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# BIG GAME HUNTING DIGEST



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**HUNTING ITEMS ON SALE  
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Please contact your local office to determine whether it has reopened to the public prior to planning a visit.

Hunting licenses are sold at most of the following CDFW offices and at authorized license agents statewide. License sales are also available online at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales) and by telephone at (800) 565-1458. To purchase items via online or telephone sales, you must already have hunter education on file in the Automated License Data System (ALDS).

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## **////////// REGS on the GO... //////////**

Did you know you can now download the regulations to your smart phone or other device? By utilizing iBooks on Apple devices or your favorite book reader on the Android platform you can download the regulations for reference at any time. Regulations can be found at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations).

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## INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between 47 states, which allows for the reciprocal recognition of hunting, fishing and trapping license suspensions. If your license privileges have been suspended by another state, the suspension may be recognized here in California. For example, if your sport fishing, hunting or trapping privileges have been suspended in Colorado for five years, your privileges may also be suspended for five years in California or any of the states participating in the IWVC. The purchase of licenses or tags during the term of the suspension is a violation of the law and may result in prosecution.

## DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING

You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent or online at CDFW’s website at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales). Telephone license sales are also available at (800) 565-1458. All applications for the Big Game Drawing must be submitted and the sales transaction completed before midnight on June 2, 2021.



# 2021 WARDEN STAMP

Just \$5!

[wildlife.ca.gov/wardenstamp](http://wildlife.ca.gov/wardenstamp)

# HUNTING LICENSE & TAG FEES

## HUNTING LICENSES

Resident .....	\$52.66
Nonresident .....	\$183.60
Junior .....	\$14.04
Disabled Veteran & Recovering Service Member* .....	\$8.38
Duplicate Hunting License .....	\$11.62
2-Day Nonresident Hunting License - Valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals and non-game mammals .....	\$52.66

## TAGS & DRAWING APPLICATIONS

### First Deer Tag/Drawing Application

Resident .....	\$34.56
Nonresident .....	\$308.85

### Second Deer Tag/Drawing Application

Resident .....	\$43.20
Nonresident .....	\$308.85

## BEAR TAG

Resident .....	\$51.02
Resident Junior .....	\$27.82
Nonresident .....	\$325.40

## WILD PIG TAG

Resident .....	\$25.10
Nonresident .....	\$84.50

## BIG GAME DRAWING APPLICATIONS

Elk Tag Drawing Application .....	\$8.13
Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application .....	\$8.13
Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application .....	\$8.13

## FUND-RAISING DRAWING APPLICATIONS

Open Zone Deer Tag .....	\$7.05
Bull Elk Tag .....	\$7.05
Northeastern CA Pronghorn Tag .....	\$7.05
Bighorn Sheep Tag .....	\$7.05

## OTHER FEES

Duplicate Big Game Tag** .....	\$11.62
Deer Tag Non-Reporting Fee .....	\$21.60

## HUNTER EDUCATION

Hunter Education Equivalency Exam*** .....	\$58.50
Duplicate Hunter Education Certificate**** .....	\$7.30

\* Initial qualification must be done at a CDFW license sales office, see page 9 for more information.

\*\* Available at any CDFW license sales office.

\*\*\* Available at regional CDFW license sales offices only by appointment. NOTE: Not recognized as proof of Hunter Education.

\*\*\*\* Customers with CDFW verified Hunter Education Certificates in their ALDS customer record may purchase duplicate hunter education certificates at license agents or online.

**Interested in a Lifetime Hunting License?**

Visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lifetime](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lifetime) for details!

# WHAT'S NEW IN 2021

## DEER TAG CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

For the 2021 deer hunting season, the following deer tags have changed classifications. Please refer to the 2021 Deer Hunts on page 28 for more information.

### From Unrestricted deer tags to Premium deer tags:

- D6 – tag quota filled on 6/16/2020
- D16 – tag quota filled on 6/24/2020
- A32 – tag quota filled on 7/2/2020

## SHARE WILL OFFER ELK HUNTS IN COLUSA, DEL NORTE, HUMBOLDT, SHASTA, AND SISKIYOU COUNTIES THIS FALL

For property and hunt information please visit the SHARE webpage after May 14 at: [wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE)



## CDFW Transitioning to Electronic Hunting and Fishing Regulations Booklets in 2021

As part of a broader effort to go paperless, the CDFW is transitioning to a digital format for its 2021 hunting and fishing regulations booklets. Booklets will no longer be printed and shipped to license agents or customers, but electronic versions of the booklets will continue to be available online.

The transition to paperless regulations booklets follows a two-year effort to reduce the number of hard copy booklets printed and shipped to license agents and is consistent with the governor's directive to reduce paper usage.

As in previous years, digital booklets are available at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations> and can be downloaded as PDFs to your computer, cellular phone, or other electronic device. Hunters and anglers are encouraged to download the digital booklets to their mobile devices and familiarize themselves with the digital format prior to hunting and/or fishing trips.



# HUNTER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## PASS ON THE TRADITION: BE A HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR!

Volunteer to be a hunter education instructor and help pass on California's hunting tradition to the next generation. As an instructor, you will be eligible for the Instructor Incentive Program. This program is for instructors only and consists of numerous hunting opportunities including wild pig hunts, X Zone deer tags, and the chance at an open zone deer tag. For more information on becoming a hunter education instructor, visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor).

Sea un instructor de la Educación del Cazador. El California Department of Fish and Wildlife solicita instructores de cacería responsable. ¿Eres aficionado a la cacería? ¿Desea pasarle a la siguiente generación la tradición de la cacería? Para más información, visita [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor).

## HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE PROGRAM (CCR T14-709)

Eligible certified hunter education instructors may participate in the Incentive Program drawings for highly desirable hunting opportunities. CDFW awards incentives, which may include big game tags provided voluntarily by licensed private lands management areas, cooperative elk or deer hunting areas, or other hunts designated by CDFW. Instructors who accept a tag are required to pay the applicable tag fee(s) set forth in the Fish and Game Code or California Code of Regulation Title 14.

## ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION

Advanced Hunting Clinics focus on the "how-tos" of hunting and are designed for both the novice and experienced hunter. You will learn more about biology, habitat needs, hunting regulations, game care and safety, blackpowder hunting, wilderness navigation, and more. For additional information about the Advanced Hunter Education Program as well as clinic dates and locations, visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced) or Contact Lt. Alan Gregory at [Alan.Gregory@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Alan.Gregory@wildlife.ca.gov).

# GENERAL INFORMATION

*For complete regulations, please visit the Fish and Game Commission website at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov)*

## HUNTING LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

First-time applicants applying for a hunting license through the CDFW's ALDS must present one of the following as evidence of hunter education when applying for a California hunting license:

- An annual California hunting license issued in any prior year;
- A Two-Day Nonresident California Hunting License issued after the 1999/2000 license year;
- A California certificate of hunter education completion or equivalency with a unique number imprinted on it ex: (AA00000) or a California hunter education certificate with no unique number imprinted and a California hunter education validation stamp affixed;
- A certificate of successful completion of a California-approved hunter education course from any state or province; or
- A current hunting license or a hunting license issued in either of the two previous years from any state, province, European Union country or South Africa.

Applicants that have previously purchased a hunting license through CDFW's ALDS will already have the required proof of hunter education evidence in their customer profile. To ensure the appropriate customer profile is retrieved at a license agent, the CDFW recommends hunters provide the license agent with a previously issued ALDS license.

## VALIDATION OF LICENSE

To be valid, every California hunting license shall be signed by the licensee. Proof of identification must be presented at the time of initial purchase. In addition, the license must contain the following information about the licensee: true name, residence address, date of birth, height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, and sex.

### **Acceptable proof of identification:**

- Any license document or GO ID number previously issued via ALDS
- A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile
- US Birth Certificate
- US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad
- Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation
- Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory
- US Passport
- US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel)
- Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship
- A foreign government-issued photo identification

Applicants who are less than 18 years of age may provide any form of identification previously described or a guardian's identification (parent or legal guardian identification listed).

## LICENSE PROVISIONS

A valid California hunting license is required to take any bird or mammal. Hunters must carry licenses and be prepared to show them upon request to any peace officer. Guns and other equipment used in hunting must be shown upon request.

A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt big game.

## JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSE ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for a junior hunting license, a hunter must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying.

## DISABLED VETERAN AND RECOVERING SERVICE MEMBER HUNTING LICENSES

CDFW offers reduced fee hunting licenses for Disabled Veterans and Recovering Service Members.

Honorably discharged disabled veterans (resident or nonresident) with a 50 percent or greater service-connected disability are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license. Applicants must submit a letter from the Veterans' Administration documenting that you were honorably discharged from the US military and have a service-connected disability rating of 50 percent or greater.

Recovering service members are eligible for a reduced fee hunting license while undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy, and are in an outpatient status while recovering from a serious injury or illness related to the member's military service. Applicants must submit a letter from your commanding officer or military medical doctor verifying your eligibility as a recovering service member, including the expected recovery date in your verification letter.

To prequalify, applicants must submit the document of eligibility along with a photocopy of your personal identification and GO ID by fax to (916) 419-7585 or by secure document upload. To upload your documentation, please email your request to [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov) and follow the link provided in the response. You may also apply by mail or in person at any CDFW license sales office. For more information please contact your nearest CDFW license sales offices or visit our web site at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/hunting](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/hunting). Hunting tags and validations must be purchased at full price.

## UPLAND GAME BIRD AND CALIFORNIA DUCK VALIDATION

Any person (except junior hunters) must have an Upland Game Bird Validation when hunting pheasant, dove, turkey, quail, grouse, ptarmigan, snipe, band-tailed pigeon, partridge or

chukar. A California Duck Validation authorizes any person to hunt waterfowl in California (along with the Federal Duck Stamp and free HIP Validation). CDFW knows that many hunters collect the physical stamps, hunters who purchase these validations can claim their collectible stamp online at the address printed on their current hunting licenses. Stamps will be mailed after July 1 of the next license year.

## HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM (HIP) VALIDATION REQUIREMENT

If you plan to hunt migratory game birds (ducks, geese, coots, dove, band-tailed pigeon, snipe, gallinules or black brant) you must complete a Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey. To take the survey you must request a HIP validation at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, or online. There is no charge for the HIP validation. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP validation in their immediate possession.

## DUPLICATE LICENSES

Your customer record contains a history of all your license purchases. If you lose your license or additional validations, you can go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales and purchase a duplicate license and validations.

## DISABLED ENTITLEMENTS

The CDFW offers the following free disabled entitlements to any resident or nonresident hunter that meets the qualifications. These entitlements must be certified by a licensed physician and submitted to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch. Hunters that qualify for these entitlements must also have a valid California hunting license in possession while hunting.

### Disabled Archer Permit

A disabled archer permit is available to any hunter who has permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs one or both upper extremities preventing the hunter from drawing and holding of a bow in a firing position. The Disabled Archer Permit authorizes the disabled archer to use a crossbow or device which holds a string and arrow in the firing position, to assist in the taking of birds and mammals under the conditions of an archery tag or during archery season.

Certification from a licensed physician is required. If the physician indicates on the initial application that the disability is permanent, hunters may renew the permit every year at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales.

If the disability is temporary, the physician is required to enter the end date of the disability on the application. Temporary permits may be renewed at any CDFW's license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales every year until the temporary disability end date; once the end date has passed, re-certification is required.

### Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit

A disabled muzzleloader scope permit is available to any visually impaired hunter having a permanent loss, significant limitation, or diagnosed disease or disorder, which substantially impairs the vision of a hunter, preventing the hunter from viewing and aligning the sights of a muzzleloader rifle with the target in order to hunt deer. The Disabled Muzzleloader Scope Permit allows the hunter to use a 1X scope on a muzzleloader rifle while hunting

under the conditions of a muzzleloader deer hunt tag. Hunters must renew the permit each license year, but hunters may provide a copy of their previously issued permit to the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch to renew annually.

### Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License

A Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License is available for any mobility impaired disabled hunter who must use a motor vehicle to pursue game. The Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License allows a hunter to discharge a firearm from a vehicle that is stopped and its engine turned off. To qualify a person must be either permanently or fully confined to a wheelchair, a single or double amputee above the knee or double amputee below the knee, or depend upon the aid of a walker, crutches, etc. to walk. Certification from a licensed physician is required. The license is only available from the CDFW's License and Revenue Branch.

## HUNTER EDUCATION

### Class Options

Hunter education classes include instruction in firearms safety and handling, sportsmanship and ethics, wildlife management and conservation, archery, black powder, wildlife identification, game care, first aid, and survival. Classes are offered in two formats:

1. Traditional (minimum of 10 hours of classroom, homework, and field instruction) or
2. Online course and follow-up class. For more information or to register for a class, visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education).

### Hunter Education Equivalency Exams

Hunter education equivalency exams are given by appointment only at CDFW regional offices for a fee. In some states, the California equivalency certificate may not be accepted as evidence of hunter education. For more information on the hunter education equivalency exam, contact your nearest CDFW regional office.

### Duplicate Hunter Education Certificates

Duplicate hunter education certificates can be issued to any person who completed and passed a hunter education class. If the class was completed prior to 1989, CDFW does not have records before this date; the hunter should contact the original instructor, club, or organization where the course was taught to obtain a duplicate. If the hunter is unable to obtain a duplicate through these means, they will have to repeat the course. Visit the hunter education web page at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education) for more information.

## ADVANCED HUNTER EDUCATION

Advanced Hunter Education Clinics are species-specific or skill-specific. Learn how to field dress a deer, call in a mallard, find your way out of the woods, process and prepare your game for the table, plus much more! For additional information, including clinic dates and locations, visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced).

### Bowhunter Education Class

Although bowhunter education training is not required in California, many states do require it for all bowhunters. CDFW's bowhunter education program meets the requirements of all states. For more information or to register for a class, visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education).



**2021 BIG GAME DRAWING WORKSHEET FOR APPLYING AT A LICENSE AGENT**

**DO NOT MAIL OR FAX WORKSHEET TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

This worksheet is to assist the sales clerk in entering your hunt choices. Select your hunt choices prior to visiting a license agent. All sales transactions for the Big Game Drawing must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2021. You may apply at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales) or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. **Mailed or faxed worksheets will not be accepted at a CDFW office.**

**VERIFY THAT YOUR HUNT CHOICES ARE CORRECT ON YOUR DRAWING RECEIPT BEFORE LEAVING THE LICENSE AGENT.** NOTE: Do not leave this worksheet with the sales clerk.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

GO ID \_\_\_\_\_

**BIG GAME DRAWING**

Enter party leader's party identification number only if you are joining an existing party.

**First-Deer Tag Drawing Application:**

To enter the Big Game Drawing for a premium deer hunt tag or preference point only

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

**Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application:**

Use only for junior hunters applying for Apprentice Deer Hunts, who did not apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Application

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

**Elk Tag Drawing Application:**

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hunt Choice

**Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application:**

Party Leader's  
Party Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

Hunt Choice

**Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application:**

Party not allowed

Hunt Choice

**FUND-RAISING RANDOM DRAWING TAGS** (no hunting license is required to apply- preference points do not apply - no limit on number of applications – winners will be awarded a tag at no additional cost)

**Open Zone Deer Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

**Northeastern California Pronghorn Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

**Bull Elk Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

**Bighorn Sheep Tag** Number of applications \_\_\_\_\_

# DEER

## DEER TAGS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

In addition to a valid California hunting license, deer tags are also required and must be in possession when taking deer. Hunters may obtain two deer tags per license year. Applicants for deer tags must be at least 12 years of age on or before July 1, of the license year for which they are applying or at the time of application if they are applying after July 1. A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application or First-Deer Tag must be purchased before or at the same time as a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application (junior hunters only) or Second-Deer Tag.

### License and Tag Privileges Can Be Revoked

It is illegal to purchase more than one First-Deer Tag Drawing Application/First-Deer Tag and one Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application/Second-Deer Tag in the same license year. Persons convicted of a deer violation during the 2020-21 license year may not apply for deer tags in 2021-22.

The Fish and Game Code provides that the Fish and Game Commission shall revoke the hunting privileges of any person who is convicted of three violations of the state's hunting laws or regulations within any five-year period. (FGC 12155, CCR T-14 745.5).

## DEER TAG INFORMATION

Applicants may purchase deer tags or apply in the annual Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales) or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. Allow 15 days to receive license items purchased online or by telephone.

Premium deer tags are issued by drawing. Restricted and unrestricted deer tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

## HUNT TAG DESCRIPTIONS

### A, B, and D Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the archery season with archery equipment only and during the general season with a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. Tags are valid for a specific zone of issuance except:

- A zone tag is valid in both A North and A South;
- B Zone Deer Tags are valid in any B zone;
- D3-5 Deer Tags are valid in zones D3, D4, and D5; and
- D11, D13, or D15 tags may be used in any of these three zones.

