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Attachment 2

Dear Ms. Horenstein

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento NWR Complex(SNWRC) has a longstanding tradition of cooperatively working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and appreciates the opportunity to have worked with Department staff over the last six months on updates to Section 552, Title 14, CCR. This section contains state regulations for National Wildlife Refuges where hunting programs are cooperatively administered between the Department and the Service. The goal of this effort has been to increase consistency between state and federal public use regulations for the SNWRC.

The federal regulations for the subject refuges have recently been updated so this effort is very timely. The enclosed federal regulations have already gone into effect at the SNWRC, pursuant to 50 CFR 32.3, June 9, 2015, and are anticipated to be published in the federal register in October 2015. We support the adoption of the cooperatively developed draft of Section 552 (enclosed) and would be happy to continue to work with Department staff if modifications are necessary prior to adoption of these regulations. Achieving consistency between the state and federal regulations will make it easier for the public to understand and follow the rules for public use of the SNWRC and facilitate enforcement by state wildlife officer.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please call me at (530) 934-2801.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Hunting Regulations

Colusa National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Visitors must obtain an entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.
2. Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with A13.
3. Junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult (18 years old) at all times while hunting.
4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the Refuge Manager for allowed conveyances.
5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.
6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.
7. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.
8. Hunters may use shot guns only. No shot guns larger than 12 gauge.
9. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.
10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field. No shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (.20" diameter) is permitted.
11. We do not allow snipe hunting in the assigned pond areas.
12. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.
13. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).
14. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.

1. We do not allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond area except during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.
2. Conditions A1 through A14 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

Delevan National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Visitors must obtain an entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.
2. Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with A14.
3. Junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult (18 years old) at all times while hunting.
4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the Refuge Manager for allowed conveyances.
5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.

6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.
 7. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.
 8. Hunters may use shot guns only. No shot guns larger than 12 gauge.
 9. Hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.
 10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field. No shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (.20" diameter) is permitted.
 11. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30 m) of their assigned hunt site except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.
 12. We do not allow snipe hunting in the assigned pond areas.
 13. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.
 14. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).
 15. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.
- B. Upland Game Hunting.** We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.
1. We do not allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind area except during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.
 2. Conditions A4 through A14 apply.
- C. Big Game Hunting.* [Reserved]
- D. Sport Fishing.* [Reserved]

Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

- A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting.** We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:
1. Visitors must obtain an entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.
 2. Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with A14.
 3. Junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult (18 years old) at all times while hunting.
 4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the Refuge Manager for allowed conveyances.
 5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.
 6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.
 7. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.
 8. Hunters may use shot guns only. No shot guns larger than 12 gauge.
 9. Hunters may possess no more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.
 10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field. No shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (.20" diameter) is permitted.
 11. We restrict hunters assigned to the spaced blind area to within 100 feet (30 m) of their assigned hunt site except for retrieving downed birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the area.
 12. We do not allow snipe hunting in the assigned pond areas.
 13. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.
 14. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).

15. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.

1. We do not allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond/spaced blind area except during a special 1-day-only pheasant hunt on the first Monday after the opening of the State pheasant hunting season.
2. Conditions A4 through A14 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

Sutter National Wildlife Refuge

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Visitors must obtain an entry permit from the check station prior to entering the hunt area.
2. Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with A13.
3. Junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult (18 years old) at all times while hunting.
4. Access to the hunt area is by foot traffic only. We do not allow bicycles and other conveyances. Mobility-impaired hunters should consult with the Refuge Manager for allowed conveyances.
5. You may enter or exit only at designated locations.
6. Vehicles may stop only at designated parking areas. We prohibit the dropping of passengers or equipment, or stopping between designated parking areas.
7. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam areas or assigned pond/blind areas.
8. Hunters may use shot guns only. No shot guns larger than 12 gauge.
9. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shotgun shells while in the field.
10. Hunters may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field. No shot size larger than BB, except steel "T" (.20" diameter) is permitted.
11. We do not allow snipe hunting in the assigned pond areas.
12. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves in designated parking/overnight stay areas.
13. We only allow overnight stays in vehicles, motor homes, and trailers at the check station parking areas on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays (closed on Federal holidays).
14. You must restrain dogs on a leash within all designated parking areas and vehicle access roads.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant only in the free-roam areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions.

