zone Q3:**

The balance of the state season (all species) hunting zone includes the remaining land area not included in Zone Q2 (the counties of Marin, Napa, Solano, Sonoma, Lake, and Mendocino).

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(C) Chukar (Red-Legged Partridges)	The third Saturday in October through the last Sunday in January	Bag Limit: 6 chukar per day Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit

3. Area: Statewide

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(D) Sage Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for two consecutive days	See area open zone descriptions (subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3) <u>in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.</u> East and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season North Mono and South Mono zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day, 1 per season Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season

SAGE GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS AND PERMIT PROCESS

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

a. **East Lassen Zone:**

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 395 and County Road 502 in the town of Ravendale; north and east on County Road 502 to County Road 526 (Buckhorn Road); east on County Road 526 to the Nevada state line; south along the Nevada state line to its intersection with County Road 320 (Wendel-Flanigan Road); northwest on County Road 320 to its intersection with Highway 395 between Wendel and Litchfield north on Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

b. **Central Lassen Zone:**

That portion of Lassen County beginning at the intersection of Highway 139 and County Road 513 (Termo-Grasshopper Road); east on County Road 513 to its intersection with County Road 523 (Westside Road); north on County Road 523 to its intersection with County Road 525 (Brockman Road); east on County Road 525 to its intersection with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its intersection with Highway 36 in the town of Johnstonville; west on Highway 36 to its intersection with Highway 139 in Susanville; north on Highway 139 to the point of beginning.

c. **North Mono Zone:**

That portion of Mono County beginning at the intersection of Highway 182 and the California-Nevada state line; south and east along the California-Nevada state line to Highway 167; west along Highway 167 to Highway 395; north along Highway 395 to Highway 182 at Bridgeport; north along Highway 182 to the point of beginning.

d. **South Mono Zone:**

That portion of Mono County beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 6 and U.S. Highway 395; north along U.S. Highway 6 to the intersection of U.S. Highway 120; west along U.S. Highway 120 to the intersection of the Benton Crossing Road; west along Benton Crossing Road to the intersection of Owens River Road; west along Owens River Road to the intersection of U.S. Highway 395; south along U.S. Highway 395 to the point of beginning.

No open season in the balance of the state not included in the above open zones.

4. Number of Permits:

a. **East Lassen Zone:** 0 permits

b. **Central Lassen Zone:** 0 permits

c. **North Mono Zone:** 30 permits

d. **South Mono Zone:** ~~25~~0 permits

5. Permit Process:

~~The free sage grouse hunting permits shall be issued by public drawing. All applicants shall apply either on a postcard or through the Internet at the department's website at www.wildlife.ca.gov and select sage grouse drawing. All applicants must provide their name, address, zip code, hunting license number, and the zone they wish to hunt.~~

~~Applicants shall submit only one drawing application for either the East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono Zone. Up to four hunters~~

may apply as a party. All hunters' names, addresses, and hunting license numbers must be included on the application. Postcard applications for all hunts shall be mailed to the department's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 North Market Blvd., Sacramento, California, 95834. Applications must be received by 5:00 PM on the second Monday of August for all open zones (East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono Zone). Successful applicants will be notified by mail prior to the opening date of the season. Permits are nontransferable. Any permits remaining after the drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and will be advertised by news release following each drawing. Applications for remaining permits shall be mailed to the above address with the same required information. Successful drawing applicants previously selected, or hunt party members, may not apply for remaining permits. The free sage grouse hunting permits shall be issued by random drawing. Applicants must have a valid California hunting license and shall submit only one drawing application for either the East Lassen Zone, Central Lassen Zone, North Mono Zone, or the South Mono Zone. Up to four hunters may apply as a party. Applications must be submitted through the Automated License Data System by August 10. Each application will be issued a computer-generated random number and permits shall be issued by random number (from lowest to highest). Party applications shall receive a single random number and parties shall not be split to meet the number of permits available. Successful applicants will be notified by mail prior to the opening date of the season. Permits are nontransferable.

6. Falconry Only Permits:

Applicants desiring to use a sage grouse permit during the falconry-only season must declare upon the application that the permit is for falconry only.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(E) Sooty and Ruffed Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 2 sooty grouse • up to 2 ruffed grouse • or one of each Possession Limit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • triple the daily bag limit

SOOTY AND RUFFED GROUSE HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for sooty and ruffed grouse includes the following counties: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba. All other counties are closed to the taking of sooty or ruffed grouse.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(F) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season

PTARMIGAN HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone: The open hunting zone for ptarmigan includes Alpine County and that portion of Mono County lying north and west of a line beginning at the intersection of Highway 203 and the Madera County line; east on Highway 203 to Highway 395; and north on Highway 395 to the Nevada state line.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season – The second Saturday in November extending for 30 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days c. Additional Spring Season for Hunters with Junior Hunting Licenses – The Saturday and Sunday preceding the opening day of the general spring turkey season; and the day following the close of the general spring turkey season extending for 14 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day, 3 per season. No person shall take more than a total of 3 turkeys during the general, archery, and additional season for junior hunters, combined. Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:
 Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County.