### C Zone Hunt Tag

A C zone tag is valid in zones C1, C2, C3, and C4 during the general season only, using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow. To hunt with archery equipment only during the archery season in any C zone you must apply in the Big Game Drawing for an A1 Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag.

### X Zone Hunt Tags

These tags allow hunting during the general season only, in a specific zone using a muzzleloading or centerfire rifle, shotgun, authorized pistol or revolver, crossbow, or bow.

### Archery-Only (AO) Hunt Tag

The AO (Archery-Only) tag allows hunting with archery equipment only during the archery and general seasons in A, B, or D zones and Hunt G10 (military only). To hunt during an X zone archery season, you must have an Area-Specific Archery Hunt tag for the appropriate zone. You may not possess a firearm or crossbow when hunting under the authority of an Archery-Only deer tag except as otherwise provided in 354(h) (1) and (2).

### Apprentice Hunt Tags

Applicants must be less than 16 years of age as of July 1, of the license year for which they are applying, and must possess a valid 2021-22 California Junior Hunting License. See page 33 for more information on Apprentice Deer Hunts. Junior hunters receiving Apprentice Deer Hunt tags must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older while hunting.

### Area-Specific Archery Hunt Tags

These tags allow archery hunting in designated areas throughout the state, including X zones.

### Military Lands Hunts

G8, J10 and A33 (Additional Hunt Deer Tags), are held on military installations and offer limited number of tags for the public. Tags are issued through the CDFW's Big Game Drawing. Additional Military Lands Hunts, G7 (Beale Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt), G10 (Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base Either Sex Hunt), and G11 (Vandenberg Air Force Base Either-Sex Hunt) are for military personnel only. However, for the 2021 hunting season, there will be no G11 deer tags issued. Military personnel must contact the base directly for information on application procedures. Hunters interested in the G7 hunt tag may contact the Beale AFB Natural Resources Office at (530) 634-2738. For information on the G10 hunt tag contact the Camp Pendleton Marine Corp Base at (760) 725-3360.

### Deer Tag Exchanges

Premium deer tags cannot be exchanged. Non-Premium deer tags may be exchanged if all of the following conditions are met:

- The earliest season (either archery or general) for the tag being exchanged has not yet opened;
- The tag quota for the tag being exchanged has not filled;
- Tags are still available for the zone being requested; and
- The exchange fee of \$11.07 for the exchange tag accompanies your request.

Deer tag exchanges are only processed at CDFW license sales offices (CCR T14-708.4).

### Deer Tag Refunds

Deer tag fees are nonrefundable. Deer Tag Drawing Application fees are nonrefundable once the deer tag application has been entered into the Big Game Drawing or a deer tag has been issued regardless of closures of any zone or hunt due to fire, weather or other natural disasters.

## DEER DEFINITIONS

**Antlerless Deer:** Female deer, fawns of either sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler

on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length (CCR T14-351(b)).

**Either-sex Deer:** Antlerless deer, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler (CCR T14-351(c)).

**Forked-horn Buck:** A male deer having a branched antler on either side with the branch in the upper two-thirds of the antler. Eyeguards or other bony projections on the lower one-third of the antler shall not be considered as points or branches (CCR T14-351(a)).

**Spike Buck Deer:** A male deer with unbranched antlers on both sides which are more than 3 inches in length (FGC 204(d)).

## DEER TAG CLASSIFICATIONS

Deer tags are issued for a specific hunt. Each hunt has a tag quota – the total number of tags that can be issued. Deer hunts are categorized into three different classifications (premium, restricted and unrestricted) based on the prior year's demand for the tag. Hunt classification determines tag issuance method and other rules as follows:

**PREMIUM DEER HUNTS** are any hunt where the quota filled on or before the first business day after July 1, of the previous year. Hunters may only obtain one premium hunt tag per license year. To apply for a premium deer hunt tag, hunters must apply in the Big Game Drawing using a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Except junior hunters who may also apply for premium Apprentice Hunts using a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

**Premium Deer Tags for 2021 are:**

**General Zone Hunts:** C, D6, D9, D12, D14, D16 and D17;

**X Zone Hunts:** X1, X2, X3A, X3B, X4, X5A, X5B, X6A, X6B, X7A, X7B, X8, X9A, X9B, X9C, X10 and X12;

**General Method Hunts:** G1, G3, G6, G8, G12, G13, G19, G21, G37, G38 and G39;

**Muzzleloader Hunts:** M3, M4, M5, M6, M7, M8, M9, M11, MA1 and MA3;

**Area-Specific Archery Hunts:** A1, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, A9, A11, A12, A13, A14, A15, A16, A17, A18, A19, A20, A21, A22, A24, A25, A26, A27, A30, A31, A32 and A33;

**Apprentice Hunts:** J1, J3, J4, J8, J9, J10, J11, J12, J13, J14, J15, J16, J17, J18, J19, J20 and J21.

**RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** are any hunt that filled on or before the first business day after August 1 of the previous year. Restricted deer hunt tags may be issued upon the purchase of a First-Deer Tag. Second-Deer Tag applicants may also obtain a restricted deer hunt tag at any time, if you do not have a pending drawing application, have not been issued a premium deer hunt tag or restricted deer hunt tag as a First-Deer Tag. Restricted tags are issued upon request until the tag quota for the hunt is filled.

**Restricted Deer Tags:**

- There are no deer tags listed in the Restricted Deer Tag Classification for the 2021 license year.

**UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** are any hunt that did not fill on or before the first business day after August 1, in the previous year. Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon the

purchase of either a First-Deer Tag or Second-Deer Tag.

**Unrestricted Deer Tags for 2021 are:**

- **Archery Only Hunts:** AO.
- **General Hunt Zones:** A, B, D3-5, D7, D8, D10, D11, D13, D15, and D19;

## FIRST DEER TAG DRAWING APPLICATION

A First-Deer Tag Drawing Application may only be used to apply for the following hunts:

- First Choice – Premium Deer Hunts or **PD** (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- Second and Third Choice – Second and third hunt choices are optional and may be a premium deer, restricted deer or unrestricted deer hunt tag.

## SECOND DEER TAG DRAWING APPLICATION

A Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application may **ONLY** be used by junior hunters to apply for Apprentice Hunts, and only if they have not applied for Apprentice Deer Hunts on their First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application hunt choices are limited as follows:

- First Choice – Must be an Apprentice Deer Hunt or **PD** (Point Deer) – The preference point code may be used as the first choice to obtain a preference point without competing in the first choice round of the drawing.
- Second and Third Choice – Second and third choice hunts are optional and may be another Apprentice Deer Hunt or unrestricted deer hunt tag. Junior hunters may select a restricted deer hunt as their second or third tag choice **ONLY** if they were issued an unrestricted deer tag as their First-Deer Tag or not pending a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

## FIRST DEER TAG

A First-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on July 2, 2021

If any premium deer hunt tags remain after the Big Game Drawing, First-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any leftover premium deer hunt tags starting at 8:00 a.m. on July 2, 2021.

## SECOND DEER TAG

A Second-Deer Tag may be used to obtain the following:

- Unrestricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Restricted Deer Hunt Tags
- Leftover Premium Deer Hunt Tags issued on August 2, 2021.

Second-Deer Tag applicants may obtain any restricted deer hunt tag at any time if they do not have a pending First-Deer Tag Drawing Application or have not been issued a premium or restricted deer tag as a First-Deer Tag.

Starting at 8:00 a.m. on August 2, 2021 all Second-Deer Tag applicants may apply for any remaining deer tag regardless of whether you have been issued a premium or restricted deer tag already.

# BIG GAME DRAWING INFORMATION

All premium deer hunt tags and elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep tags are distributed through the CDFW Big Game Drawing.

See instructions for applying in the 2021 Big Game Drawing for your elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep tags.

For the 2021 Big Game Drawing, 19 is the maximum number of preference points a hunter can have for any species. The CDFW started tracking preference points in 2002. To look up your preference points totals log on to your customer profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales) and click on "View My Drawing Application/Preference Points."

## APPLYING IN THE BIG GAME DRAWING

Applicants can apply for the Big Game Drawing at any CDFW license sales office (See page 3 for information on office closures due to COVID-19), license agent, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales) or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458. All transactions for Big Game Drawing entries must be completed before midnight on June 2, 2021. Applicants applying for preference points only must also submit their applications by the same date and time.

You will need to purchase a California hunting license and the appropriate Big Game Drawing Tag Applications:

- First-Deer Tag Application (junior hunters may apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application). See page 28 for deer tag hunt codes.
- Elk Tag Drawing Application, see page 45 for elk hunt codes.
- Pronghorn Tag Drawing Application, see page 50 for pronghorn hunt codes.
- Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawing Application, see page 51 for bighorn sheep hunt codes.
- Fund-raising Drawing Application – Open Zone Deer tag, Grizzly Island, Northeastern California Pronghorn tag and Desert Bighorn Sheep tag, see page 17.

### 1. Retrieving Your Customer Record

- a. If applying at a CDFW license sales office or a license agent, provide a previous ALDS issued license for the agent to scan.
- b. If applying online or by telephone sales, use the GO ID (printed above your 'STATE ID') from a previously issued ALDS license to retrieve your customer record. See instructions on page 16 for more information on applying online.

### 2. Applying for Another Person

If you are applying for someone else or party members, bring their previously issued ALDS license or their identification number and date of birth.

### 3. Proof of Hunter Education Requirement

Hunter education information must already be on file in your ALDS profile. For new applicants, please bring your required proof of hunter education with you to the license agent. **NOTE:** Hunters who have purchased hunting items via ALDS already have hunter education on file.

### 4. Items to Purchase

- a. Purchase your 2021-22 California hunting license.
- b. Provide the sales clerk the 2021 hunting items you would like to apply for (see the list of items from the previous column) and the hunt code for each tag application for which you want to apply. **NOTE:** For deer, you should confirm the correct order of your hunt choices.

## APPLYING AS A PARTY

The maximum number of party members for deer is six (6). For elk and pronghorn, only residents may apply as a party of two. Hunters cannot apply as a party for bighorn sheep. You will receive a different Drawing Receipt and Party Number for each species for which you are applying. Make sure you are giving the correct Party Number from each Drawing Receipt to the correct hunting party.

When applying for a deer, elk, or pronghorn drawing tag application you will be prompted as to whether you are:

- a. Applying alone or creating a new party (party leader).
- b. Joining an existing party.

The first member of the party is considered the leader. They will be prompted for their hunt choice(s) and a Party Number will be printed on their Drawing Receipt at the end of the sales transaction. **NOTE:** A Party Number is printed on every Drawing Receipt.

The party leader must provide the Party Number to additional members to 'authorize' them to join the party. **NOTE:** CDFW license sales staff and license agents do not have access to a party leader's Party Number.

When other party members apply they must tell the sales clerk they are joining an existing party, and provide the Party Number to the sales clerk (or enter it themselves if applying online). **NOTE:** If other members of the party are applying in the same sales transaction,

they will not need the party number and can just indicate to the sales clerk that they are joining that person's party.

When the Party Number is entered in the drawing application screen it will bring up the hunting party and hunt choice information. The sales clerk should confirm that this is the correct party and hunt choice with the purchaser. If this is not the correct party, the sales clerk can cancel and re-enter the Party Number. If correct, the sales clerk can confirm, and this will link the new member to the party. (**NOTE:** If applying online, the confirmation screen will display for the customer with the options to cancel or confirm).

Hunters joining an existing party will be assigned the same tag choices in the same order as the party leader and all party members will be linked in the drawing together.

Party applications can be made up of transactions submitted in the same sales transaction or through several transactions. In addition, hunters can submit their drawing applications at any CDFW license sales offices, license agents, online, or by telephone sales.

**IMPORTANT:** Applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt for each species for which they are applying. If you were issued a first deer tag instead of a Drawing Receipt, at the license agent, you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will not earn a preference point and will not be drawn for a premium deer tag.

**21** **DRAWING RECEIPT**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
1ST DEER TAG DRAW APPLICATION RECEIPT  
Receipt  
D-0028168706-8

GO ID: 1070367149  
STATE ID: H123\*\*\*\* CA  
JIM HUNTER  
123 HUNTING AVE  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95834  
SEX: M HAIR: Blonde EYES: Blue  
HT: 6-00 WT: 200 DOB: 01/01/1985  
Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months  
Doc No: D-0028168706-8 Outlet No: 310001-002  
Trans: 000000021389738 34/2020 8:29:43 AM  
016891250

Customer does not have preference points for this species.  
Customer Preference Points

Item	Price
1st Deer Drawing Application (Res)	\$31.93

Party Number: 17453550  
Party Leader Name: HUNTER, JIM

Choices  
1st Choice - PD - PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - DEER  
2nd Choice - B - B ZONES  
3rd Choice - A - A ZONE

Total: \$31.93

\*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees, and license buyer surcharge.

If you would like for other hunters to enter the deer drawing as part of your party, please provide them the "Party Number" from this receipt (listed above the hunt choices). Party members will need to provide the Party Number at the time of application to join the party.

Deer Tag Drawing Application fees are nonrefundable once the application has been entered into the Big Game Drawing (Sec 708.2 Title 14, CCR).

Detailed drawing information can be found at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game). For questions regarding your application, please contact CDFW at [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov).

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### Check Your Drawing Receipt Carefully!

Hunters should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), accumulated preference points, and a Party Number. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information.

License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four-hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2

deadline at [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov) to make any corrections.

## APPLYING FOR THE BIG GAME DRAWING ONLINE

Apply early! Don't be left out! The deadline to apply is midnight on June 2, 2021.

You must have proof of hunter education on file to purchase hunting items online. If you do not have hunter education on file, you must provide proof of hunter education to a license agent or a CDFW license sales office. You may also contact CDFW by fax at (916) 419-7587 or e-mail [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov) and provide proof of hunter education and GO ID, or your personal identification number. After your hunter education is updated in ALDS, you will be able to purchase hunting licenses now and in the future.

### How to Apply Online

1. Using your last name, date of birth, and ID number (GO ID, CDL, or other ID used to create profile) log into your profile [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales) and click on the "Purchase Licenses" link at the top of the page.
2. From the Menu box on the left side of the screen, select 2021 Hunting.
3. Add the 2021 hunting license to your cart.
4. Scroll down to the Drawings section. In the Drawings section,
  - Click on "Add to Cart" to select the desired Drawing Application.
  - Note: Adult hunters MUST use a **First Deer Tag Drawing Application** when applying for deer in the Big Game Drawing. The item 'First Deer Tag' (in the TAGS section) cannot be used to apply for the Big Game Drawing for deer.
  - If you are joining an existing hunting party, select "Join Party". You will need the Party Number of the party you wish to join. See page 13 for more information on applying as a party.
  - If you are applying alone, or if you are the first person in your party to apply, select "Apply Alone or Create New Party."
  - Enter your hunt choices in the boxes provided.
  - Click "Submit" to complete hunt choice entry.
5. Repeat step 4, for each species for which you are applying.
6. Add any other items you wish to purchase to the cart.
7. Select "View Cart" to review the items you've selected and confirm your tag choices.
8. Click on "Continue to Checkout" to start the checkout process and enter your payment

information. Enter your email address if you want confirmation of your purchase emailed to you.

9. Check the box to certify that you are 18 years of age and authorize the purchase. The transaction will not be processed if this box is not checked, which means you will not be entered in the Big Game Drawing.
10. Select "Complete Transaction." The "Transaction Complete" page will appear, stating that your order has been received and processed. Click on "Download Receipt/Licenses" so you may print your drawing receipts for your record.

**TIP**

### MOST COMMON MISTAKES WHEN APPLYING IN THE DRAWING

- Online customers forget to click on the "Submit Payment" button to process the transaction. You can double check your purchase by logging back into your profile and view your license sales history at the top of the page.
- Online customers "Add to Cart" a first deer tag instead of the First Deer Tag Drawing Application located under the "Drawings" list.
- Customers leave the license sales agent with a deer tag instead of a Deer Drawing Receipt. The drawing receipt shows the hunt choices you applied for in the drawing.
- A customer who does not retrieve their existing profile, creates a duplicate profile, and is not connected to their preference points or hunter education. Therefore the customer is not able to purchase a hunting license and cannot apply in the drawing.
- Customers don't apply early and miss the deadline to apply.

### DRAWING RESULTS

The CDFW has 10 business days after the deadline to conduct the drawing. Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 17, 2021 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales) and click on "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page. Applicants will also see their new preference point totals by clicking on the tab "Preference Point." On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

### NOTIFYING APPLICANTS

Deer tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing will be mailed to successful applicants as soon as possible after the drawing. If you do not receive your tag by July 2, 2021, please contact your nearest CDFW license sales office.

