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## Fish and Game Commission



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### TO ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED PARTIES:

**Re: Notices published in the California Notice Register on December 23, 2016/  
Register 2016, No. 52-Z, for**

- **OAL Notice Z2016-1213-10, Mammal Hunting, sections 360, 361, 362, 363, 364 and 364.1, Title 14, CCR;**
- **OAL Notice Z2016-1213-11, Waterfowl Hunting, Section 502, Title 14, CCR; and**
- **OAL Notice Z2016-1213-12, Deer Tagging and Reporting, Section 708.5, Title 14, CCR**

The above referenced Notices were sent out referencing an incorrect date for the Fish and Game Commission's discussion hearing scheduled on February 8, 2017 in Rohnert Park, CA. The correct information should read as follows:

**"NOTICE IS GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sonoma, One Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park, California, on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. or, as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard."

All other information remains unchanged.

Sincerely,

  
Jon D. Snellstrom  
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**TITLE 14. Fish and Game Commission  
Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission), pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 200, 202, 203, 3960, 3960.2 and 3960.4 of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 200, 202, 203, 203.1, and 207 of said Code, proposes to amend sections 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, and 364.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to mammal hunting requirements.

**Informative Digest/Policy Statement Overview**

**Subsection 360(b)**

Existing regulations provide for the number of deer hunting tags for the X zones. The proposed action changes the number of tags for all existing zones to a series of ranges presented in the table below. These ranges are necessary at this time because the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because various environmental factors such as severe winter conditions can adversely affect herd recruitment and over-winter adult survival, the final recommended quotas may fall below the current proposed range into the “Low Kill” alternative identified in the most recent Environmental Document Regarding Deer Hunting.

<b>Deer: § 360(b) X-Zone Hunts Tag Allocations</b>			
§	Zone	Current 2016	Proposed 2017 [Range]
(1)	X-1	760	0 - 6,000
(2)	X-2	175	0 - 500
(3)	X-3a	355	0 - 1,200
(4)	X-3b	795	0 - 3,000
(5)	X-4	460	0 - 1,200
(6)	X-5a	75	0 - 200
(7)	X-5b	50	0 - 500
(8)	X-6a	330	0 - 1,200
(9)	X-6b	310	0 - 1,200
(10)	X-7a	230	0 - 500
(11)	X-7b	135	0 - 200
(12)	X-8	210	0 - 750
(13)	X-9a	650	0 - 1,200
(14)	X-9b	325	0 - 600
(15)	X-9c	325	0 - 600
(16)	X-10	400	0 - 600

(17)	X-12	680	0 - 1,200
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**Subsection 360(c)**

Existing regulations provide for the number of deer hunting tags in the Additional Hunts. The proposed action provides a range of tag numbers for each hunt from which a final number will be determined, based on the post-winter status of each deer herd. These ranges are necessary at this time because the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because various environmental factors such as severe winter conditions can adversely affect herd recruitment and over-winter adult survival, the final recommended quotas may fall below the current proposed range into the “Low Kill” alternative identified in the most recent Environmental Document Regarding Deer Hunting.

Existing regulations for Additional Hunts G-8 (Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt) and J-10 (Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt) provide for hunting to begin on October 8 and continue for three (3) consecutive days and reopen on October 15 and continue for two (2) consecutive days, including the Columbus Day holiday. The proposal would modify the season to account for the annual calendar shift. The proposal would change the season dates to open on October 7 and October 14, for 3 and 2 consecutive days respectively, and include the Columbus Day holiday.

Existing regulations for Additional Hunt G-10 (Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Hunt) provide for hunting to begin on the first Saturday in September and extend through the first Sunday in December and allows hunting on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays and the day after Thanksgiving. The proposal would allow for the calendar shift and allow hunting on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Labor Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day.

Existing regulations for Additional Hunt G-11 (Vandenberg Either-Sex Deer Hunt) provide for hunting to begin on the last Monday in August and extend through December 31. The proposal would allow hunting to begin on August 28 and extend through October 1.