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
<u>(H) Spotted doves and ringed turtle-doves</u>	<u>September 1-15 and from the second Saturday in November extending for 45 days</u>	<u>Spotted doves, and ringed turtle-doves: no bag limit</u> <u>Possession Limit: Spotted doves, and ringed turtle-doves: no possession limit</u>
<u>3. Area: Statewide. Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.</u>		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
<u>(I) Eurasian collared-doves</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Bag Limit:</u> <u>Eurasian collared-doves: no bag limit</u> <u>Possession Limit:</u> <u>Eurasian collared-doves: no possession limit</u>
<u>3. Area: Statewide</u>		

(2) Archery Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas

(see Authorized Methods of Take, sections 311 and 354)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(A) Pheasants	a. Early Archery Season – The second Saturday In October, extending for 23 consecutive days	<u>Bag Limit:</u> 2 pheasants per day for the first two days of the early and general archery seasons; 3 pheasants per day after the first two days of both archery seasons. <u>Possession Limit:</u> triple the daily bag limit; the daily archery bag may contain not more than one female pheasant
	b. General Archery Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 44 <u>72</u> consecutive days	
<u>3. Area: Statewide</u>		

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(B) Quail (all species)	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general seasons as follows:	Bag Limit: 10 quail in any combination of species per day
Mountain Quail only:	a. Early Mountain Quail Season (Zone Q1) - The second Saturday in September extending through the Friday prior to the third Saturday in October	Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit
All species:	General Quail Season (Zone Q1) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	b. Early Coastal Season (Zone Q2) - The last Saturday in September extending through the last Sunday in January	
All species:	c. Balance of the State Season (Zone Q3) - The third Saturday in October extending through the last Sunday in January	
3. Area: Statewide		
<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(C) Chukar	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general season	Bag Limit: 6 chukar
		Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit
3. Area: Statewide		

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(D) Sage Grouse	The second Saturday in September extending for 2 consecutive days	<p>See area open zone descriptions (subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.) <u>in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.</u></p> <p>East and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day, 2 per season</p> <p>Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season</p> <p>North Mono and South Mono zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day, 1 per season Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season</p>

3. Area:
 Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details ~~[subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3], in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.~~, which include portions of Lassen, Mono, and Inyo counties. Hunting by free permit only; see permit process ~~section~~ in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)5. for details.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(E) Sooty and Ruffed Grouse	The third Saturday in August extending for 21 consecutive days and during the general season from the second Saturday in September extending for 31 consecutive days	<p>Bag Limit: 2 grouse per day Bag Limit Makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • up to 2 sooty grouse • up to 2 ruffed grouse • or one of each <p>Possession Limit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • triple the daily bag limit

3. Area:
 Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details ~~[subsection 300(a)(1)(E)3], in subsection 300(a)(1)(E)3.~~, which include northern and eastern portions of the state.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(F) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	The second Saturday in September extending for nine consecutive days	Bag Limit: 2 ptarmigan per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season
<p>3. Area: Open Zone: see open zone descriptions for details [subsection 300(a)(1)(F)3], <u>in subsection 300(a)(1)(F)3.</u>, which include portions of Alpine and Mono counties.</p>		
<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season – The second Saturday in November extending for 30 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 51 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day, 3 per season. No person shall take more than a total of 3 turkeys during the general, archery, and additional season for junior hunters, combined. Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)
<p>3. Area: Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County.</p>		

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
<u>(H) Spotted doves and ringed turtle-doves</u>	<u>September 1-15 and from the second Saturday in November extending for 45 days</u>	<u>Spotted doves, and ringed turtle-doves: no bag limit</u> <u>Possession Limit: Spotted doves, and ringed turtle-doves: no possession limit</u>
3. Area: Statewide. Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
<u>(I) Eurasian collared-doves</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Bag Limit: Eurasian collared-doves: no bag limit</u> <u>Possession Limit: Eurasian collared-doves: no possession limit</u>
3. Area: Statewide.		