Unsuccessful deer tag applicants will also be mailed unsuccessful deer tag notices by July 2, 2021. Notices will list available deer tags as of the notice date. It is not necessary to have the drawing notice to claim an available tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales to claim available deer tags. Hunters may use their California hunting license to retrieve their customer record.

Unsuccessful nonresidents may request a refund of the difference between the fees paid for a nonresident and a resident Deer Tag Drawing Application, if the application was submitted and a deer tag was not issued or if a nonresident deer tag is issued, and all of the following conditions are met:

1. The deer license tag is not a premium tag.
2. The deer license tag is returned prior to the earliest opening date for the hunt.
3. The tag quota has not been filled for the hunt.

Refund requests shall be submitted on or before March 1, each year, to CDFW's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834. If the deadline to submit the request for refund falls on a weekend or holiday, requests will be accepted until the close of business on the first state business day following the deadline to submit the request.

Successful elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep applicants and alternates should receive their payment notices in the mail by July 2, 2021; unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

It is not necessary to have the successful tag letter to claim your tag; hunters may go to any CDFW license sales office or online to purchase your elk or pronghorn tag.

### RETURNING A PREMIUM HUNT TAG FOR PREFERENCE POINTS

Hunters who have been issued a premium deer, elk, pronghorn, or a bighorn sheep tag and cannot attend their hunt may return their unused tag to the CDFW License and Revenue Branch by mail before opening day of the hunt for which the tag is valid.

To return an elk, pronghorn, or bighorn sheep tag, you must mail the tag along with a written request for your preference points to be reinstated. The tag and request must be **postmarked before** the earliest date that the tag is valid for hunting. If approved, tag will be refunded

(minus the 2021 nonrefundable processing fee of \$31.93) and your preference points will be reinstated, plus one preference point for the species for the current license year (CCR T14-708.14(k)).

To return a premium deer hunt tag, you must mail the tag along with a written request for your preference points to be reinstated. The tag must be **postmarked before** the earliest date the tag is valid for hunting. If the request is approved, your preference points will be reinstated, plus one preference point for deer for the current license year (CCR T14-708.14(j)). Premium deer hunt tags cannot be exchanged and are nonrefundable.

Mail the tag(s) with a written request to:

CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
License and Revenue Branch  
Big Game Hunting Desk  
PO Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94299-2090

## HOW THE DRAWING WORKS

Under a Modified Preference Point System drawing, tag quotas for each hunt are split into two portions: one portion awarded by preference point drawings; the other portion awarded in Draw-By-Choice drawings. Quota splits vary, depending on the species, total number of available tags, and other special criteria (such as those for Apprentice Hunts, elk, pronghorn and Bighorn sheep).

CDFW will conduct the drawing within 10 business days of the application deadline.

After the application deadline, when all applicant information has been verified, the computer will:

- Assign each person (or party) a unique random number. Party members receive the same random number as the party leader.
- Determine the preference point value for party applications by averaging all party members' preference points (total preference points of the party divided by the number of party members). Preference point averages are not rounded up or down (CCR T14-708.14(e)).

### Steps in the Premium Deer Tag Drawing:

- Sort all applications according to the first choice tag, then preference point totals, and then random number.
- Award tag choices to applicants with the most preference points, in random number order only (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number). Tags are awarded until the preference quota is met.
- After the preference point round is completed,

unsuccessful applicants are resorted by hunt choice and random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and the computer begins awarding tags based on applicant's first-choice without consideration of accumulated preference points, until all draw-by-choice tag quotas fill or until all applicants have been processed.

- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are then sorted by second choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number) and the computer conducts a second round of drawings for any zones and hunts with tags remaining without consideration of accumulated preference points.
- All remaining unsuccessful applicants are sorted once again by third choice tag, in random number order (starting with the lowest random number to the highest random number), and any remaining tags are awarded without consideration of accumulated points.
- Applicants unsuccessful for any of their hunt choices will be notified of available tags so they may reapply.

Deer tag party applications are not split to meet the tag quota if the number of party members exceeds the number of available tags (CCR T14-708.15(a)(2)). Therefore, when there are fewer tags available than the number of members in a party, the computer bypasses that application and moves on to the next application where party count is equal to or less than the remaining quota.

### Steps in the Elk, Pronghorn and Bighorn Sheep Tag Drawings:

The draw-by-choice round of the drawing is conducted first then the preference point round.

Alternates are selected in the preference point round and parties may be split when awarding the final tag. The party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Applicants drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

## TAG QUOTA SPLITS

Quota splits are established in regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission based on CDFW science-based proposals and public input. Please check the Commission's web site at [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov) for information on how to become involved in the regulation-setting process.

### Premium Deer Hunt Tags

- Ninety percent (90%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point

drawing.

- Ten percent (10%) of the individual zone or hunt tag quota shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.
- For zones or hunts with quotas less than ten (10) tags, one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-by-Choice drawing.

#### **Apprentice Deer Hunt Tags**

- Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Preference Point drawing.
- Fifty percent (50%) of the hunt tag quota shall be awarded through a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

#### **Elk, Pronghorn and Bighorn Sheep Tags**

- For quotas of one (1), the tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of two (2), one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of three (3), two (2) tags shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing, and one (1) tag shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.
- For quotas of four (4) or more, seventy-five percent (75%) of the quota shall be awarded using a Preference Point drawing. The remaining portion of the quota shall be awarded using a Draw-By-Choice drawing.

# **RANDOM DRAWING FOR FUND-RAISING BIG GAME TAGS**

Fund-raising random drawing tags generate dedicated funding for wildlife management programs that benefit big game species. In 2020, fund-raising random drawing tags generated more than \$200,000 for big game management in California.

#### **Fund-raising Random Drawing Tag Basics:**

- Any resident or nonresident who will be age 12 or older as of July 1, 2021 may apply for the deer, pronghorn and elk tag.
- Any resident or nonresident who will be age 16 or older as of July 1, 2021 may apply for the bighorn sheep tag.
- No limit on the number of applications you can submit.
- Does not use or affect your preference points.
- Winners are awarded a tag at no additional cost.
- A hunting license is not required to apply, but must be purchased if drawn.
- Apply from April 15, 2021 through June 2, 2021 at license agents, CDFW license sales offices, online at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales) or by telephone at (800) 565-1458.
- Tags are awarded by random lottery which is run within 10 business days of the deadline. Winners are notified by phone.

#### **OPEN ZONE DEER TAG**

An Open Zone deer tag allows the hunter to hunt during the authorized season dates of any hunt, using the specific method and meeting any special conditions of the tag for that hunt.

#### **NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA PRONGHORN TAG**

This Fund-raising Random Drawing Pronghorn Tag allows the hunter to hunt in any of the Northeastern pronghorn zones, (Mount Dome, Clear Lake, Likely Tables, Lassen, Big Valley and Surprise Valley) with any legal method. The hunt dates are from July 31, 2021 to September 19, 2021.

#### **MARBLE AND CLIPPER MOUNTAINS, AND SOUTH BRISTOL DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP TAG**

This fund-raising tag is valid only in the Marble and Clipper, and South Bristol Mountains Hunt Zones. Season dates are from November 6, 2021 through February 6, 2022. If awarded the tag the hunter must attend a mandatory orientation to receive the tag.

#### **GRIZZLY ISLAND ELK TAG**

The Grizzly Island Elk Tag is valid in the Grizzly Island Hunt Zone with any legal method. Only one elk may be harvested. The hunt dates are from August 7, 2021 to September 5, 2021.

# HOW TO PROPERLY FILL OUT A TAG

Do not cut deer tags until AFTER you are successful in taking a deer.

## Did Not Hunt

**21 DR**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG  
See Regulations for Season Dates

GO ID: 1070367150  
STATE ID: J765\*\*\* CA  
JANE HUNTER  
123 JANE E ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95835

SEX: F HAIR: Blonde EYES: Blue  
HT: 5-05 WT: 130 DOB: 01/01/1995

Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months

Doc No: D-0028168713-6 Outlet No: 310001-002  
Trans: 000000021398742 3/6/2020 2:44:25 PM  
Item: 015691150 Fee\* \$31.93

**Total: \$31.93**

\*Includes any applicable application fees, agent handling fees and license buyer surcharge.  
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**A**  
ZONE A ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK  
\*NONLEAD AMMO REQUIRED\*

**TAG MUST BE IN IMMEDIATE POSSESSION WHILE HUNTING**

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(2) Hunter must have tag (CDFW employee, forest ranger, peace officer or others listed in Sec. 708.6, Title 14, CCR), by nearest validating officer (CDFW employee, forest ranger, peace officer or others listed in Sec. 708.6, Title 14, CCR).  
(4) Hunter must submit Harvest Report Card within 30 days of taking a deer.

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS:**  
(1) SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS MUST SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF TAKING THE ANTLERS OF AN ANTLERED DEER OR TO THE EAR OF ANY OTHER DEER. HUNTERS WHO DO NOT SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT WITHIN 30 DAYS OF TAKING THE ANTLERS OF AN ANTLERED DEER OR TO THE EAR OF ANY OTHER DEER WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLAWFUL HUNTERS AND THOSE WHO DID NOT HUNT MUST ANSWER ALL APPLICABLE QUESTIONS IN THE REPORT CARD SECTION BELOW AND MUST SUBMIT A HARVEST REPORT BY JANUARY 31.  
HARVEST REPORTS CAN BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT: [wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing)  
A confirmation number will be provided for online reporting. Hunter must record the number on the Harvest Report Card.  
**REPORTS TO:**  
CDFW Wildlife Branch  
P.O. Box 944-2080  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2080

**NON-REPORTING PENALTY:**  
Hunters who do not submit a harvest report by January 31 will be assessed a non-reporting penalty fee when purchasing a deer tag or when submitting an application in the following calendar year.

**REPORT CARD QUESTIONS**

DID YOU HUNT DEER:  YES  NO  
NUMBER OF DAYS HUNTING DEER: \_\_\_\_\_  
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL:  YES  NO

HARVEST INFORMATION  
Doc No: D-0028168713-6  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM  
ZONE OF KILL:  A - North Unit  South Unit  
LOCALITY OF KILL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark)

## Hunted, Did Not Harvest

**21 DR**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG  
See Regulations for Season Dates

GO ID: 1070367172  
STATE ID: J123\*\*\* CA  
JOE DID NOT HUNT  
123 NOT HUNTING ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95835

SEX: M HAIR: Blonde EYES: Blue  
HT: 6-00 WT: 200 DOB: 01/01/1990

Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months

Doc No: D-0028168715-8 Outlet No: 310001-002  
Trans: 000000021398742 3/6/2020 2:44:25 PM  
Item: 015691150 Fee\* \$31.93

**Total: \$31.93**

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**D16**  
ZONE D16 ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK  
\*NONLEAD AMMO REQUIRED\*

**TAG MUST BE IN IMMEDIATE POSSESSION WHILE HUNTING**

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P.O. Box 944-2080  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2080

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**REPORT CARD QUESTIONS**

DID YOU HUNT DEER:  YES  NO  
NUMBER OF DAYS HUNTING DEER: \_\_\_\_\_  
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL:  YES  NO

HARVEST INFORMATION  
Doc No: D-0028168715-8  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM  
LOCALITY OF KILL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark)

## Hunted, Harvested

**21 DR**  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG  
See Regulations for Season Dates

GO ID: 1070367161  
STATE ID: J123\*\*\* CA  
JOHN UNSUCCESSFUL  
123 HUNTING ST  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95835

SEX: M HAIR: Brown EYES: Hazel  
HT: 6-01 WT: 200 DOB: 01/01/1985

Resident: I have resided in California continuously for the past 6 months

Doc No: D-0028168714-7 Outlet No: 310001-002  
Trans: 000000021398742 3/6/2020 2:44:25 PM  
Item: 015691250 Fee\* \$31.93

**Total: \$31.93**

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**B**  
B ZONES ARCHERY AND GENERAL SEASONS - BUCK  
Valid during the Archery and General Seasons in zones B1, B2, B3, B4, B5 and B6  
\*NONLEAD AMMO REQUIRED\*

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**REPORTS TO:**  
CDFW Wildlife Branch  
P.O. Box 944-2080  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2080

**NON-REPORTING PENALTY:**  
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**REPORT CARD QUESTIONS**

DID YOU HUNT DEER:  YES  NO  
NUMBER OF DAYS HUNTING DEER: \_\_\_\_\_  
WERE YOU SUCCESSFUL:  YES  NO

HARVEST INFORMATION  
Doc No: D-0028168714-7  
DATE: 8/6/19 TIME: 8:00 AM PM  
LOCALITY OF KILL: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Distance and Direction from Nearest Landmark)

## Harvest Report Card Portion

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

**21**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

Zone A Archery and General Seasons - Buck

Go ID: 1070367150  
State ID: J765\*\*\* CA  
Jane Hunter  
123 Jane E St  
Sacramento, CA 95835

Harvest Information: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Date: 8/24/20 5:00 PM  
Locality of Kill: King Ranch

Harvest Report Confirmation BR: 24387

Record your harvest report confirmation number here

- A confirmation number is provided if you submit your report online
- If you submit by mail, you will receive a confirmation number by email if you have an email address in your profile

Record your harvest report confirmation number here

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

**21**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

Zone D16 Archery and General Seasons - Buck

Go ID: 1070367172  
State ID: N123\*\*\* CA  
Joe Did Not Hunt  
123 Not Hunting St  
Sacramento, CA 95835

Harvest Information: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Date: 8/24/20 5:00 PM  
Locality of Kill: King Ranch

Harvest Report Confirmation BR: 24387

Upon harvesting a deer, cut along the dotted line to separate the Harvest Report Card (the top half) to the antler portion (the bottom half).

Record your harvest report confirmation number here

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

**21**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

Zone B Zones Archery and General Seasons - Buck

Go ID: 1070367161  
State ID: J123\*\*\* CA  
John Unsuccessful  
123 Hunting St  
Sacramento, CA 95835

Harvest Information: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Date: 8/24/20 5:00 PM  
Locality of Kill: King Ranch

Harvest Report Confirmation BR: 27345

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

**21**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
DEER TAG

Zone B Zones Archery and General Seasons - Buck

Go ID: 1070367161  
State ID: J123\*\*\* CA  
John Unsuccessful  
123 Hunting St  
Sacramento, CA 95835

Harvest Information: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20  
21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

Date: 8/24/20 5:00 PM  
Locality of Kill: King Ranch

Harvest Report Confirmation BR: 27345

Attach to Antler Portion

# HARVEST TAG REPORTING

## MANDATORY HARVEST REPORTING FOR ALL DEER TAG HOLDERS

Any person who is issued a deer tag must submit a harvest report card (CCR T14-708.5(b)):

- Successful hunters must submit a completed report within 30 days of taking a deer;
- Unsuccessful hunters; and
- Hunters who did not hunt must submit a completed report by answering the applicable questions on the harvest report card and submit the report by January 31.

## TWO WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR HARVEST REPORT:

### Online

Log in to your internet sales profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales) and follow the steps below:

1. Click the **"Harvest Reporting"** menu. Menu items are listed below your name and GO ID number. If you are using a mobile device, the list of menu items is the square box (with three lines) in the upper left corner of your screen.
2. Click **"Start Report"** button next to the tag you would like to report on. If you have **two of the same zone/hunt tag**, or you have **a duplicated tag**, you are required to key in the **Document Number** (located below the barcode). This is to ensure you are reporting the correct tag.
3. Answer the question **"What would you like to report?"** Pick the response from the drop box. Click on the **"Next"** button when you have answered (all) the required questions.
4. The data you entered will be re-displayed for you to review. Once you've reviewed the data, select the **"Confirm Data and Submit Report"** button to submit the report.
5. A pop-up window to confirm that your report is complete and accurate will open. Click on the **"Ok"** button to finish the reporting.
6. The confirmation number will be generated for you to write on your tag. You will still need to retain the tag until March 1. Tags reported online must be surrendered to CDFW upon demand.

### By Mail

Mail your deer tags to the address below:

#### CDFW Wildlife Branch

PO Box 944209

Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

## TAG VALIDATION AND COUNTERSIGNING REQUIREMENTS

All tag holders upon the killing of any big game shall immediately fill out all portions of the tag including the harvest report card. The tag shall be completely, legibly, and permanently filled out as listed:

- Fill out the effort questions
- Cut out or punch out notches for the month and date of kill. They must be completely cut out or punched out and removed.
- The antler portion of the license tag must be attached to the antlers of an antlered animal or to the ear of an antlerless animal immediately upon being killed.

Deer tag holders, whether successful, unsuccessful, or did not hunt, who fail to report by the January 31 deadline are subject to the non-reporting fee prior to the issuance of a deer tag or deer tag drawing application in the following year.

- Online harvest reporting closes at midnight on January 31.
- The harvest report card returned by mail must be postmarked by the January 31 deadline.
- If the harvest report card is submitted by mail and not received by the CDFW, it is considered not reported and charged the non-reporting fee.
- If the harvest report card is received late (failed to report by the January 31 deadline), the non-reporting fee will be charged.