Minor editorial changes are necessary to provide consistency in subsection numbering, spelling, grammar, and clarification.

The proposed action changes the number of tags for all existing hunts (except those on military installations) to a series of ranges as indicated in the table below.

<b>Deer: § 360(c) Additional Hunts Tag Allocations</b>			
<b>§</b>	<b>Hunt Number (and Title)</b>	<b>Current 2016</b>	<b>Proposed 2017 [Range]</b>
(1)	G-1 (Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C-4)	2,710	0 - 5,000
(2)	G-3 (Goodale Buck Hunt)	35	0 - 50
(3)	G-6 (Kern River Deer Herd Buck Hunt)	50	0 - 100
(4)	G-7 (Beale Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	20 Military*	20 Military*

(5)	G-8 (Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt)	20 Tags Total* (10 Military & 10 Public)	20 Tags Total* (10 Military and 10 Public)
(6)	G-9 (Camp Roberts Antlerless Deer Hunt)	0	30 Tags Total* (15 Military and 15 Public)
(7)	G-10 (Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	250 Military*	250 Military*
(8)	G-11 (Vandenberg Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	200 Military*, DOD and as Authorized by the Installation Commander**	200 Military*, DOD and as Authorized by the Installation Commander**
(9)	G-12 (Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	30	0 - 50
(10)	G-13 (San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt)	300	0 - 300
(11)	G-19 (Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	25	0 - 50
(12)	G-21 (Ventana Wilderness Buck Hunt)	25	0 - 100
(13)	G-37 (Anderson Flat Buck Hunt)	25	0 - 50
(14)	G-38 (X-10 Late Season Buck Hunt)	300	0 - 300
(15)	G-39 (Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt)	5	0 - 150
(16)	M-3 (Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt)	20	0 - 75
(17)	M-4 (Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt)	5	0 - 50
(18)	M-5 (East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt)	5	0 - 50
(19)	M-6 (San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	80	0 - 100
(20)	M-7 (Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	150	0 - 150
(21)	M-8 (Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt)	20	0 - 50
(22)	M-9 (Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt)	15	0 - 100
(23)	M-11 (Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt)	20	0 - 200
(24)	MA-1 (San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	150	0 - 150
(25)	MA-3 (Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/Archery Buck Hunt)	150	0 - 150
(26)	J-1 Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	25	0 - 25

(27)	J-3 (Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck Hunt)	15	0 - 30
(28)	J-4 Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck Hunt)	15	0 - 50
(29)	J-7 (Carson River Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	15	0 - 50
(30)	J-8 (Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	15	0 - 20
(31)	J-9 (Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	5	0 - 10
(32)	J-10 (Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	75 Tags Total* (15 Military & 60 Public)	85 Tags Total* (25 Military & 60 Public)
(33)	J-11 (San Bernardino Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	40	0 - 50
(34)	J-12 (Round Valley Apprentice Buck Hunt)	10	0 - 20
(35)	J-13 (Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	40	0 - 100
(36)	J-14 (Riverside Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	30	0 - 75
(37)	J-15 (Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck Hunt)	10	0 - 30
(38)	J-16 (Bucks Mountain-Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	75	0 - 75
(39)	J-17 (Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	25	0 - 25
(40)	J-18 (Pacific-Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	75	0 - 75
(41)	J-19 (Zone X-7a Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	25	0 - 40
(42)	J-20 (Zone X-7b Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	20	0 - 20
(43)	J-21 (East Tehama Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	50	0 - 80

*\*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.*

*\*\*DOD = Department of Defense and eligible personnel as authorized by the Installation Commander.*

### **Section 361**

Existing regulations provide for the number of deer hunting tags for existing area-specific archery hunts. The proposed action changes the number of tags for existing hunts to a series of ranges presented in the table below. These ranges are necessary at this time because the final number of tags cannot be determined until spring herd data are collected in March/April. Because various environmental factors such as severe winter conditions can adversely affect herd recruitment and over-winter adult survival, the final recommended quotas may fall below the current proposed range into the "Low Kill" alternative identified in the most recent Environmental Document Regarding Deer Hunting.