1. We do not allow pheasant hunting in the assigned pond area.
2. Conditions A1 through A14 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. [Reserved]

D. Sport Fishing. [Reserved]

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
Hunting & Fishing Regulations

There will be no hunting fees or hunter quotas for the Sacramento River NWR (refuge)

All gravel bars and specified refuge lands are open to hunting and fishing under the following conditions, which can be found in the Federal Register (FR) or online at www.fws.gov/refuge/sacramento_river:

A. Migratory Game Bird Hunting. We allow hunting of goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Access to the hunt area on all units open to public hunting is by boat only, except on designated units, which are accessible by foot traffic or boat. We prohibit bicycles or other conveyances. Mobility impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on the Mooney and Codora Units.
2. On the Codora Unit, hunting is not allowed except for junior hunters on weekends only. Junior hunters must possess a valid junior hunting license and be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.
3. We only allow shotgun hunting.
4. Firearms must be unloaded (*see* § 27.42(b) of the FR) before transporting them between parking areas and hunting areas. “Unloaded” means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.
5. You may possess only approved nontoxic shot while in the field (*see* § 32.2(k) of the FR).
6. We prohibit hunting within 50 feet (15 m) of any landward boundary adjacent to private property.
7. We prohibit hunting within 150 yards (45 m) of any occupied dwelling, house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith.
8. We prohibit fires on the refuge, except we allow portable gas stoves on gravel bars (*see* § 27.95(a) of the FR).
9. We open the refuge for day-use access from 2 hours before legal sunrise until 1½ hour after legal sunset. We allow access during other hours on gravel bars only (*see* condition A8).
10. We require dogs to be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter (*see* § 26.21(b) of the FR).
11. We prohibit permanent blinds. You must remove all personal property, including decoys and boats, by 1½ hour after legal sunset (*see* §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of the FR).
12. We prohibit cutting or removal of vegetation for blind construction or for making trails (*see* § 27.51 of the FR).
13. Commercial guiding is prohibited.

B. Upland Game Hunting. We allow hunting of pheasant, turkey, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow shotgun and archery hunting.
2. Conditions A1, A2, and A4 through A13 apply.

C. Big Game Hunting. We allow hunting of black-tailed deer and feral pigs on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A1, A2, A4, A6 through A13, and B1 apply.
2. Shotgun, firing single shotgun slugs, and archery hunting only. No rifles or pistols may be used or possessed on the refuge.
3. You may only possess non-lead ammunition while in the field (consistent with State Law AB 711 related to Wildlife Areas ammunition restrictions).
4. Feral pigs may be hunted September 1st through March 15th.
5. Dogs are prohibited while hunting feral pigs.
6. We prohibit construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders or screw-in foot pegs.
7. You must remove all personal property, including stands or hunting blinds from the refuge by 1½ hour after legal sunset (*see* §§ 27.93 and 27.94 of the FR).

E. Sport Fishing. We allow sport fishing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. Conditions A3, A9 through A13 apply.
2. On Packer Lake and Drumheller North, due to primitive access, we only allow boats up to 14 feet (4.2 m) and canoes. Electric motors only.

§ 552. Public Use Regulations for National Wildlife Refuges That Are Also Designated as Wildlife Areas by the Commission.

(a) The power to control entry on the National Wildlife Refuges that are also designated as wildlife areas in subsections 551(c) and (d) is at the discretion of the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The hunting programs for the "Type A" areas listed below are administered by the department. Requirements in this section for steel or other non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are in accordance with Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 32.2(k), October 1, 2012 edition.

(1) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam or assigned ponds areas.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(1)(E).

~~(D)~~(E) Camping is prohibited, except on the night before each waterfowl shoot day, when camping in a vehicle, motorhome or trailer within the check station parking area is allowed. Tents are prohibited. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

~~(E)~~(F) Bicycles: Prohibited.

~~(F)~~(G) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

~~(G) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, but for no more than one of these locations on any single hunt date.~~

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within the assigned pond boundary and are prohibited from hunting from levee roads. Pheasant and snipe hunting is not permitted in the assigned pond area except on the first Monday of pheasant season.

(I) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals. No more than 2 junior hunters or non-shooters per 1 adult hunter.

(2) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam or assigned pond/spaced blind areas.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: First Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

~~(D) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for Colusa,, Delevan, or Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, but for no more than one of these locations on any single hunt date.~~

(D) Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(2)(E).

(E) Camping is prohibited, except on the night before each waterfowl shoot day, when camping in a vehicle, motorhome or trailer within the check station parking area is allowed. Tents are prohibited. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(F) Bicycles: Prohibited.