### NON-REPORTING DEER TAG PENALTY

Deer tag holders who fail to submit a harvest report for any 2021 deer tag by January 31, 2022, will be assessed a \$21.60 non-reporting penalty fee when purchasing a deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the 2022 license year.

Deer and elk tags shall be countersigned before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest person authorized to countersign the license tag, on the route being followed from the point where taken.

Bear tags shall only be countersigned by a CDFW employee before transporting, except for the purpose of taking it to the nearest CDFW employee. If CDFW offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

GAME TAG	REPORTING REQUIREMENT	TAG COUNTERSIGN REQUIREMENT	LENGTH OF TIME TO RETAIN TAG
DEER	Successful hunters must report within 30 days of harvest or by January 31, whichever comes first. Unsuccessful hunters and hunters who did not hunt must report by January 31. Hunters who do not report by the deadline will be charged a non-reporting fee of \$21.60 when purchasing their deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the following license year.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see below)	Keep tag attached for 15 days thereafter the season closes. Retain harvest report cards submitted online until March 1.
BEAR	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately. Hunters who were unsuccessful or did not hunt must return report cards by February 1.	CDFW Staff Only	Retain head and skin for 15 days thereafter season closes.
ELK	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Persons Authorized to Validate (see below)	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closes.
PRONGHORN	Successful and unsuccessful hunters must return report cards within one week of season closure.	Not Required	Keep tag attached 15 days thereafter season closes.
BIGHORN SHEEP	Successful hunters must report by phone within 24 hours. Successful and unsuccessful report cards must be returned within 10 days of season closure.	CDFW Staff Only	N/A
WILD PIG	Successful hunters must return report cards immediately.	Not Required	N/A

## PERSONS AUTHORIZED TO VALIDATE OR COUNTERSIGN DEER AND ELK TAGS (CCR T14-708.6(c))\*

### State

- Fish and Game Commissioners
- Employees of the Department of Fish and Game, including Certified Hunter Education Instructors
- Employees of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
- Supervising Plant Quarantine Inspectors
- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Plant Quarantine Inspectors

### Federal

- Employees of the Bureau of Land Management
- Employees of the United States Forest Service
- Employees of the United States Fish & Wildlife Service
- All Uniformed Personnel of the National Park Service
- Commanding Officers of any United States military installation or their designated personnel for deer taken on their reservation
- Postmasters & Post Office Station or Branch Manager for deer brought to their post office

### Miscellaneous

- Firefighters employed on a full-time basis, only when the deer or elk carcass is brought to their fire station
- Judges or Justices of all state and United States courts
- Notaries Public
- Peace Officers (salaried & non-salaried)
- Officers authorized to administer oaths
- Owners, corporate officers, managers or operators of lockers or cold storage plants for deer brought to their place of business

\*No person may validate or countersign his/her own deer or elk tag (CCR T14-708.6(b)).

# 2020 PRELIMINARY DEER HARVEST BY ANTLER CLASS

The following table shows the percentage by antler class of forked-horn or better bucks and total reported buck harvest for zones and hunts as of 3/14/2021 (a).

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Archery Only Tags (b)	54.23%	27.36%	14.98%	3.42%	614
A Zone (South-110)	61.55%	30.59%	7.10%	0.76%	2775
A Zone (North-160)	53.61%	32.90%	12.32%	1.18%	2468
Zone B1	34.06%	39.93%	22.31%	3.70%	1107
Zone B2	46.83%	31.94%	18.29%	2.94%	1121
Zone B3	55.21%	31.27%	12.36%	1.16%	259
Zone B4	38.42%	41.38%	18.23%	1.97%	203
Zone B5	47.49%	35.79%	14.38%	2.34%	299
Zone B6	42.75%	31.88%	22.28%	3.08%	552
Zone C1	36.07%	32.79%	26.78%	4.37%	183
Zone C2	39.52%	37.13%	20.36%	2.99%	167
Zone C3	45.08%	37.12%	15.15%	2.65%	264
Zone C4	47.07%	35.64%	14.10%	3.19%	376
Zone D3	49.64%	32.59%	15.71%	2.05%	1120
Zone D4	48.12%	32.26%	14.25%	5.38%	372
Zone D5	40.86%	35.60%	19.50%	4.05%	1236
Zone D6	46.69%	34.32%	16.94%	2.06%	679
Zone D7	44.15%	30.32%	19.68%	5.85%	188
Zone D8	46.75%	33.13%	18.27%	1.86%	323
Zone D9	47.67%	37.82%	13.99%	0.52%	193
Zone D10	60.00%	30.00%	6.92%	3.08%	130
Zone D11	68.99%	25.19%	5.81%	0.00%	258
Zone D12	19.05%	25.71%	45.71%	9.52%	105
Zone D13	73.27%	21.78%	4.29%	0.66%	303
Zone D14	51.49%	30.65%	15.48%	2.38%	336

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Zone D15	54.55%	36.36%	9.09%	0.00%	44
Zone D16	54.46%	38.03%	6.57%	0.94%	213
Zone D17	29.23%	41.54%	24.62%	4.62%	130
Zone D19	61.11%	28.70%	8.33%	1.85%	108
Zone X1	29.91%	31.25%	33.48%	5.36%	224
Zone X2	23.19%	28.99%	40.58%	7.25%	69
Zone X3a	33.59%	35.11%	25.95%	5.34%	131
Zone X3b	36.02%	37.89%	22.36%	3.73%	161
Zone X4	35.90%	38.46%	22.44%	3.21%	156
Zone X5a	9.52%	66.67%	23.81%	0.00%	21
Zone X5b	8.57%	22.86%	45.71%	22.86%	35
Zone X6a	28.57%	27.73%	36.13%	7.56%	119
Zone X6b	30.77%	38.46%	27.47%	3.30%	91
Zone X7a	18.60%	27.91%	46.51%	6.98%	43
Zone X7b	37.50%	33.33%	20.83%	8.33%	24
Zone X8	33.90%	28.81%	32.20%	5.08%	59
Zone X9a	26.83%	51.22%	17.07%	4.88%	41
Zone X9b	26.09%	43.48%	26.09%	4.35%	23
Zone X9c	23.33%	44.44%	25.56%	6.67%	90
Zone X10	58.33%	8.33%	33.33%	0.00%	12
Zone X12	36.54%	31.73%	26.92%	4.81%	104
Hunt A1 (C1)	54.29%	22.86%	17.14%	5.71%	35
Hunt A1 (C2)	20.83%	33.33%	29.17%	16.67%	24
Hunt A1 (C3)	65.85%	24.39%	9.76%	0.00%	41
Hunt A1 (C4)	64.18%	25.37%	6.72%	3.73%	134
Hunt A3	28.57%	20.00%	45.71%	5.71%	35
Hunt A5	33.33%	33.33%	33.33%	0.00%	12

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Hunt A6	50.00%	18.75%	31.25%	0.00%	16
Hunt A7	36.84%	42.11%	18.42%	2.63%	38
Hunt A8	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	4
Hunt A9	0.00%	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	4
Hunt A11	52.94%	11.76%	17.65%	17.65%	17
Hunt A12	42.86%	33.33%	23.81%	0.00%	21
Hunt A13	12.50%	25.00%	37.50%	25.00%	8
Hunt A14	40.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	5
Hunt A15	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%	7
Hunt A16	35.71%	42.86%	21.43%	0.00%	14
Hunt A17	64.29%	35.71%	0.00%	0.00%	14
Hunt A18	70.00%	20.00%	10.00%	0.00%	20
Hunt A19	71.43%	14.29%	14.29%	0.00%	7
Hunt A20	42.86%	35.71%	21.43%	0.00%	14
Hunt A21	50.00%	16.67%	33.33%	0.00%	6
Hunt A22	52.38%	42.86%	4.76%	0.00%	21
Hunt A24	50.00%	30.00%	20.00%	0.00%	10
Hunt A25	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	0.00%	5
Hunt A26	4.76%	19.05%	61.90%	14.29%	21
Hunt A27	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	2
Hunt A30	14.29%	57.14%	0.00%	28.57%	7
Hunt A31	65.22%	17.39%	17.39%	0.00%	23
Hunt A32	22.22%	44.44%	22.22%	11.11%	9
Hunt A33	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	3
Hunt G1	41.32%	36.03%	19.83%	2.81%	605
Hunt G3	5.56%	11.11%	77.78%	5.56%	18
Hunt G6	13.33%	40.00%	40.00%	6.67%	15
Hunt G8	No Reported Antlered Buck Harvest				0
Hunt G12	20.00%	30.00%	40.00%	10.00%	10
Hunt G13	No Reported Antlered Buck Harvest				0
Hunt G19	14.29%	85.71%	0.00%	0.00%	7
Hunt G37	14.29%	35.71%	28.57%	21.43%	14
Hunt G38	69.23%	7.69%	7.69%	15.38%	13

Zone/Hunt	2 Point Bucks	3 Point Bucks	4 Point Bucks	5+ Point Bucks	Total Reported Buck Harvest
Hunt G39	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	1
Hunt J1	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1
Hunt J3	20.00%	30.00%	50.00%	0.00%	10
Hunt J4	25.00%	50.00%	25.00%	0.00%	12
Hunt J8	57.14%	28.57%	14.29%	0.00%	7
Hunt J9	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	2
Hunt J10	61.54%	23.08%	15.38%	0.00%	13
Hunt J11	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	8
Hunt J12	0.00%	33.33%	22.22%	44.44%	9
Hunt J13	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1
Hunt J14	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	6
Hunt J15	0.00%	14.29%	57.14%	28.57%	7
Hunt J16	No Reported Antlered Buck Harvest				0
Hunt J17	No Reported Antlered Buck Harvest				0
Hunt J18	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3
Hunt J19	63.64%	36.36%	0.00%	0.00%	11
Hunt J20	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4
Hunt J21	61.54%	30.77%	7.69%	0.00%	13
Hunt M3	0.00%	16.67%	75.00%	8.33%	12
Hunt M4	0.00%	50.00%	50.00%	0.00%	6
Hunt M5	20.00%	0.00%	60.00%	20.00%	5
Hunt M6	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1
Hunt M7	20.00%	60.00%	20.00%	0.00%	5
Hunt M8	50.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	6
Hunt M9	0.00%	11.11%	77.78%	11.11%	9
Hunt M11	7.69%	53.85%	38.46%	0.00%	13
Hunt MA1	66.67%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	9
Hunt MA3	35.00%	40.00%	20.00%	5.00%	20
Fund-raising Tags (b)	0.00%	25.00%	25.00%	50.00%	8
Statewide Total:	48.1%	33.0%	16.3%	2.7%	18990

(a) Table does not include percentages for antlerless, unclassified or spike bucks. Percentages may not total 100%.

(b) Archery Only and Fund-raising Tags are listed separately and are not included within the individual zone or hunt.

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<b>PD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11604</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>ZONE HUNTS</b>														
C	8150	7335	815	7395	0	7335	16	0	815	60	755	0		
D9	2000	1800	200	730	0	730	7	0	1270	0	1089	181		
D12	950	855	95	1148	0	855	6	0	95	95	0	0		
D14	3000	2700	300	1520	0	1520	8	0	1375	0	1087	288		
D17	500	450	50	1894	0	450	6	1	50	50	0	0		
X1	760	684	76	3777	0	684	15	2.5	76	76	0	0		
X2	189	171	18	2521	0	171	17	8.5	18	18	0	0		
X3A	354	319	35	1844	0	319	11	4	35	35	0	0		
X3B	794	715	79	2461	0	715	13	2.167	79	79	0	0		
X4	479	432	47	2385	0	432	13	3	47	47	0	0		
X5A	75	68	7	594	0	68	15	6	7	7	0	0		
X5B	50	45	5	2976	4	45	18	15	5	5	0	0		
X6A	329	297	32	2665	0	297	15	5	32	32	0	0		
X6B	309	279	30	1734	0	279	13	4	30	30	0	0		
X7A	229	207	22	2272	0	207	11	5	22	22	0	0		
X7B	134	121	13	944	0	121	13	4.5	13	13	0	0		
X8	210	189	21	1318	0	189	8.5	3	21	21	0	0		
X9A	269	243	26	4735	0	243	17	6	26	26	0	0		
X9B	230	207	23	947	0	207	10	2.5	23	23	0	0		
X9C	325	293	32	1102	0	293	7	2	32	32	0	0		
X10	400	360	40	635	0	360	8	0	40	40	0	0		
X12	349	315	34	4995	0	315	13	6	34	34	0	0		

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<b>APPRENTICE HUNTS</b>													
J1	25	13	12	77	0	13	3	1	12	12	0	0	
J3	15	8	7	303	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0	
J4	15	8	7	250	0	8	3	3	7	7	0	0	
J8	15	8	7	123	0	8	3	2	7	7	0	0	
J9	5	3	2	32	0	3	3	2	2	2	0	0	
J10	30	15	15	215	0	15	3	3	15	15	0	0	
J11	40	20	20	119	0	20	2	1	20	20	0	0	
J12	10	5	5	721	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0	
J13	40	20	20	57	0	20	2	0	20	20	0	0	
J14	30	15	15	34	0	15	2	0	15	15	0	0	
J15	10	5	5	316	0	5	3	3	5	5	0	0	
J16	75	38	37	94	0	38	3	0	37	37	0	0	
J17	25	13	12	47	0	13	3	0	12	12	0	0	
J18	75	38	37	117	0	38	3	0	37	37	0	0	
J19	25	13	12	157	0	13	3	2	12	12	0	0	
J20	20	10	10	68	0	10	3	2	10	10	0	0	
J21	50	25	25	237	0	25	3	2	25	25	0	0	
<b>ADDITIONAL HUNTS</b>													
G1	2710	2439	271	3629	1	2439	18	0	271	271	0	0	
G3	25	23	2	4728	275	23	18	18	2	2	0	0	
G6	50	45	5	1164	0	45	16	12	5	5	0	0	
G8	20	18	2	194	0	18	9	4	2	2	0	0	
G12	30	27	3	182	0	27	14	3	3	3	0	0	

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<b>ADDITIONAL HUNTS, continued</b>																
G13	300	270	30	779	0	270	6	1	30	30	0	0				
G19	25	23	2	363	0	23	11	5	2	2	0	0				
G21	25	23	2	132	0	23	8	2	2	2	0	0				
G37	25	23	2	2540	15	23	18	17	2	2	0	0				
G38	300	270	30	269	0	269	14	0	31	0	31	0				
G39	2	1	1	631	23	1	18	18	1	1	0	0				
<b>MUZZLELOADER HUNTS</b>																
M3	20	18	2	790	10	18	18	17	2	2	0	0				
M4	10	9	1	102	0	9	16	8	1	1	0	0				
M5	5	4	1	168	1	4	18	17	1	1	0	0				
M6	80	72	8	107	0	72	2	0	8	8	0	0				
M7	150	135	15	219	0	135	7	0	15	15	0	0				
M8	20	18	2	105	0	18	11	5	2	2	0	0				
M9	15	14	1	815	30	14	18	18	1	1	0	0				
M11	20	18	2	567	0	18	15	12	2	2	0	0				
MA1	150	135	15	158	0	135	3	0	15	15	0	0				
MA3	150	135	15	125	0	125	7	0	25	0	25	0				
<b>AREA - SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS</b>																
A1	1945	1751	194	681	0	681	5	0	1264	0	1264	0				
A3	100	90	10	402	0	90	6	2	10	10	0	0				
A4	10	9	1	99	1	9	18	8	1	1	0	0				
A5	40	36	4	112	0	36	5	2	4	4	0	0				

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<b>AREA - SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS, continued</b>																
A6	70	63	7	154	0	63	9	1	7	7	0	0				
A7	120	108	12	412	0	108	8	2	12	12	0	0				
A8	10	9	1	51	0	9	5	2	1	1	0	0				
A9	5	4	1	123	0	4	12	11	1	1	0	0				
A11	50	45	5	330	0	45	9	5	5	5	0	0				
A12	90	81	9	290	0	81	6.5	3	9	9	0	0				
A13	45	41	4	195	0	41	5	3	4	4	0	0				
A14	25	23	2	144	0	23	6	4	2	2	0	0				
A15	40	36	4	118	0	36	4	1	4	4	0	0				
A16	30	27	3	456	0	27	8	5	3	3	0	0				
A17	210	189	21	109	0	109	3	0	101	0	101	0				
A18	350	315	35	27	0	27	6	0	300	0	144	156				
A19	100	90	10	27	0	27	1	0	48	0	27	21				
A20	40	36	4	352	0	36	7	4	4	4	0	0				
A21	25	23	2	149	0	23	8	5	2	2	0	0				
A22	1000	900	100	589	0	589	5	0	378	0	307	71				
A24	100	90	10	203	0	90	6	1	10	10	0	0				
A25	35	32	3	135	0	32	5	2	3	3	0	0				
A26	30	27	3	553	0	27	16.5	12	3	3	0	0				
A27	10	9	1	244	0	9	17	13	1	1	0	0				
A30	40	36	4	247	0	36	9	4	4	4	0	0				
A31	1000	900	100	457	0	457	9	0	543	0	488	55				
A33	50	45	5	104	0	45	10	1	5	5	0	0				

# 2021 DEER HUNTS

**PREMIUM DEER ZONES and HUNTS** Applications for premium deer hunt tags awarded through the Big Game Drawing must be submitted to any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or telephone sales before midnight on June 2, 2021. You must use your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for a premium deer hunt tag. Exception: junior hunters may use a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts, but only one application may be used to apply for Apprentice Deer Hunts. Deer tag quotas and season dates were adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on February 10, 2021.

