

Attachment A – Public Comments and Responses
 §472 Nongame Animals, General Provisions

Number	Name	Comment(s)	Response
1	<p>Karen Clifton Executive Director American Racing Pigeon Union</p> <p>E-mail received October 6, 2016</p>	<p>a. Concerned with hunter take of racing or homing pigeons.</p> <p>b. Establish some consequence in the event a banded registered homing pigeon is killed</p>	<p>a. The provision prohibiting the take of racing pigeons is found in Fish and Game Code Section 3680 and is referenced in this regulation.</p> <p>b. Consequences currently exist. Fish and Game Code Section 3680 provides that any person purposely taking racing pigeons is “guilty of a misdemeanor.”</p>
2	<p>Benjamin L. Higgins Director of Agricultural Operations Hearst Corporation</p> <p>Letter received October 3, 2016</p>	<p>a. Hearst Corporation strongly supports amending §472, Title 14, CCR to expand the seasons for taking nonnative deer on private lands.</p>	<p>a. Support of the amendment is noted. The Commission adopted the regulation as proposed.</p>
3	<p>John Vance, Capistrano Beach, CA</p> <p>E-mail received October 5, 2016</p>	<p>See Comment 1</p> <p>b. In order to make it more burdensome on hunters taking banded racing pigeons the commenter offered the following ideas:</p> <p>1) A self reporting \$10 fee for every banded racing pigeon taken;</p>	<p>See Response 1 a</p> <p>b. The proposals offered by the commenter are outside the scope of this rulemaking. The Fish and Game Commission has adopted a method for the public to propose specific new regulations by submitting a Petition for Regulation Change. Mr. Vance has been advised of the process.</p> <p>1) The Department does have required reporting fees in certain hunts (for example, a \$20 non- reporting fee for deer tags) however, there is no</p>

		<p>2) Writing down the complete band information off the band and report it to Fish and Game.</p>	<p>similar fee for birds and none is proposed at this time.</p> <p>2) There is no legal requirement to report bird bands (for example, of waterfowl or game birds) hunters often will report bands out of their concern and enthusiasm for birds and hunting. The purpose of banding by government agencies is to provide population monitoring. Pigeons are banded by their owner for the purpose of identifying their bird as indicated in Mr. Vance's comment. However no requirement to report any band is proposed at this time.</p>
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