(G) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals, ~~whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters.~~ No more than 2 junior hunters or non-shooters per 1 adult hunter.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within 100 feet of their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant and snipe hunting is not permitted in the assigned blind area except on the first Monday of the pheasant season.

(I) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(3) Kern National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens: Saturdays and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the regular pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and pheasants. Hunting of common snipe is prohibited.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Prohibited.

(4) Merced National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells per day.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays and Wednesdays during waterfowl season.

(C) Shooting Hours: Waterfowl shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon.

(D) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. Hunting of common snipe is prohibited.

(E) Camping and Trailers: Prohibited.

(F) Bicycles: Allowed.

(G) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or no more than two persons, if two-person blinds are available. All persons entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(H) Special Restrictions: Hunters must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

(5) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam or assigned pond/spaced blind areas.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasants: The first Monday of pheasant season and on waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

~~(D) Nonreservation Drawing: Nonreservation hunters may enter the drawing for either Colusa, Delevan, or Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, but for no more than one of these locations on any single hunt date.~~

(D) Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(5)(E).

(E) Camping is prohibited, except on the night before each waterfowl shoot day, when camping in a vehicle, motorhome or trailer within the check station parking area is allowed. Tents are prohibited. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

(F) Bicycles: Prohibited.

(G) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals, ~~whether adult hunters, junior hunters, or non-shooters.~~ No more than 2 junior hunters or non-shooters per 1 adult hunter.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within 100 feet of their assigned sites, except to retrieve downed birds. Pheasant and snipe hunting is not permitted in the assigned blind area except on the first Monday of the pheasant season.

(I) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(6) Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, Type C.

(A) Units: The refuge includes the La Barranca Unit, Blackberry Island Unit, Todd Island Unit, Mooney Unit, Ohm Unit, Flynn Unit, Heron Island Unit, ~~and Rio Vista Unit,~~ Foster Island Unit (Tehama Co.); Pine Creek Unit, Dead Man's Reach Unit, ~~North-Llano Seco Island 1 & 2 Units,~~ and Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary Unit₁ (Butte Co.); and McIntosh Landing North and South Units, Capay Unit, Phelan Island Unit, Jacinto Unit, North Ord Unit, Ord Bend Unit, South Ord Unit, Hartley Island Unit, Sul Norte Unit, Codora Unit, Packer Unit, Afton Unit, ~~North-Drumheller North Slough Unit,~~ and Drumheller Slough Unit (Glenn Co.), and Bogg's Bend Unit (Colusa Co.).

~~B) Area Firearm Restrictions: Only shotguns and archery equipment are permitted. Ammunition is restricted to only nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service while in the field, except for shotgun slugs when hunting deer. No rifles, crossbows, air guns, or pistols may be used or possessed (see species specific restrictions below). Falconry is prohibited. Target shooting is prohibited.~~

~~(C) Hunt Days: Daily during open seasons for authorized species (see authorized species below).~~

~~(D) Units open to hunting of authorized species include: La Barranca, Mooney (no waterfowl hunting), Heron Island, Rio Vista, Pine Creek, Capay, Phelan Island, Jacinto, South Ord, Llano Seco Islands 1 & 2, Sul Norte, Afton, North Drumheller Slough, and Drumheller Slough. Refer to Refuge maps and signs for areas open to hunting. All other areas and species are closed to hunting. Commercial guiding is prohibited.~~

~~(E) Migratory Game Bird Hunting. Hunting is allowed for goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, and snipe on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. Only shotgun hunting is permitted.~~
- ~~2. On Sul Norte and Drumheller Units, firearms must be unloaded before transporting them between parking areas and hunting areas. "Unloaded" means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm.~~
- ~~3. Waterfowl hunting is not allowed on the Mooney Unit.~~
- ~~4. Ammunition is restricted to only nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service while in the field.~~
- ~~5. Hunting is prohibited within 50 feet (15 m) of any landward boundary adjacent to private property.~~
- ~~6. Hunting is prohibited within 150 yards (135 m) of any occupied dwelling, house, residence, or other building or any barn or other outbuilding used in connection therewith.~~
- ~~7. All units open to public hunting are boat accessible only, except on the Sul Norte and Drumheller Slough Units where access to the hunt area is by foot traffic or boat only. Bicycles or other conveyances are prohibited. Mobility impaired hunters should consult with the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.~~
- ~~8. Fires on the refuge are prohibited, except for portable gas stoves on gravel bars~~
- ~~9. Camping is allowed on gravel bars up to 7 days during any 30-day period. Camping on all other refuge lands is prohibited.~~
- ~~10. The refuge is open for day-use access from 2 hours before legal shoot time until 1 1/2 hours after legal sunset. Access during other hours is allowed on gravel bars only.~~
- ~~11. Dogs must be kept on a leash, except for hunting dogs engaged in authorized hunting activities, and under the immediate control of a licensed hunter or dog handler.~~
- ~~12. Permanent blinds are prohibited. All personal property, including decoys and boats, must be removed by 1 1/2 hours after legal sunset.~~
- ~~13. Cutting or removal of vegetation for blind construction or for making trails is prohibited. Introduction or importation of non-native vegetation is prohibited except as authorized.~~