◆ – Tag quota filled in the 2020 Big Game Drawing conducted on June 10, 2020.

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY						
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
PD	Preference Point Only - Deer	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

GENERAL ZONES						
Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
C	C1 Zone General Seasons - Buck	15%	8150	◆	For Archery Deer Seasons in the C Zones See Hunt A-1	Sep 18 - Oct 17
	C2 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 18 - Oct 24
	C3 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 18 - Oct 24
	C4 Zone General Seasons - Buck					Sep 18 - Oct 3
D6	D6 Zone Archery and General Seasons - Buck	9%	10000	6/16/20	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 31
D9	D9 Zone Archery and General Seasons - Buck	12%	2000	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 25 - Oct 24
D12	D12 Zone Archery and General Seasons - Buck	14%	950	◆	Oct 2 - Oct 24	Nov 6 - Nov 28
D14	D14 Zone Archery and General Seasons - Buck	14%	3000	7/2/20	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 9 - Nov 7
D16	D16 Zone Archery and General Seasons - Buck	9%	3000	6/24/20	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 23 - Nov 21
D17	D17 Zone Archery and General Seasons - Buck	31%	500	◆	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 9 - Oct 31

**C Tag** is valid in zones **C1, C2, C3** and **C4** General Seasons only.

**C1** Large areas of private land where access is restricted. Some private land owned by timber companies is open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131; fair access. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**C2** Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**C3** Good access in middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151, and fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**C4** Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to public. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

**D6** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**D9** Good access on public land (559) 243-4005.

**D12** Extremely dry and hot desert deer zone. Wilderness areas severely restrict vehicle access; 4 X 4 recommended for entire zone.

**D14** Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167

**D16** Good access on public lands; higher elevations rugged (858) 467-4201.

**D17** Wilderness Area and Mojave National Preserve restrict vehicle access (909) 484-0167.

## X ZONES

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
X1	X1 Zone - General Season - Buck	39%	760	◆	For Archery in Zone X-1 See Hunt A-3	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X2	X2 Zone - General Season - Buck	49%	189	◆	For Archery in Zone X-2 See Hunt A-4	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X3A	X3A Zone - General Season - Buck	50%	354	◆	For Archery in Zone X-3a See Hunt A-5	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X3B	X3B Zone - General Season - Buck	28%	499	◆	For Archery in Zone X-3b See Hunt A-6	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X4	X4 Zone - General Season - Buck	41%	479	◆	For Archery in Zone X-4 See Hunt A-7	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X5A	X5A Zone - General Season - Buck	39%	75	◆	For Archery in Zone X-5a See Hunt A-8	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X5B	X5B Zone - General Season - Buck	76%	50	◆	For Archery in Zone X-5b See Hunt A-9	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X6A	X6A Zone - General Season - Buck	53%	329	◆	For Archery in Zone X-6a See Hunt A-11	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X6B	X6B Zone - General Season - Buck	42%	309	◆	For Archery in Zone X-6b See Hunt A-12	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X7A	X7A Zone - General Season - Buck	29%	229	◆	For Archery in Zone X-7a See Hunt A-13	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X7B	X7B Zone - General Season - Buck	30%	134	◆	For Archery in Zone X-7b See Hunt A-14	Oct 2 - Oct 17
X8	X8 Zone - General Season - Buck	38%	210	◆	For Archery in Zone X-8 See Hunt A-15	Sep 25 - Oct 10
X9A	X9A Zone - General Season - Buck	55%	269	◆	For Archery in Zone X-9a See Hunt A-16	Sep 18 - Oct 11
X9B	X9B Zone - General Season - Buck	21%	230	◆	For Archery in Zone X-9b See Hunt A-17	Sep 18 - Oct 11

**X1** Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Refer to National Forest maps or contact the Forest Service for details. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**X2** Good access on public lands administered by the Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Some Forest Service Roads may be closed to vehicles during the hunting season. Horse management activities may overlap with deer season. Contact the Forest Service for details.

**X3a** Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**X3b** Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office (530) 233-4666, or Surprise FieldOffice BLM property (530) 279-6101 for information. CDFW contact (530)233-3581.

**X4** Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**X5a** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

**X5b** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808. Four-wheel drive is needed on some roads.

**X6a** CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**X6b** Good access on public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**X7a** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**X7b** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**X8** Good access on public lands except two wilderness areas (916) 358-2900.

**X9a** Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

**X9b** Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

# Deer Zones and Additional Hunts

- A22 San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A24 Monterey Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A25 Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A26 Bass Hill Archery Buck Hunt
- A27 Devil's Garden Archery Buck Hunt
- A30 Covelo Archery Buck Hunt
- A31 Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A32 Ventura/Los Angeles Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- A33 Fort Hunter Liggett Archery Late Season Either-Sex Deer Hunt

## General

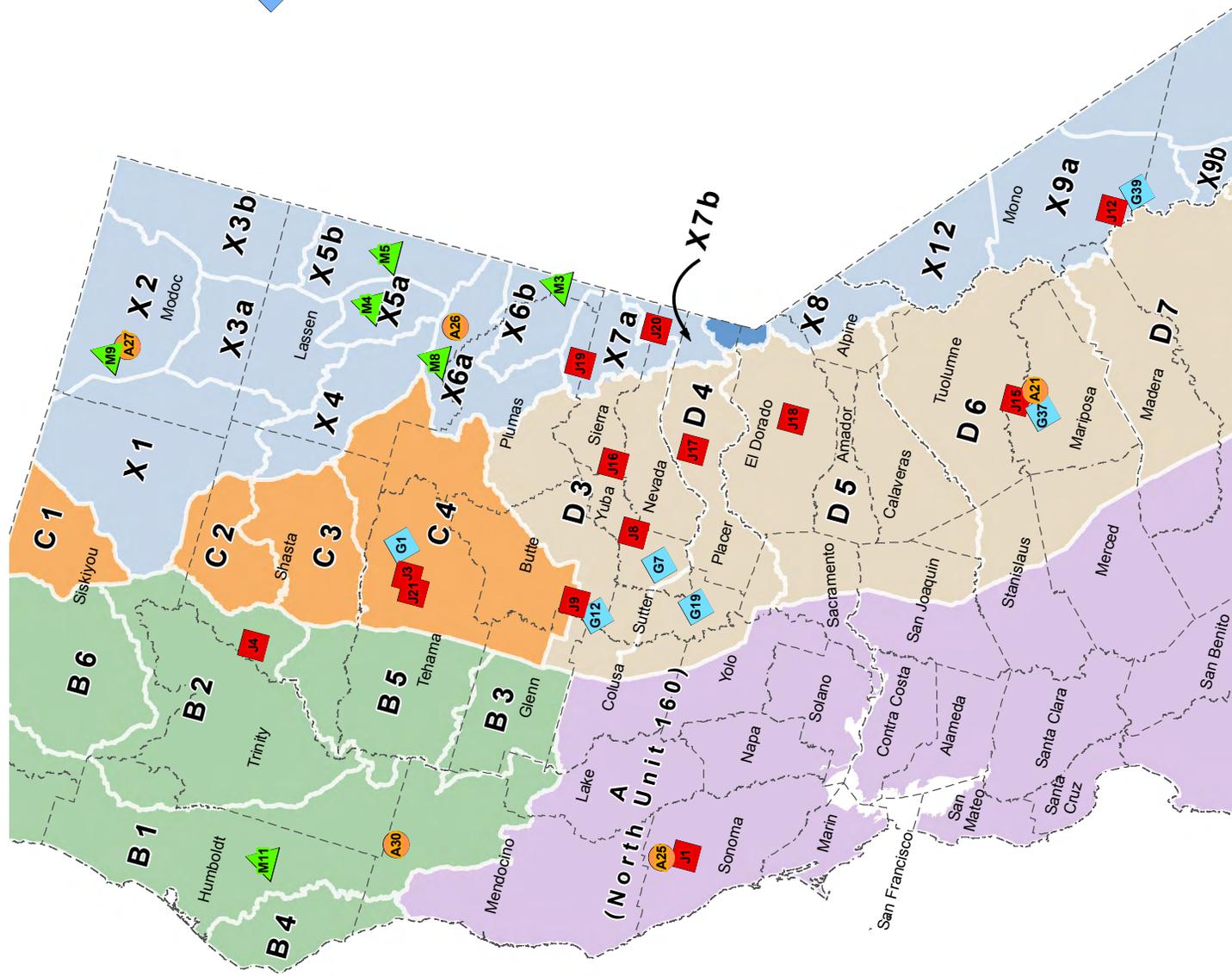
- G1 Late Season Buck Hunt for Zone C4
- G3 Goodale Buck Hunt
- G6 Kern River Deer Herd Buck Hunt
- G7 Beale Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only)
- G8 Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt
- G10 Camp Pendleton Either-Sex Deer Hunt (Military Only)
- G12 Gray Lodge Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- G13 San Diego Antlerless Deer Hunt
- G19 Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Area Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- G21 Ventana Wilderness Buck Hunt
- G37 Anderson Flat Buck Hunt
- G38 Late Season Buck Hunt in Zone X10
- G39 Round Valley Late Season Buck Hunt

## Apprentice

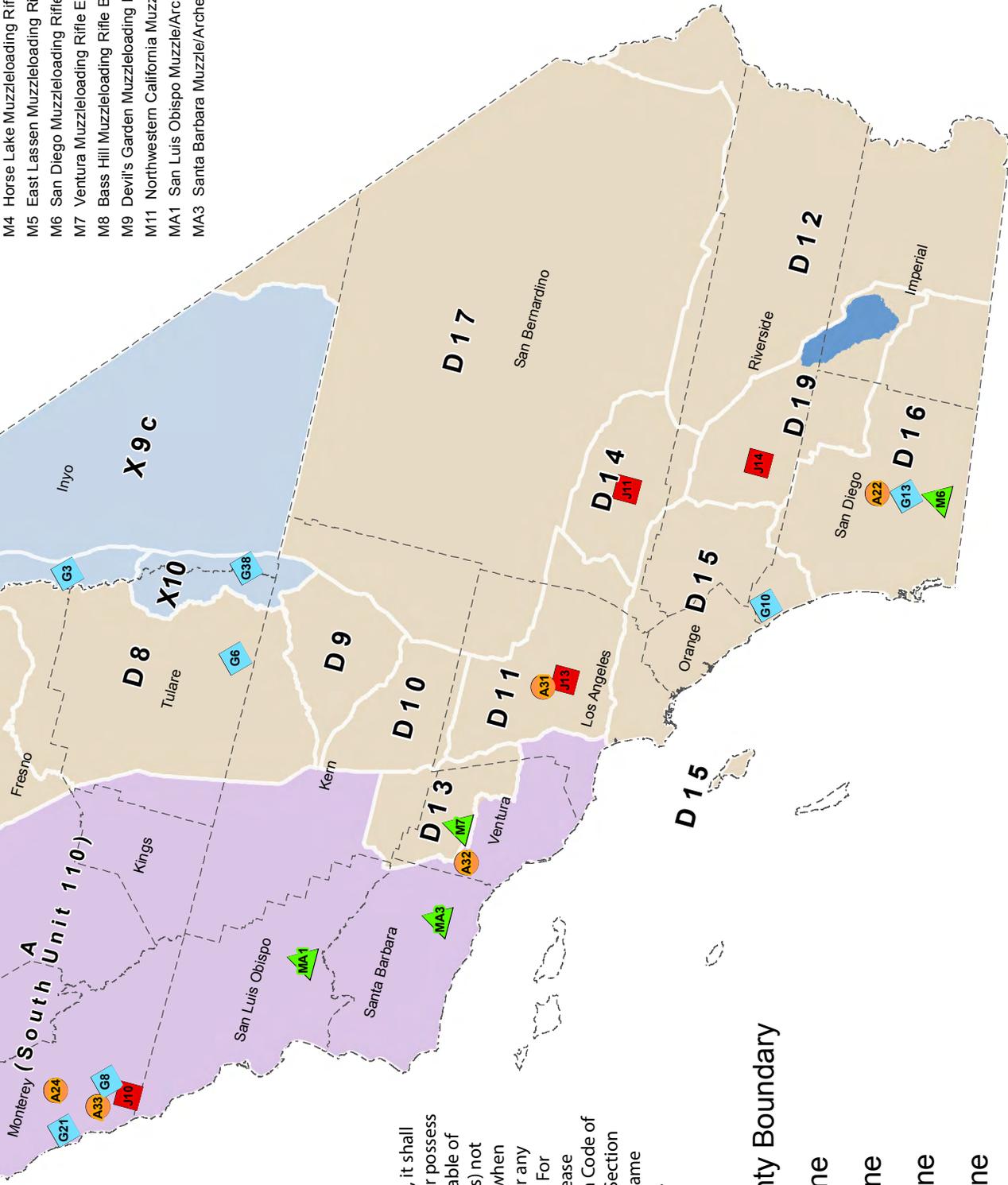
- J1 Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J3 Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J4 Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J8 Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J9 Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J10 Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J11 San Bernardino Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J12 Round Valley Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J13 Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J14 Riverside Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J15 Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck Hunt
- J16 Bucks Mountain/Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J17 Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J18 Pacific/Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J19 X7A Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J20 X7B Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- J21 East Tehama Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

 Muzzleloading Rifle

M3 Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt



- M4 Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M5 East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M6 San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Hunt
- M7 Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- M8 Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M9 Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- M11 Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck Hunt
- MA1 San Luis Obispo Muzzle/Archery Either-Sex Deer Hunt
- MA3 Santa Barbara Muzzle/Archery Buck Hunt



Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

**County Boundary**

- A Zone
- B Zone
- C Zone
- D Zone
- X Zone

## X ZONES, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
X9C	X9C Zone - General Season - Buck	36%	325	◆	For Archery in Zone X-9c See Hunt A-18	Oct 16 - Nov 7
X10	X10 Zone - General Season - Buck	4%	400	◆	For Archery in Zone X-10 See Hunt A-19	Sep 25 - Oct 10
X12	X12 Zone - General Season - Buck	51%	349	◆	For Archery in Zone X-12 See Hunt A-20	Sep 18 - Oct 11

**X9c** Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

**X10** Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

**X12** Good access on public lands; carry chains and shovel; cold weather late in season (760) 872-1171.

## GENERAL METHOD HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
G1	Late Season Buck Hunt in Zone C4 - General Methods	27%	2710	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Oct 31
G3	Goodale Buck - General Methods	78%	25	◆	N/A	Dec 4 - Dec 19
G6	Kern River Deer Herd Buck - General Methods	50%	50	◆	N/A	Dec 4 - Dec 12
G8	Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless - General Methods	75%	20	◆	N/A	Oct 2, 3, 9, 10, 11
G12	Gray Lodge - Shotgun Either-Sex	75%	30	◆	N/A	Sep 18 - Sep 26
G13	San Diego Antlerless - General Methods	24%	300	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Nov 14
G19	Sutter-Yuba Wildlife Areas Either-Sex - Shotgun/Archery/Crossbow	36%	25	◆	N/A	Sep 25 - Dec 31
G21	Ventana Wilderness Buck - General Methods	0%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 13 - Dec 5
G37	Anderson Flat Buck - General Methods	78%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Dec 5
G38	X-10 Zone - Late Season Buck - General Methods	5%	300	◆	N/A	Oct 16 - Oct 31
G39	Round Valley - Late Season Buck - General Methods	50%	2	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Nov 7

**G1** Late season tag, valid in **C4** only. Instructions for how to apply for the G1 Tehama Wildlife Area Access Permit can be found at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer#54774-zones--hunts](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer#54774-zones--hunts). CDFW contact 530-597-2201.

**G3** Good public access; unpredictable weather (760) 872-1171.

**G6** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**G8** Access fee required; date subject to change (831) 386-2214.

**G9** 2018 Hunt canceled due to base operations.

**G12** Gray Lodge Wildlife Area only; shotguns with solid slugs only (916)358-2900.

**G13** Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858)467-4201.

**G19** Archery-crossbow-shotguns with solid slugs only; all portions walk-in only (916) 358-2900.

**G21** Open only on lands designated USFS Ventana Wilderness Area in Monterey County; steep, rugged, brushy; vehicle restrictions (831) 649-2870.