Existing regulations for Hunt A-33 (Fort Hunter Liggett Late Season Archery Either Sex Hunt) provide for hunting to begin on the first Saturday in October and end on November 11. The proposal would modify the season to allow for the annual calendar shift by opening the season on the first Saturday in October and ending on November 12.

<b>Archery Deer Hunting: § 361(b) Tag Allocations</b>			
<b>§</b>	<b>Hunt Number (and Title)</b>	<b>Current 2016</b>	<b>Proposed 2017 [Range]</b>
(1)	A-1 (C Zones Archery Only Hunt)	1,945	[ 0 - 3,000 ]
(2)	A-3 (Zone X-1 Archery Hunt)	100	[0 - 1,000 ]
(3)	A-4 (Zone X-2 Archery Hunt)	10	[ 0 - 100 ]
(4)	A-5 (Zone X-3a Archery Hunt)	40	[ 0 - 300 ]
(5)	A-6 (Zone X-3b Archery Hunt)	70	[ 0 - 400 ]
(6)	A-7 (Zone X-4 Archery Hunt)	120	[ 0 - 400 ]
(7)	A-8 (Zone X-5a Archery Hunt)	15	[ 0 - 100 ]
(8)	A-9 (Zone X-5b Archery Hunt)	5	[ 0 - 100 ]
(9)	A-11 (Zone X-6a Archery Hunt)	50	[ 0 - 200 ]
(10)	A-12 (Zone X-6b Archery Hunt)	90	[ 0 - 200 ]
(11)	A-13 (Zone X-7a Archery Hunt)	45	[ 0 - 200 ]
(12)	A-14 (Zone X-7b Archery Hunt)	25	[ 0 - 100 ]
(13)	A-15 (Zone X-8 Archery Hunt)	40	[ 0 - 100 ]
(14)	A-16 (Zone X-9a Archery Hunt)	140	[ 0 - 500 ]
(15)	A-17 (Zone X-9b Archery Hunt)	300	[ 0 - 500 ]
(16)	A-18 (Zone X-9c Archery Hunt)	350	[ 0 - 500 ]
(17)	A-19 (Zone X-10 Archery Hunt)	100	[ 0 - 200 ]
(18)	A-20 (Zone X-12 Archery Hunt)	100	[ 0 - 500 ]
(19)	A-21 (Anderson Flat Archery Buck Hunt)	25	[ 0 - 100 ]
(20)	A-22 (San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	1,000	[ 0 - 1,500 ]
(21)	A-24 (Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	100	[ 0 - 200 ]
(22)	A-25 (Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	35	[ 0 - 75 ]
(23)	A-26 (Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt)	30	[ 0 - 100 ]
(24)	A-27 (Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt)	5	[ 0 - 75 ]
(25)	A-30 (Covelo Archery Buck Hunt)	40	[ 0 - 100 ]
(26)	A-31 (Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	1,000	[ 0 - 1,500 ]
(27)	A-32 (Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	250	[ 0 - 300 ]
(28)	A-33 (Fort Hunter Liggett Late Season Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt)	50 Tags Total* (25 Military & 25 Public)	50 Tags Total* (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.

**Section 362**

The current regulation in Section 362, T14, CCR, provides for limited hunting of Nelson bighorn rams in specified areas of the State. The proposed amendments are intended to adjust the number of hunting tags for the 2017 season based on the Department's annual estimate of the population in each of the nine hunt zones. The Department's final recommendations will ensure that the take will be no more than 15 percent of the mature rams estimated in each zone in accordance with Fish and Game Code Section 4902.

Preliminarily, the tag numbers are presented as ranges (e.g., [0-3]) in the table in subsection 362(d) of the amended Regulatory Text. Final tag quotas for each zone will be identified and recommended to the Fish and Game Commission at the April 26, 2017 adoption hearing.

### **Section 363**

Amend Section 363, Pronghorn Antelope, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR).

In accordance with management goals and objectives, and in order to maintain hunting quality, tag quotas for Pronghorn Antelope hunts need to be adjusted annually. Current regulations specify the number of pronghorn antelope hunting tags for the 2016 season. This proposed regulatory action will amend subsection 363(m) providing the number of tags for hunting in 2017.