(3) Falconry Seasons, Bag and Possession Limits and Open Areas
(see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 311)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours</u>
(A) Pheasants (B) Quail (C) Chukar (D) Sooty and Ruffed Grouse (E) White-Tailed Ptarmigan	The third Saturday in August extending through the last day in February	Bag and Possession Limits: same as general season regulations by species. The daily falconry bag may contain birds of either sex. Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.
3. Area: See open zone descriptions for details on each species [subsection 300(a)(1)] <u>in subsection 300(a)(1).</u>		

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours</i>
(F) Sage Grouse	The first Saturday in November extending for 60 consecutive days, and during the general season	See area open zone descriptions (subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.) <u>in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3.</u> East and Central Lassen zones: Bag Limit: 2 sage grouse per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 sage grouse per season North Mono and South Mono zones: Bag Limit: 1 sage grouse per day, 1 per season Possession Limit: 1 sage grouse per season Hawking hours are sunrise to sunset.

3. Area:
See open zone descriptions ~~[subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3]; hunting~~ in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)3. Hunting by free permit only; see permit process section for details ~~[subsection 300(a)(1)(D)5].~~ in subsection 300(a)(1)(D)5. for details.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits and Hawking Hours</i>
(G) Wild Turkeys	a. Fall Season - The second Saturday in November extending for 30 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 either-sex turkey per day, 2 per season Possession Limit: 2 per season
	b. Spring Season - The last Saturday in March extending for 37 consecutive days	Bag Limit: 1 bearded turkey per day Possession Limit: 3 per season (A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers.)

3. Area:
Statewide including State Game Refuge 1G, located in Tehama County.

<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
<u>(H) Spotted doves and ringed turtle-doves</u>	<u>September 1-15 and from the second Saturday in November extending for 45 days</u>	<u>Spotted doves, and ringed turtle-doves: no bag limit</u> <u>Possession Limit: Spotted doves, and ringed turtle-doves: no possession limit</u>
<u>3. Area: Statewide. Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground-doves, ruddy ground-doves, and Inca doves.</u>		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
<u>(I) Eurasian collared-doves</u>	<u>All year</u>	<u>Bag Limit: Eurasian collared-doves: no bag limit</u> <u>Possession Limit: Eurasian collared-doves: no possession limit</u>
<u>3. Area: Statewide</u>		

(b) Migratory Upland Game Birds

<u>(1) Shotgun, Archery, and Falconry Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits (see Authorized Methods of Take, Section 507)</u>		
<u>Species</u>	<u>1. Seasons</u>	<u>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</u>
(A) Band-Tailed Pigeons	a. Northern Zone - The third Saturday in September extending for 9 consecutive days b. Southern Zone - The third Saturday in December extending for 9 consecutive days	<u>Bag Limit: 2 band-tailed pigeons per day</u> <u>Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit</u>

BAND-TAILED PIGEON HUNTING ZONE DESCRIPTIONS

3. Area Open Zone Descriptions:

a. Northern Zone: Includes the counties of Alpine, Butte, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity.

b. Southern Zone: Includes the balance of the state not included in the northern zone described above.

<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
(B) Doves (Mourning doves, <u>and</u> white-winged doves, spotted doves, Eurasian collared doves (except Eurasian collared doves in Imperial County), and ringed turtle doves)	September 1-15 and from the second Saturday in November extending for 45 days	<p>Bag Limit: Spotted doves, Eurasian collared doves, and ringed turtle doves: no bag limit</p> <p>Mourning doves and white-winged doves: 40 <u>15</u> doves per day in aggregate, <u>of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves</u></p> <p>Possession Limit: Spotted doves, Eurasian collared doves, and ringed turtle doves: no possession limit</p> <p>Mourning doves and white-winged doves: triple the daily bag limit in aggregate</p>

3.Area: ~~Statewide for mourning doves, white-winged doves, spotted doves, and ringed turtle doves, and Eurasian collared doves (except Eurasian collared doves in Imperial County).~~
 Note: There is no open hunting season on common ground doves, ruddy ground doves, and Inca doves.

<u><i>Species</i></u>	<u><i>1. Seasons</i></u>	<u><i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i></u>
(C) Eurasian collared doves in Imperial County	All year.	<p>Bag Limit: Eurasian collared doves: no bag limit</p> <p>Possession Limit:</p>

		Eurasian collared doves: no possession limit
Area: Imperial County. 3. Area: Statewide.		
<i>Species</i>	<i>1. Seasons</i>	<i>2. Daily Bag and Possession Limits</i>
{D} <u>(C)</u> Common Snipe	The third Saturday in October extending for 107 days	Bag Limit: 8 per day Possession Limit: triple the daily bag limit
3. Area: Statewide.		

Note:

Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203 and 355, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, 215, 220, 355 and 356, Fish and Game Code.