**G37** Good access on National Forest Service lands (559) 243-4005.

**G38** Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

**G39** Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

## MUZZLELOADING HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
M3	Doyle Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	71%	20	◆	N/A	Nov 20 - Nov 28
M4	Horse Lake Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	75%	10	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Oct 31
M5	East Lassen Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	100%	5	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Oct 31
M6	San Diego Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex	6%	80	◆	N/A	Dec 18 - Dec 31
M7	Ventura Muzzleloading Rifle Either-Sex	24%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Dec 12
M8	Bass Hill Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	40%	20	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Oct 31
M9	Devil's Garden Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	60%	15	◆	N/A	Oct 23 - Nov 7
M11	Northwestern California Muzzleloading Rifle Buck	81%	20	◆	N/A	Nov 13 - Nov 28
MA1	San Luis Obispo Muzzleloading Rifle/ Archery Either-Sex	20%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Dec 12
MA3	Santa Barbara Muzzleloading Rifle/ Archery Buck	17%	150	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Dec 12

**M3** Good access on public lands. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M4** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M5** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M6** Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (858) 467-4201.

**M7** Good access; hunt on public lands (858) 467-4201.

**M8** Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**M9** Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**M11** Contact CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493 or CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**MA1** Open only on that portion of San Luis Obispo County lying within the Los Padres National Forest. Good access on public lands; rugged terrain (831) 649-2870.

**MA3** Fair access on public lands vehicle use limited (858) 467-4201.

## APPRENTICE HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
J1	Lake Sonoma Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	27%	25	◆	N/A	Nov 6 - Nov 7
J3	Tehama Wildlife Area Apprentice Buck - General Methods	77%	15	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Nov 28
J4	Shasta-Trinity Apprentice Buck - General Methods	92%	15	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Dec 5
J8	Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	58%	15	◆	N/A	Dec 4 - Dec 31
J9	Little Dry Creek Apprentice Shotgun Either-Sex	100%	5	◆	N/A	Sep 18 - Sep 26
J10	Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	74%	30	◆	N/A	Oct 2, 3, 9, 10, 11

**J1** Rugged oak/grassland habitat with good deer numbers. Boats required in two-thirds of area. No dogs allowed (707) 944-5500.

**J3** Hunt area is restricted to CDFW's Tehama Wildlife Area. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

**J4** Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2300 and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**J8** Good access. Wildlife Area only (916) 358-2900.

**J9** Good access. Wildlife Area only. Shotguns using slugs only (916) 358-2900.

**J10** Season subject to change by Commanding Officer (831) 386-2214.

## APPRENTICE HUNTS, continued

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
J11	San Bernardino Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	58%	40	◆	N/A	Nov 20 - Nov 28
J12	Round Valley Apprentice Buck - General Methods	100%	10	◆	N/A	Dec 4 - Dec 19
J13	Los Angeles Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	54%	40	◆	N/A	Nov 20 - Nov 28
J14	Riverside Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	58%	30	◆	N/A	Nov 20 - Nov 28
J15	Anderson Flat Apprentice Buck - General Methods	78%	10	◆	N/A	Nov 27 - Dec 5
J16	Bucks Mountain-Nevada City Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	48%	75	◆	N/A	Sep 25 - Oct 31
J17	Blue Canyon Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	45%	25	◆	N/A	Sep 25 - Oct 31
J18	Pacific - Grizzly Flat Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	32%	75	◆	N/A	Sep 25 - Oct 31
J19	X7A Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	79%	25	◆	N/A	Oct 2 - Oct 17
J20	X7B Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	71%	20	◆	N/A	Oct 2 - Oct 17
J21	East Tehama Apprentice Either-Sex - General Methods	60%	50	◆	N/A	Sep 18 - Oct 31

**J11** Within **D14** and San Bernardino County only. Fair access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

**J12** Good access; 4 X 4 recommended; carry chains and shovel (760) 872-1171.

**J13** Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200 for closure information (858) 467-4201.

**J14** Within zone **D19** and Riverside County only. Good access on public lands (909) 484-0167.

**J15** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**J16** Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Butte, Colusa and Glenn counties.

**J17** Good access on National Forest lands; Mostly private at lower elevations. (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Colusa County.

**J18** Good access on National Forest lands; mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900. Please note: exclusion of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and Tuolumne counties.

**J19** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**J20** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**J21** Good access in eastern portion on public lands administered primarily by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Tehama Wildlife Area is not open to J21 hunters during the G1 season. CDFW contact (530) 529-7162.

## NON-REPORTING OF 2021 DEER TAGS WILL BE ASSESSED A PENALTY

Deer tag holders who fail to submit a harvest report for any 2021 deer tag by January 31, 2022, will be assessed a \$21.60 non-reporting fee when purchasing a deer tag drawing application or deer tag in the 2022 license year.

## AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
A1	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-1 Season)	15%	1945	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 5	N/A
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-2 Season)				Aug 21 - Sep 12	
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-3 Season)				Aug 21 - Sep 12	
	C Zones Archery Only Hunt (Zone C-4 Season)				Aug 21 - Sep 5	
A3	Archery Hunt in X1 - Buck	42%	100	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A4	Archery Hunt in X2 - Buck	0%	10	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A5	Archery Hunt in X3A - Buck	33%	40	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A6	Archery Hunt in X3B - Buck	27%	70	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A7	Archery Hunt in X4 - Buck	40%	120	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A8	Archery Hunt in X5A - Buck	44%	10	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A9	Archery Hunt in X5B - Buck	80%	5	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A11	Archery Hunt in X6A - Buck	43%	50	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A12	Archery Hunt in X6B - Buck	27%	90	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A13	Archery Hunt in X7A - Buck	20%	45	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A14	Archery Hunt in X7B - Buck	23%	25	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A15	Archery Hunt in X8 - Buck	23%	40	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A16	Archery Hunt in X9A - Buck	50%	30	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A17	Archery Hunt in X9B - Buck	8%	210	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A18	Archery Hunt in X9C - Buck	6%	350	7/2/20	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A

**A1** tag is valid in zones **C1, C2, C3** and **C4** during the Archery Season only.

**A1-C1** Fair access. Much private land, some owned by timber companies and open to hunting. Most public land is administered by Klamath National Forest; (530) 842-6131. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**A1-C2** Good access, mostly public land administered by the Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500 and private timber companies open to hunting. CDFW contact (530) 225-2300.

**A1-C3 and C4** Good access at middle and higher elevations on Lassen National Forestland (530) 257-2151. Fair access on private timberlands open to hunting. Sierra Pacific Industries property is restricted to walking only; no motorized vehicle access behind locked gates without Sierra Pacific Industries' prior written permission. Lower elevations are largely private property where access is restricted. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**A3** Good access on public lands administered by Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Shasta Trinity N.F. (530) 226-2500, Modoc N.F. (530)233-5811; no shooting within two-mile radius of Medicine Lake. Road management areas within zone - refer to national forest maps for detail. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**A4** Good access on public lands, primarily administered by Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A5** Good access on Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811 and Alturas Field Office BLM lands (530) 233-4666. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A6** Good access to public land. Contact the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811, Alturas Field Office BLM (530) 233-4666, or Surprise Field Office BLM lands (530) 279-6101 for more information. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A7** Good access on public lands, primarily administered by the Lassen National Forest (530) 257-2151. Most private timberland open for public hunting. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**A8-A9** Good access on public lands administered by the Eagle Lake Field Office BLM (530) 257-0456. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**A11** CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**A12** Good access to public lands. CDFW Lassen County contact (530) 254-6808. CDFW Plumas County contact (916) 358-2900.

**A13** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**A14** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**A15** Good access on public lands (916) 358-2900.

**A16** Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

**A17** Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

**A18** Wilderness areas/Death Valley Park expansion restrict vehicle access and open hunting areas (760) 872-1171.

## AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS, continued

A19	Archery Hunt in X10 - Buck	8%	100	7/2/20	Aug 21 - Sep 5	N/A
A20	Archery Hunt in X12 - Buck	45%	40	◆	Aug 21 - Sep 12	N/A
A21	Anderson Flat Archery Buck	29%	25	◆	Nov 13 - Nov 26	N/A
A22	San Diego Archery Either-Sex Deer - Split Season Hunt	5%	1000	7/2/20	Sep 4 - Oct 17	N/A
					Nov 20 - Dec 31	
A24	Monterey Archery Either-Sex	19%	100	◆	Oct 9 - Nov 7	N/A
A25	Lake Sonoma Archery Either-Sex	23%	35	◆	Oct 2 - Oct 25	N/A
A26	Bass Hill Archery Buck	78%	30	◆	Nov 20 - Dec 12	N/A
A27	Devil's Garden Archery Buck	22%	10	◆	Oct 23 - Nov 7	N/A
A30	Covelo Archery Buck	47%	40	◆	Nov 13 - Nov 28	N/A
A31	Los Angeles Archery Either-Sex	8%	1000	◆	Sep 25 - Dec 31	N/A
A32	Ventura/Los Angeles Late Season Archery Either-Sex	9%	250	7/2/20	Nov 13 - Dec 5	N/A
A33	Fort Hunter Liggett Late Season Archery Either-Sex	15%	50	◆	Oct 2 - Nov 11	N/A

**A19** Adequate access on public lands with steep, rough terrain (559) 243-4005.

**A20** Good access on public lands (760) 872-1171.

**A21** Good public access on national forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**A24** Fair access on public land; steep terrain; possible fire closures on National Forest lands (831) 649-2870.

**A25** Sat-Sun-Mon only; rugged terrain, oak/grassland and chaparral habitat with good deer numbers (707) 944-5500.

**A26** Mostly private land in hunt area, but good access on those lands that are public. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.

**A27** Good access on public lands managed by the Modoc National Forest (530) 233-5811. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

**A30** Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, and Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493, CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**A31** Good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information: (626) 574-5200.

**A32** Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest (858) 467-4201. Closure information (626) 574-5200.

**A33** Season subject to change by commanding officer. Access fee required (831) 386-2214.

**RESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** There are no deer tags listed in the Restricted Deer Hunts Classification for the 2021 license year. In the 2020 license year, there were no deer tag quotas that filled on or before the first business day after August 1.

**UNRESTRICTED DEER HUNTS** Unrestricted deer hunt tags are issued upon request until tag quotas fill. You may use your First-Deer Tag and/or Second-Deer Tag to apply for unrestricted deer hunt tags. Deer tag quotas and season dates were adopted by the Fish and Game Commission on February 10, 2021.

× – Tag quota did not fill in 2020.

## AREA-SPECIFIC ARCHERY HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
AO	Archery-Only	10%	100000	×	Valid during the archery and general seasons in the A, B, and D Zones, and Hunt G-10 (Archery Methods Only); NOT valid during and C or X Zone season or hunt.	

**AO** Archery only (AO) Tags are valid for archery equipment during the archery and general seasons in zones A, B, any D zone, hunt G10 (military personnel only).

## GENERAL DEER ZONES

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Estimated Hunter Success	2021 Tag Quota	Date Tag Quota Filled	2021 Archery Season Dates	2021 General Season Dates
A	A Zone	25%	65000	×	Jul 10 - Aug 1	Aug 14 - Sep 26
B	B1	14%	35000	8/8/20	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 24
	B2				Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 24
	B3				Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 24
	B4				Jul 24 - Aug 15	Aug 28 - Oct 3
	B5				Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 24
	B6				Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 17
D3-5	D3-5 Zones	11%	33000	9/1/20	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 25 - Oct 31
D7	D7 Zone	3%	9000	8/5/20	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 18 - Oct 31
D8	D8 Zone	7%	8000	×	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 25 - Oct 24
D10	D10 Zone	26%	700	×	Aug 21 - Sep 12	Sep 25 - Oct 24
D11	D11 Zone	9%	5500	×	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 9 - Nov 7
D13	D13 Zone	11%	4000	×	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 9 - Nov 7
D15	D15 Zone	7%	1500	×	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 9 - Nov 7
D19	D19 Zone	10%	1500	8/9/20	Sep 4 - Sep 26	Oct 2 - Oct 31

**A** Mostly private land. Public access on BLM and National Forest lands. For specific information regarding these areas contact the local BLM field office or National Forest at: Ukiah BLM (707) 468-4000, Hollister BLM (831) 630-5000, or Bakersfield BLM, (661) 391-6000; Mendocino NF in Willows (530) 934-3316, or Los Padres NF in Goleta (805) 968-6640. For additional information contact the nearest Department Regional office.

**B** Zone B Tag is valid in Zones **B1 - B6**

**B1** Good public access to Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316, Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, Arcata Field Office BLM lands (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

**B2** Good public access on Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 934-3316, Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131, Six Rivers National Forest (707) 442-1721, and Redding Field Office BLM lands (530) 224-2100. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**B3** Good public access to Mendocino National Forest lands in western part of hunt area (530) 934-3316 CDFW Rancho Cordova office (916) 358-2900.

**B4** Largely private, limited public access on King Range Conservation area, administered by Arcata Field Office BLM (707) 825-2300. CDFW Eureka office (707) 445-6493.

**B5** In the western portion of the zone, public access is good on Mendocino National Forest (530) 934-3316 and Shasta Trinity National Forest (530) 226-2500. CDFW Redding office (530) 225-2300.

**B6** Public access good in Klamath National Forest (530) 842-6131. Foothills of Scott and Shasta valleys are largely private. CDFW contact (530) 459-3164.

**D3-5** Tag is valid in Zones **D3, D4** and **D5**. Good public access on National Forest lands, mostly private at lower elevations (916) 358-2900.

**D7** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**D8** Good public access on National Forest lands (559) 243-4005.

**D10** No public land available; hunting normally restricted to landowners and permittees (559) 243-4005.

**D11** Tag good for **D11, D13** and **D15**, but not Camp Pendleton. Mostly good access on public land except closures in Angeles National Forest. Call (626) 574-5200; for closure information (858) 467-4201.

**D13** Tag good for **D11, D13** and **D15**, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands; portion of zone on private lands (858) 467-4201.

**D15** Tag good for **D11, D13** and **D15**, but not Camp Pendleton. Good access on public lands (858) 467-4201.

**D19** Good access on public lands; rugged terrain at higher elevations (909) 484-0167.

# SHARE



Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife



## SHARE PROGRAM HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES – FALL 2021

### ELK OPPORTUNITIES

SHARE elk hunts will be offered in Colusa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Shasta, and Siskiyou counties, for a total of:

- 44 bull tags
- 45 antlerless tags
- 2 junior only either-sex tags
- 4 junior only antlerless tags

Property and application information will be posted on the SHARE webpage on **May 14, 2021**. Preference points will not be utilized (gained or lost) for SHARE elk hunts.

### OTHER SHARE HUNTS

- Colusa and Solano Counties - wild pig
- Santa Barbara County - deer (D-13 and A zone), bear, wild pig, turkey, dove and quail
- Siskiyou County - B6 deer hunt
- Merced County - waterfowl, dove, pheasant
- Tulare County - bear, turkey, dove, quail

For more information about these hunts or the SHARE Program please visit the website at: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/SHARE)



R. Corsetti, Del Norte SHARE Hunt



Jake L., Rush Ranch SHARE Hunt



Nick V., Merced SHARE Hunt

# ELK, PRONGHORN & BIGHORN SHEEP

## ELK, PRONGHORN & BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING INFORMATION

For the 2021 Big Game Drawing, 19 is the maximum number of preference points for any species a hunter can have. To look up your preference points totals log on to your customer profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales) and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page.

By law, you may only submit one application for each species. Any person submitting multiple applications for the same species will be rejected from the drawing and may be prosecuted. All applicants must submit the \$8.13 nonrefundable processing fee for their application.

## ELK AND PRONGHORN TAG APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must be 12 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2021, and possess a valid 2021-22 California hunting license. Only one nonresident may be drawn for an elk or pronghorn tag annually.

## APPRENTICE ELK & PRONGHORN HUNTS

Applicants must possess a valid 2021-22 California Junior Hunting License. If drawn, junior hunters must be accompanied when hunting, by a licensed adult chaperone at least 18 years of age.

## BIGHORN SHEEP TAG APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age or older on or before July 1, 2021, and possess a valid 2021-22 California hunting license and must not have drawn a California bighorn sheep tag in any prior year.

Not more than 10 percent of the bighorn sheep tags shall be awarded to non-residents each year.

Applicants cannot apply as a party for a bighorn sheep tag.

## MANDATORY BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT ORIENTATION

Successfully drawn applicants and recipients of fundraising tags must complete the hunter orientation requirement.

## APPLYING AS A PARTY

Up to two residents may apply as a party. Nonresidents cannot apply as a party for elk or pronghorn tags. See page 13 for instructions on applying as a party.

If your party is drawn for the last available tag, the party leader will be awarded the tag and the party member will become the first alternate for that hunt. Parties drawn as alternates will be awarded unclaimed tags on an individual basis, in the order drawn.