~~(F) Upland Game Hunting. Hunting is allowed for pheasant, turkey, and quail on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:~~

- ~~1. Only shotgun and archery hunting is permitted.~~
 - ~~2. The conditions in subsections 552(a)(6)(E)(2) through (E)(12) apply.~~
- ~~(G) Big Game Hunting. Hunting is allowed for black-tailed/mule deer on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:~~

~~1. The conditions in subsections 552(a)(6)(E)(2), (E)(4) through (E)(12), and (a)(6)(F)(1) apply.~~

~~2. Construction or use of permanent blinds, platforms, ladders or screw-in foot pegs is prohibited.~~

~~3. All personal property, including stands, must be removed from the refuge by 1 1/2 hours after legal sunset.~~

~~4. Only shotgun, firing single shotgun slugs, and archery hunting is permitted. No rifles, air guns, or pistols may be used or possessed on the refuge.~~

~~(H) Sport Fishing. Sport fishing is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:~~

~~1. The conditions in subsections 552(a)(6)(E)(7), (E)(8), (E)(9), and (E)(12) apply.~~

~~2. On Packer Lake, due to primitive access, only boats up to 14 feet (4.2 m) and canoes are allowed. Electric motors only.~~

(B) Area Firearm Restrictions:

1. Only shotguns and archery equipment are allowed. No rifles, crossbows, air guns, paintball guns or pistols may be used or possessed.

2. Target shooting is prohibited

3. No firearms or archery equipment are allowed in areas closed to hunting.

4. Ammunition is restricted to only federally approved nontoxic shot while in the field except for hunting deer or pigs. For hunting deer or pigs, hunters may possess nonlead shotgun slugs in accordance with Section 250.1 of these regulations.

5. Firearms must be unloaded before transporting them between parking areas and hunting areas. "Unloaded" means that no ammunition is in the chamber or magazine of the firearm. This is in addition to the requirement in subsection 550(cc) of these regulations that requires firearms to be unloaded in parking lots, check-in stations and other facilities.

(C) Public Access:

1. The following units are closed to public access: Ohm, McIntosh North and South, North Ord, Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary, and Hartley Island.

2. Access is allowed by boat only on the following units: La Barranca, Blackberry Island, Todd Island, Mooney, Flynn, Heron Island, Foster Island, Phelan Island, Jacinto, Dead Man's Reach, South Ord, Llano Seco Island 1, 2, and Afton

3. Access is allowed on foot or by boat only on the following units: Rio Vista, Pine Creek, Capay, Ord Bend, Sul Norte, Codora, Packer, Drumheller North, Drumheller Slough and Bogg's Bend.

a. On Packer Lake and Drumheller North, only boats up to 14 feet in length are allowed.

4. All units that are open to public hunting may only be accessed by boat, except for Sul Norte, Codora, Drumheller North, Drumheller Slough, Capay and Bogg's Bend, which may be accessed only on foot or by boat.

(D) Day Use Hours: Day use hours are from 2 hours before sunrise to 1 and half hours after sunset.

(E) Bicycles: Bicycles are allowed May 15 through August 15, other conveyances are prohibited. Mobility impaired hunters should contact the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

(F) Dogs and Pets In General

1. Pets shall be controlled in accordance with subsection 550(m) of these regulations, and hunting dogs shall be controlled in accordance with subsection 550(n) of these regulations.

2. Dogs are prohibited for the take and pursuit of pigs.

(G) Camping: Camping is allowed only on gravel bars up to 7 days during a 30 day period.

(H) Sport Fishing: Sport fishing is allowed on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations.

(I) Falconry is prohibited.