Preliminarily, the tag numbers are presented as ranges (e.g., [0-3]) in the table in subsection 363(m) of the amended Regulatory Text. Final tag quotas for each zone will be identified and recommended to the Fish and Game Commission at the April 26, 2017, adoption hearing.

Other minor changes to the regulatory text to reduce redundancy, improve accuracy and clarity are proposed.

### **Section 364**

Existing regulations in Section 364, Title 14, CCR, specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt. In order to achieve elk herd management goals and objectives and maintain hunting quality, it is periodically necessary to adjust quotas, seasons, hunt areas and other criteria in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. The proposed amendments to Section 364 will establish 2017 tag quotas within each hunt area, adjusting for annual fluctuations in population number, season dates, and tag distribution.

The complete amended text is found in the amended Regulatory Text of Section 364 with the Initial Statement of Reasons.

Proposed Amendments:

- Establish the Goodale Tule Elk Hunt in the western part of the Independence zone. The Department is recommending adding a new subsection 364(d)(10)(A) establishing a Goodale General Methods Tule Elk Hunt.
- In order to achieve appropriate harvest levels and maintain hunting quality, it is necessary to annually adjust quotas (total number of tags) in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. Subsections 364(r) through (aa) specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt in accordance with management goals and objectives.

- **Modify Season Dates.** The Department makes many different times and seasons of the year available to the public. In order to provide opportunity for hunters, the Department modifies the calendar day for the start of individual hunts and the number of days of hunting. The proposed table sets forth the recommended days for each hunt.
- **Minor Editorial Changes** are proposed to improve clarity and reduce redundancy.

### **Section 364.1**

Existing regulations in Section 364.1, Title 14, CCR, specify elk license tag quotas for each SHARE hunt. In order to achieve elk herd management goals and objectives and maintain hunting quality, it is periodically necessary to adjust quotas, seasons, hunt areas and other criteria, in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. The proposed amendments to Section 364.1 will establish 2017 tag quotas within each hunt adjusting for annual fluctuations in population number, season dates, and tag distribution.

- **Modify SHARE Hunt.** The Department is recommending establishing a new Goodale SHARE hunt in subsection 364(l)(10).
- **Modify Tag Quotas.** In order to achieve appropriate harvest levels and maintain hunting quality it is necessary to annually adjust quotas (total number of tags) in response to dynamic environmental and biological conditions. Section 364 regulations specify elk license tag quotas for each hunt in accordance with management goals and objectives.

Other minor editorial changes and renumbering have also been made.

#### **Non-monetary benefits to the public**

The Commission does not anticipate non-monetary benefits to the protection of public health and safety, worker safety, the prevention of discrimination, the promotion of fairness or social equity and the increase in openness and transparency in business and government.

#### **Consistency and Compatibility with State Regulations**

The Fish and Game Commission, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 200, 202 and 203, has the sole authority to regulate elk hunting in California. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found the proposed changes pertaining to elk tag allocations are consistent with Title 14. Therefore the Commission has determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

### **Benefits of the regulations**

Sections 360 and 361 - 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 annually modifying the number of hunting tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from the annual harvest and herd composition counts. Adjusting tag allocations in response to current deer herd conditions contributes to the sustainable management of healthy deer populations and the maintenance of continued hunting opportunities.

Section 362 - The Nelson Bighorn Sheep management plans specify objective levels for the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by annually modifying the number of tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from the population surveys. Adjusting tag allocations in response to current herd conditions contributes to the sustainable management of healthy bighorn sheep populations and the maintenance of continued hunting opportunities.

Section 363 - The management plans specify objective levels for the antelope herds. These levels are maintained and managed in part by annually modifying the number of tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from the population surveys. Adjusting tag allocations in response to current herd conditions contributes to the sustainable management of healthy pronghorn antelope populations and the maintenance of continued hunting opportunities.

Section 364 - The proposed elk regulations will contribute to the sustainable management of elk populations in California. Existing elk herd management goals specify objective levels for the proportion of bulls in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by annually modifying the number of tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from annual harvest and herd composition counts.

Section 364.1 - The proposed elk SHARE regulations will contribute to the sustainable management of elk populations in California. Existing elk herd management goals specify objective levels for the proportion of bulls in the herds. These ratios are maintained and managed in part by annually modifying the number of tags. The final values for the license tag numbers will be based upon findings from annual harvest and herd composition counts in accordance with management goals and objectives.

### **Consistency and Compatibility with State Regulations**

The Fish and Game Commission, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 200, 202 and 203, has the sole authority to regulate hunting in California. Commission staff has searched the California Code of Regulations and has found no other agency with the authority to regulate the use of dogs for hunting mammals. Therefore the Commission has determined that the proposed amendments are neither inconsistent nor incompatible with existing State regulations.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Sonoma, One Doubletree Drive, Rohnert Park, California, on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. or, as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that any person interested may present statements, orally or in writing, relevant to this action at a hearing to be held in Airtel Plaza Hotel, 7277 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys, California, on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 8:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. It is requested, but not required, that written comments be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2017 at the address given below, or by email to [FGC@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:FGC@fgc.ca.gov). Written comments mailed, or emailed to the Commission office, must be received before 12:00 noon on April 21, 2017. All comments must be received no later than April 26, 2017, at the hearing in Van Nuys, California. If you would like copies of any modifications to this proposal, please include your name and mailing address.

### **Availability of Documents**

The Initial Statement of Reasons, text of the regulations, as well as all related documents upon which the proposal is based (rulemaking file), are on file and available for public review from the agency representative, Valerie Termini, Executive Director, Fish and Game Commission, 1416 Ninth Street, Box 944209, Sacramento, California 94244-2090, phone (916) 653-4899. Please direct requests for the above mentioned documents and inquiries concerning the regulatory process to Valerie Termini or Jon Snellstrom at the preceding address or phone number. **Craig Stowers, Environmental Program Manager, (916) 445-3553**, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed Use of Dogs for Pursuit regulations. Copies of the Notice of Proposed Action, the Initial Statement of Reasons, and the text of the regulation in underline and strikethrough can be accessed through our website at <http://www.fgc.ca.gov>.

### **Availability of Modified Text**

If the regulations adopted by the Commission differ from but are sufficiently related to the action proposed, they will be available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date of adoption. Circumstances beyond the control of the Commission (e.g., timing of Federal regulation adoption, timing of resource data collection, timelines do not allow, etc.) or changes made to be responsive to public recommendation and comments during the regulatory process may preclude full compliance with the 15-day comment period, and the Commission will exercise its powers under Section 202 of the Fish and Game Code. Regulations adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to the time periods for adoption, amendment or repeal of regulations prescribed in Sections 11343.4, 11346.4 and 11346.8 of the Government Code. Any person interested may obtain a copy of said regulations prior to the date of adoption by contacting the agency representative named herein.

If the regulatory proposal is adopted, the final statement of reasons may be obtained from the address above when it has been received from the agency program staff.

### **Impact of Regulatory Action/Results of the Economic Impact Assessment**

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:

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. The proposed action adjusts tag quotas for existing deer 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; Benefits of the Regulation to the Health and Welfare of California Residents, Worker Safety, and the State's Environment:

The proposed action will not have significant impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs or the creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within California because it is unlikely to result in a change in hunting effort. The proposed action does not provide benefits to worker safety because it does not address working conditions.

The Commission anticipates benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. 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 State's environment in the sustainable management of natural resources.

- (c) Cost Impacts on Private Persons:

The Commission is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with this 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

### **Effect on Small Business**

It has been determined that the adoption of these regulations may affect small business. The Commission has drafted the regulations in Plain English pursuant to Government Code Sections 11342.580 and 11346.2(a)(1).

### **Consideration of Alternatives**

The Commission must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Commission, or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Commission, would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed, would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

#### FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

Dated: December 15, 2016

Valerie Termini  
Executive Director