(J) Areas Open for Hunting In Accordance with State and Federal Regulations:

1. Units open to hunting of authorized species include: La Barranca, Todd Island, Mooney, Heron Island, Flynn, Rio Vista, Foster Island, Pine Creek, Capay, Phelan Island, Jacinto, Dead Man's Reach, South Ord, Llano Seco Islands 1 & 2, Sul Norte, Codora, Afton, North Drumheller, Drumheller Slough, and Bogg's Bend.

2. The Mooney Unit is open to hunting for authorized species except that waterfowl hunting is prohibited.

3. The Codora Unit is open for hunting only for hunters holding a junior hunting license who are accompanied by a non-hunting adult and only on Saturdays and Sundays.

a. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Codora Unit

4. All other units are closed to hunting.

5. Hunting is prohibited within 50 feet of any landward boundary adjacent to private property.

(K) Authorized Species (unless otherwise stated in subsection (J) or restricted in this subsection): goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, snipe, turkeys, pheasants, quail, deer, pig. Hunting of all other species is prohibited.

1. Pigs may be hunted only from September 1 through March 15.

(L) Commercial Guiding: Commercial guiding is prohibited.

(M) Personal Property: Permanent blinds, ladders and screw-in foot pegs are prohibited. All personal property, including tree stands, decoys and boats must be removed by 1 and half hours after sunset.

(7) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the West Bear Creek Unit prior to the third Saturday in November.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. Hunting for pheasants will be allowed with an entry permit and only in a special zone on the Kesterson Unit on the first Saturday and Sunday of pheasant season and in the San Luis Unit free roam area on waterfowl shoot days for the duration of pheasant season. Pheasant hunting may also be allowed on the first Monday of pheasant season, but only within the spaced blind area of the Kesterson Unit. Snipe hunting is allowed only within the San Luis Unit free roam area, and only on waterfowl shoot days when the area is open to hunting by adult license holders.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Prohibited on the San Luis, Blue Goose, and the west Bear Units.

(E) Bicycles: Allowed.

(F) Reservations: For the Kesterson and Blue Goose units, each reservation assures entry of no more than three persons if three-person blinds are available, or no more than two persons if two-person blinds are available. For the Freitas units (north and south), each reservation assures entry of one boat with up to four persons. All person's entering on the same reservation will receive the same hunt assignment.

(G) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Kesterson and Blue Goose units must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in free roam areas are not restricted to blinds. Access to the Freitas units are by boat only. Maximum boat speed may not exceed 5 mph. Inboard water thrust and air-thrust boats are prohibited. Construction of permanent blinds is prohibited. Cutting or breaking of woody vegetation is prohibited. All blinds and equipment must be removed following each day's hunt.

(H) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(8) Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must be unloaded when being transported between parking areas and blind sites.

(B) Hunt days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(D) Camping and Trailers: Prohibited.

(E) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Hazard Unit shall hunt only from within 100 feet of their assigned blind sites or stakes, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in the Union Tract shall hunt only from within their blinds, except to retrieve downed birds.

(F) Blind Limitation: Not more than four individuals may occupy a blind site.

(9) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns and steel or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must remain unloaded until you are in designated free roam or assigned ponds areas.

(B) Hunt Days: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and snipe: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. Pheasant: Waterfowl hunt days during the pheasant season.

(C) Authorized Species: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, and pheasants.

(D) Hunters must return entry permit and vacate refuge no later than one and one half hours after legal sunset unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(9)(E).

~~(D)~~(E) Camping is prohibited, except on the night before each waterfowl shoot day, when camping in a vehicle, motorhome or trailer within the check station parking area is allowed. Tents are prohibited. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

~~(E)~~(F) Bicycles: Prohibited.

~~(F)~~(G) Hunters may enter or exit only at designated locations. Stopping vehicles between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment is prohibited.

(H) Special Restrictions: When assigned hunting sites, hunters shall hunt only within the assigned pond boundary and are prohibited from hunting from levee roads. Pheasant and snipe hunting is not permitted in the assigned pond area.

(I) Reservations: Each reservation assures entry of up to four individuals. No more than 2 junior hunters or non-shooters per 1 adult hunter.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 355, 710, 710.5, 710.7, 713, 1050, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1580, 1581, 1583, 1761, 1764, 1765, 1907, 2118, 2190 and 10504, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 355, 711, 713, 1050, 1055.3, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570, 1571, 1572, 1585, 1590, 1591, 1764, 1765, 2006 and 10504, Fish and Game Code.