**Bighorn sheep applicants may not apply as a party.**

## CHECK YOUR BIG GAME DRAWING RECEIPT CAREFULLY!

All applicants will receive a Drawing Receipt containing the applicants name, hunt choice, accumulated preference points and a Party Number. Applicants should verify the information on their Drawing Receipt before leaving the sales counter. If any of the information is incorrect, the sales clerk must cancel the Drawing Receipt document and 're-sell' the application with the correct information. License agents have only four hours to cancel a sale. If the transaction has exceeded the four-hour limit when the discrepancy is found, the applicant must contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov) to make any corrections.

## DRAWING RESULTS

Applicants may look up their drawing results on or around June 17, 2021 by entering their customer information on CDFW's website at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales) and click on 'View My Draw Application/Preference Points' at the top of the page. On the same day, drawing results will be available by phone during regular business hours from CDFW license sales offices.

Successful elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep applicants and alternates should receive notices in the mail by July 2, 2021. Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified by mail.

## TAG FEES & PAYMENT DEADLINE

Fee payments from successful applicants for elk and pronghorn tags must be received by the designated CDFW license sales office or purchased online by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2021. Fee payments for bighorn sheep tags must be received by CDFW's License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. on July 15, 2021. Should there be unclaimed tags for any hunt after that date, the alternate list for that hunt shall be used. Tags will be awarded on an individual basis in the order drawn.

**Elk Tag Fee:**

Resident - \$498.65  
 Nonresident - \$1,526.60  
 Resident Junior - \$22.94

**Pronghorn Tag Fee:**

Resident - \$167.66  
 Nonresident - \$513.60  
 Resident Junior - \$22.94

**Bighorn Sheep Tag Fee:**

Resident - \$456.50  
 Nonresident - \$1,690.75

**DEFINITIONS**

**Antlerless Elk:** Any elk, with the exception of spotted calves, with antlers less than four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull. CCR T14-364(l)(3).

**Bull Elk:** Any elk having an antler or antlers at least four inches in length as measured from the top of the skull. CCR T14-364(l)(1).

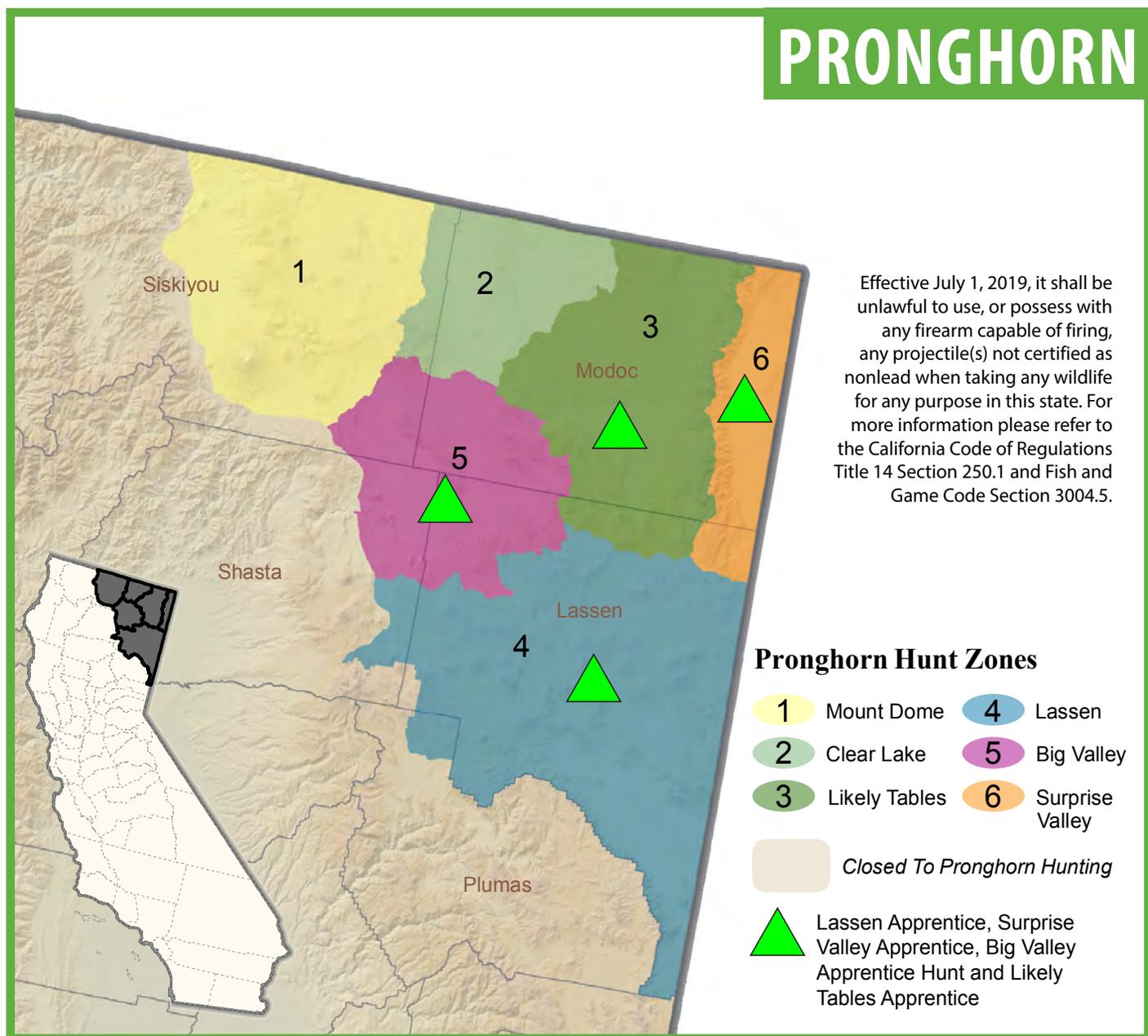
**Either-Sex Elk:** Bull elk, spike elk, or antlerless elk. CCR T14-364(l)(4).

**Spike Bull Elk:** A bull elk having no more than one point on each antler. An antler point is a projection of the antler at least one inch long and longer than the width of its base. CCR T14-364(l)(2).

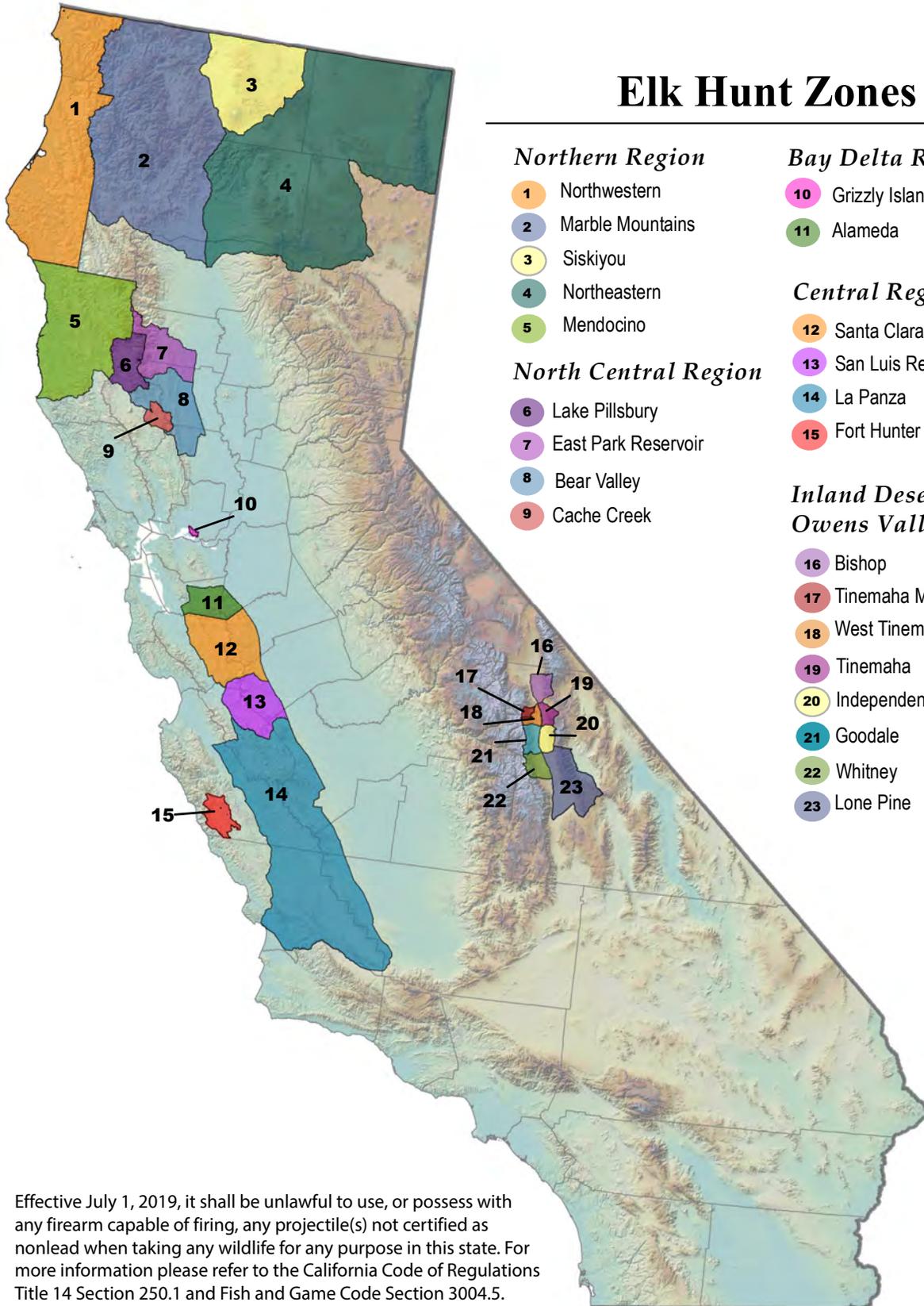
**Buck Pronghorn:** Pronghorn with horns longer than the ears. CCR T14-363(l)(2).

**Doe Pronghorn:** Pronghorn with horns shorter than the ears. CCR T14-363(l)(2).

**Either-Sex Pronghorn:** Buck or doe pronghorn. CCR T14-363(l)(2).



## Elk Hunt Zones



### Northern Region

- 1 Northwestern
- 2 Marble Mountains
- 3 Siskiyou
- 4 Northeastern
- 5 Mendocino

### North Central Region

- 6 Lake Pillsbury
- 7 East Park Reservoir
- 8 Bear Valley
- 9 Cache Creek

### Bay Delta Region

- 10 Grizzly Island
- 11 Alameda

### Central Region

- 12 Santa Clara
- 13 San Luis Reservoir
- 14 La Panza
- 15 Fort Hunter Liggett

### Inland Deserts Region Owens Valley Hunts

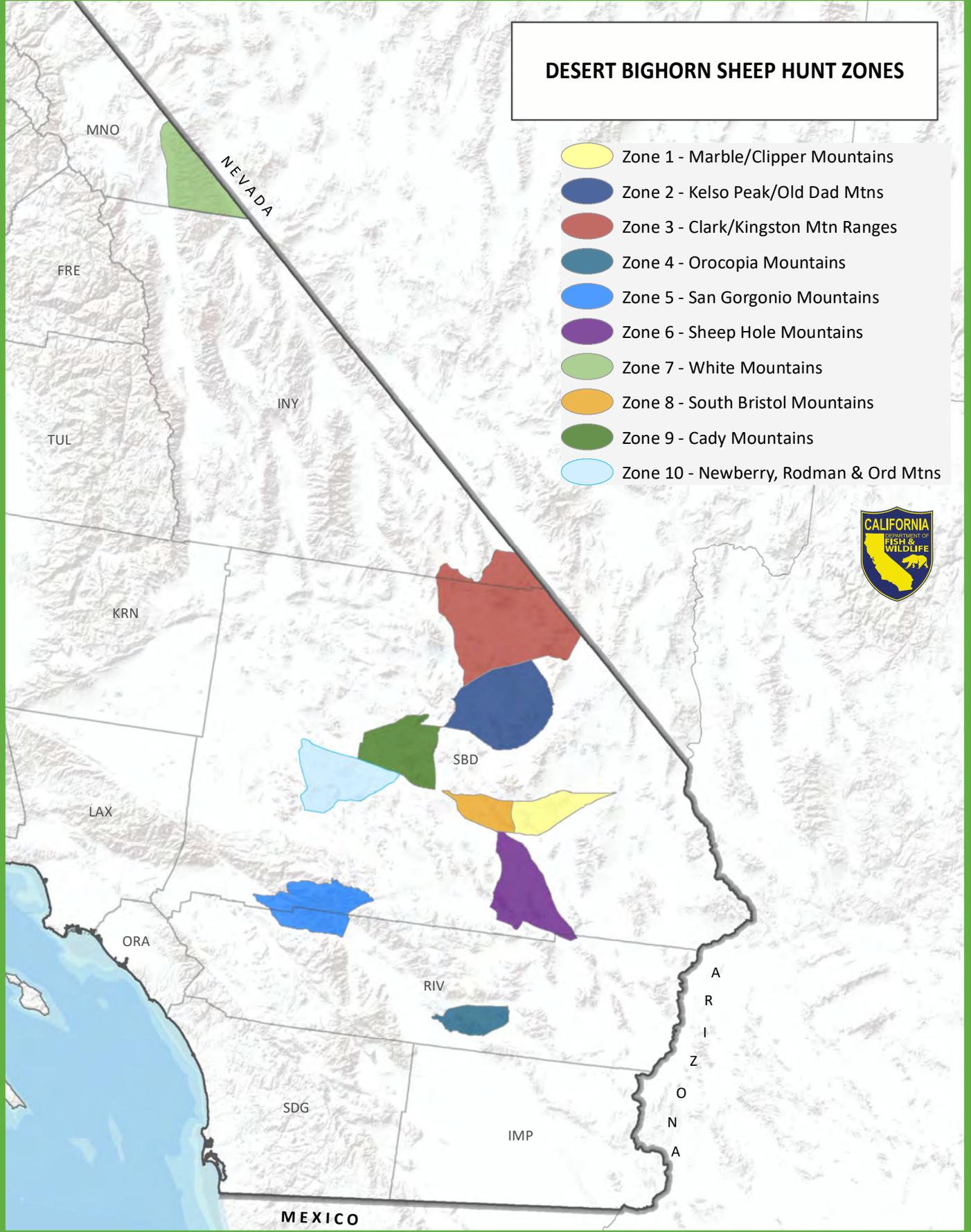
- 16 Bishop
- 17 Tinemaha Mountain
- 18 West Tinemaha
- 19 Tinemaha
- 20 Independence
- 21 Goodale
- 22 Whitney
- 23 Lone Pine

Effective July 1, 2019, it shall be unlawful to use, or possess with any firearm capable of firing, any projectile(s) not certified as nonlead when taking any wildlife for any purpose in this state. For more information please refer to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 250.1 and Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5.

# DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

## DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP HUNT ZONES

-  Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains
-  Zone 2 - Kelso Peak/Old Dad Mtns
-  Zone 3 - Clark/Kingston Mtn Ranges
-  Zone 4 - Orocopia Mountains
-  Zone 5 - San Geronio Mountains
-  Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains
-  Zone 7 - White Mountains
-  Zone 8 - South Bristol Mountains
-  Zone 9 - Cady Mountains
-  Zone 10 - Newberry, Rodman & Ord Mtns



# 2020 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Tag Quota	Random Tag Quota	Total Applicants	Number of Max Point Applicants*
499	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - ELK	0	0	0	10203	474
<b>APPRENTICE HUNTS</b>						
484	CACHE CREEK APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	201	0
471	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	34	0
472	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	283	0
466	GRIZZLY ISLAND APPRENTICE - PERIOD 1 - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	197	0
469	GRIZZLY ISLAND APPRENTICE - PERIOD 2 - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	231	0
464	LA PANZA PERIOD 1 APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	58	0
408	MARBLE MOUNTAIN APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	4	3	1	267	0
409	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	2	1	1	344	0
<b>ANTLERLESS HUNTS</b>						
329	BEAR VALLEY - GENERAL METHOD - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	73	0
416	CACHE CREEK PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	230	0
463	EAST PARK RESERVOIR - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	170	0
450	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT - ARCHERY - ANTLERLESS	8	6	2	136	0
448	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	6	5	1	235	0
365	GOODALE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	108	0
366	GOODALE PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	73	0
433	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	2	1	1	579	4
358	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 9 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	570	1
360	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 11 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	282	0
363	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 13 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	289	1
368	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	196	0
370	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	168	1
417	LA PANZA PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	5	4	1	207	1
418	LA PANZA PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	6	5	1	238	0
331	LAKE PILLSBURY - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	4	3	1	287	1
337	LONE PINE PERIOD 1 - ARCHERY - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	80	0
301	MARBLE MOUNTAIN - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	8	6	2	252	0
304	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	10	8	2	467	3
374	NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	15	12	3	174	0
401	SISKIYOU - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	20	15	5	381	0
324	WHITNEY PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - ANTLERLESS	1	0	1	101	0

# 2020 ELK TAG DRAWING STATISTICS, CONTINUED

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Tag Quota	Random Tag Quota	Total Applicants	Number of Max Point Applicants*
<b>BULL HUNTS</b>						
330	BEAR VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	381	16
406	CACHE CREEK PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	1023	36
461	EAST PARK RESERVOIR - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	996	146
373	GOODALE PERIOD 1 - BULL	1	0	1	329	24
359	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 10 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	3	2	1	3012	393
362	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 12 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	3	2	1	1387	172
447	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	8	6	2	1444	108
367	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 1 - MUZZLELOADER - BULL	1	0	1	331	16
369	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	591	33
371	INDEPENDENCE PERIOD 3 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	333	23
419	LA PANZA PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	6	5	1	796	68
420	LA PANZA PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	6	5	1	736	52
332	LAKE PILLSBURY - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	1077	77
486	LONE PINE PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	835	55
302	MARBLE MOUNTAIN - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	34	26	8	2541	23
328	MENDOCINO - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	2	1	1	404	10
305	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	15	12	3	4225	427
355	NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	3	2	1	1120	24
422	OWENS VALLEY MULTIPLE ZONE - ARCHERY - BULL	3	2	1	1019	116
300	SISKIYOU - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	20	15	5	1127	16
315	WEST TINEMAHA PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	232	11
323	WHITNEY PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BULL	1	0	1	155	8
<b>EITHER-SEX HUNTS</b>						
449	FORT HUNTER LIGGETT - ARCHERY - EITHER SEX	6	5	1	626	24
303	MARBLE MOUNTAIN - MUZZLELOADER/ARCHERY - EITHER SEX	10	8	2	482	0
411	NORTHEASTERN CALIFORNIA - ARCHERY - EITHER SEX	10	8	2	692	16
483	NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	3	2	1	571	12
497	SAN LUIS RESERVOIR - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	5	4	1	1066	28
<b>SPIKE BULL HUNTS</b>						
437	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - SPIKE BULL	2	1	1	316	1
357	GRIZZLY ISLAND PERIOD 8 - GENERAL METHODS - SPIKE BULL	6	5	1	310	4

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# 2021 ELK HUNTS

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY				
Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Preference Point Only - Elk	<b>499</b>	10,203		Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2021.

**APPRENTICE HUNTS** - Applicants must be under 18 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (CCR T14-708.11(b)(2)).

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Cache Creek Period 1 bull (Apprentice, Tule)	<b>484</b>	100	1	Oct 9–Oct 24
Fort Hunter Liggett bull (Apprentice, Tule)	<b>472</b>	100	1	Dec 28–Jan 9
Fort Hunter Liggett antlerless (Apprentice, Tule)	<b>471</b>	100	1	Dec 28–Jan 9
Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless (Apprentice, Tule)	<b>466</b>	100	2	Aug 17–20
Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull (Apprentice, Tule)	<b>469</b>	100	2	Aug 19–22
La Panza antlerless (Apprentice, Tule)	<b>464</b>	100	1	Oct 9–31
Marble Mountains either-sex (Apprentice, Roosevelt)	<b>408</b>	50	4	Sept 8–19
Northeastern California either-sex (Apprentice, Rocky Mountain)	<b>409</b>	50	2	Sept 15–26

**408** See Roosevelt hunt **301** and **302** for comments.  
**464** See Tule hunt **417** and **419** for comments.  
**409** See Rocky Mountain hunt **304** and **305** for comments.

**466** and **469** See Tule hunts **433** and **437** for comments.  
**484** See Tule hunt **406** for comments.  
**472** and **471** See Tule hunt **449** for comments.

## ARCHERY

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only antlerless (Tule)	<b>450</b>	43	8	Nov 6–14
Fort Hunter Liggett Archery only either-sex (Tule)	<b>449</b>	100	6	July 31–Aug 8
Lone Pine Period 1 Archery antlerless (Tule)	<b>337</b>	100	1	Sept 11–26
Northeastern CA Archery either-sex (Rocky Mountain)	<b>411</b>	30	10	Sept 1–12
Owens Valley Multiple Zone Archery bull (Tule)	<b>422</b>	100	3	Aug 14–22

## ARCHERY, continued

**411** See Rocky Mountain hunt **304** and **305** for comments. Archery season typically not during the rut. (530) 598-6011.  
**337** See Tule hunt **486** for comments.  
**422** See Tule hunts Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171. Tag is valid in Bishop, Independence, Goodale, and Lone Pine.  
**449** and **450** Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the installation. All hunters must pass a National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index background check prior to being allowed to purchase an installation hunting pass. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2954.

# 2021 ELK HUNTS, CONTINUED

## MUZZLELOADER or ARCHERY

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Marble Mountains Muzzleloader/Archery either-sex (Roosevelt)	<b>303</b>	29	10	Oct 30–Nov 7
<b>303</b> See Roosevelt hunt <b>301</b> and <b>302</b> for comments				

## MUZZLELOADER

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Independence Period 1 Muzzleloader bull (Tule)	<b>367</b>	100	1	Sept 11–26
<b>367</b> See Tule hunt <b>368</b> and <b>369</b> for comments				

## ROOSEVELT

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Marble Mountain antlerless	<b>301</b>	13	8	Sept 8–19
Marble Mountain bull	<b>302</b>	65	34	Sept 8–19
Northwestern California antlerless	<b>374</b>	87	15	Sept 1–23
Northwestern California bull	<b>355</b>	100	3	Sept 1–23
Northwestern California either-sex	<b>483</b>	100	3	Sept 1–23
Siskiyou antlerless	<b>401</b>	60	20	Sept 8–19
Siskiyou bull	<b>300</b>	63	20	Sept 8–19

**401** and **300** Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make access arrangements before applying. Deer and elk season partially overlap. Elk may be Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain hybrids. (530) 598-6011.

**301** and **302** Opportunity on public land; limited opportunity on private land with restricted access. Substantial access fees likely on private land. Hunters seeking private land opportunities are recommended to make access arrangements before applying. Difficult terrain requiring hiking and elevation gain. Deer and elk season partially overlap. (530) 598-6011 and (530) 515-1382. High daytime temperatures to be expected, pack animals recommended. Difficult hunt. Elk may be Roosevelt and Rocky Mountain hybrids.

**374**, **355**, and **483** Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. (707) 498-1908 and (707) 502-4078.

## ROOSEVELT/TULE

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Mendocino bull	<b>328</b>	100	2	Sept 22–Oct 3

**328** Elk entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who provide access. Hunters seeking opportunities on private land are recommended to make access arrangements before applying. (707) 445-5363.

# 2021 ELK HUNTS, CONTINUED

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Northeastern CA antlerless	<b>304</b>	10	10	Nov 10–21
Northeastern CA bull	<b>305</b>	71	15	Sept 15–26

**304** and **305** Opportunity for elk on public land and some private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Deer and elk seasons partially overlap. Horse management activities may overlap with elk season; contact USFS for more information on horse management activities at (530) 233-5811. For local hunt information call (530) 598-6011.

## TULE

Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
Bear Valley antlerless	<b>329</b>	0	1	Oct 9–17
Bear Valley bull	<b>330</b>	100	2	Oct 9–17
Cache Creek Period 1 bull	<b>406</b>	0	2	Oct 9–24
Cache Creek Period 2 antlerless	<b>416</b>	0	2	Oct 16–Oct 31
East Park Reservoir antlerless	<b>463</b>	50	2	Sept 4–30
East Park Reservoir bull	<b>461</b>	50	2	Sept 4–30
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 2 antlerless	<b>448</b>	100	6	Nov 25–Dec 3
Fort Hunter Liggett Period 3 bull	<b>447</b>	100	8	Dec 28–Jan 9
Goodale period 1 bull	<b>373</b>	100	1	Sept 11–26
Goodale Period 2 antlerless	<b>365</b>	0	1	Oct 2–10
Goodale Period 3 antlerless	<b>366</b>	0	1	Oct 16–24
Grizzly Island Period 1 antlerless	<b>433</b>	100	2	Aug 17–20
Grizzly Island Period 2 spike bull	<b>437</b>	50	2	Aug 19–22
Grizzly Island Period 8 spike bull	<b>357</b>	50	6	Sept 9–12
Grizzly Island Period 9 antlerless	<b>358</b>	75	4	Sept 14–17
Grizzly Island Period 10 bull	<b>359</b>	67	3	Sept 16–19
Grizzly Island Period 11 antlerless	<b>360</b>	75	4	Sept 21–24
Grizzly Island Period 12 bull	<b>362</b>	33	3	Sept 23–26
Grizzly Island Period 13 antlerless	<b>363</b>	75	4	Sept 28–Oct 1
Independence Period 2 antlerless	<b>368</b>	100	1	Oct 2–10
Independence Period 2 bull	<b>369</b>	0	1	Oct 2–10
Independence Period 3 antlerless	<b>370</b>	0	1	Oct 16–24
Independence Period 3 bull	<b>371</b>	100	1	Oct 16–24
La Panza Period 1 antlerless	<b>417</b>	100	5	Oct 9–31

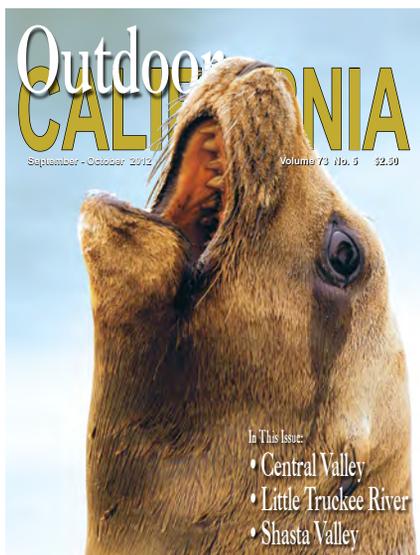
# 2021 ELK HUNTS, CONTINUED

TULE, continued				
La Panza Period 1 bull	<b>419</b>	100	6	Oct 9–31
La Panza Period 2 antlerless	<b>418</b>	67	6	Nov 13–Dec 5
La Panza Period 2 bull	<b>420</b>	100	6	Nov 13–Dec 5
Lake Pillsbury Period 1 antlerless	<b>331</b>	0	4	Sept 8–17
Lake Pillsbury Period 2 bull	<b>332</b>	100	2	Sept 27–Oct 6
Lone Pine Period 2 bull	<b>486</b>	100	1	Oct 2–10
San Luis Reservoir either-sex	<b>497</b>	100	5	Oct 2–24
West Tinemaha Period 1 bull	<b>315</b>	100	1	Sept 11–26
Whitney Period 2 bull	<b>323</b>	100	1	Oct 2–10
Whitney Period 3 antlerless	<b>324</b>	100	1	Oct 16–24
<p><b>406</b> and <b>416</b> Elk on public and private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. (916) 240-6350.</p> <p><b>461</b> and <b>463</b> Colusa County Ordinance prohibits firearms (including archery equipment) on East Park Reservoir (Bureau of Reclamation, BOR) property. A variance allows the use of muzzleloaders (as defined in CCRT14-353). East Park Reservoir (BOR) property will be open to bull hunting Sept 13-16; and antlerless hunting Sept 20-23 and Sept 27-30. Other restrictions apply. Mandatory orientation prior to hunt day. (916) 240-6350.</p> <p><b>417, 418, 419, and 420</b> Elk on public and private land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. Access restrictions on CDFW properties. Low probability of hunter success. Off road travel is prohibited on Carrizo Plain National Monument. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. Public land access limitations apply to CDFW wildlife areas. (805) 594-6152 and (559) 243-4005.</p> <p><b>315, 323, 324, 365, 366, 368, 369, 370, 371, 373, and 486</b> Good access to public land. (760) 872-1171.</p> <p><b>497</b> Very limited opportunity on public land. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. State Park property not open to hunting. Public land method restricted to archery. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. Low probability of hunter success (209) 668-3170.</p> <p><b>360, 363, 353, 433, 437, 357, 358, 359, 360, 362, and 363</b> Hunt CDFW land only. Hunters strongly encouraged to bring one non-hunting companion for assistance. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day. (707) 425-3828.</p> <p><b>329</b> and <b>330</b> Elk almost entirely on private property. Private land access is restricted and may require substantial access fees. CDFW does NOT have list of landowners who would allow access. Hunters seeking private land opportunities recommended to make previous arrangements before applying. (916) 240-6350.</p> <p><b>447</b> and <b>448</b> Tag holders must purchase hunting pass from the installation. All hunters must pass a National Crime and Information Center (NCIC) Interstate Identification Index background check prior to being allowed to purchase an installation hunting pass. Season dates and hunt areas subject to modification by Base Commander. Mandatory hunter orientation prior to each hunt (831) 386-2954.</p> <p><b>331</b> and <b>332</b> Good access to public land. (916) 240-6350.</p>				

# 2020 PRONGHORN TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Tag Quota	Random Tag Quota	Total Applicants	Number of Max Point Applicants*
799	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - PRONGHORN	0	0	0	9440	348
<b>APPRENTICE HUNTS</b>						
734	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	5	4	1	390	0
790	ZONE 4 - LASSEN APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	5	4	1	490	0
766	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	4	3	1	217	0
780	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY APPRENTICE - GENERAL METHODS - EITHER SEX	1	0	1	113	0
<b>BUCK HUNTS</b>						
710	ZONE 1 - MOUNT DOME - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	2	1	1	349	3
720	ZONE 2 - CLEAR LAKE - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	15	12	3	1469	19
728	ZONE 2 - CLEAR LAKE - ARCHERY - BUCK	1	0	1	126	0
730	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	45	34	11	3702	53
732	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	45	34	11	2123	10
738	ZONE 3 - LIKELY TABLES - ARCHERY - BUCK	15	12	3	448	1
740	ZONE 4 - LASSEN PERIOD 1 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	35	27	8	4875	186
742	ZONE 4 - LASSEN PERIOD 2 - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	35	27	8	3338	78
745	ZONE 4 - LASSEN - ARCHERY - BUCK	5	4	1	526	3
750	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	20	15	5	1278	5
755	ZONE 5 - BIG VALLEY - ARCHERY - BUCK	1	0	1	101	0
760	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY - GENERAL METHODS - BUCK	10	8	2	1400	45
765	ZONE 6 - SURPRISE VALLEY - ARCHERY - BUCK	1	0	1	112	0

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# 2021 PRONGHORN HUNTS

PREFERENCE POINT ONLY	Hunt Name	Hunt Code	2020 Applications	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
	Preference Point Only - Pronghorn	799	9440		Enter this hunt code to earn a point only. Applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2021.	

APPRENTICE HUNTS	Applicants must be under 18 years of age and possess a Junior Hunting License. Licensed adult chaperone required (CCR T14-708.10(B)(2)).					
	Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 1 Either-Sex	734	78.0	80	5	Aug 21-29
	Zone 4 Lassen Period 1 Either-Sex	790	98.0	80	5	Aug 21-29
	Zone 5 Big Valley Either-Sex	780	113.0	100	1	Aug 21-29
	Zone 6 Surprise Valley Either-Sex	766	54.3	100	4	Aug 21-29

**734** See General Methods Hunt **730** for comments  
**766** See General Methods Hunt **760** for comments  
**790** See General Methods Hunt **740** for comments

**780** See General Methods Hunt **750** for comments. To hunt Ash Creek Wildlife Area call (530) 294-5824. To hunt the wildlife area a mandatory hunter orientation prior to hunt day is required.

ARCHERY	Zone 2 Clear Lake Archery Buck	728	126.0	0	1	Aug 7-15
	Zone 3 Likely Tables Archery Buck	738	29.9	36	15	Aug 7-15
	Zone 4 Lassen Archery Buck	745	105.2	60	5	Aug 7-15
	Zone 5 Big Valley Archery Buck	755	101.0	0	1	Aug 7-15
	Zone 6 Surprise Valley Archery Buck	765	112.0	0	1	Aug 7-15

**728** See General Methods Hunt **720** for comments  
**738** See General Methods Hunts **730** and **732** for comments  
**745** See General Methods Hunt **740** and **742** for comments

**755** See General Methods Hunt **750** for comments  
**765** See General Methods Hunt **760** for comments

GENERAL METHODS HUNTS	Zone 1 Mount Dome General Buck	710	174.5	100	2	Aug 21-29
	Zone 2 Clear Lake General Buck	720	97.9	93	15	Aug 21-29
	Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 1 General Buck	730	82.3	62	25	Aug 21-29
	Zone 3 Likely Tables Period 2 General Buck	732	47.2	34	25	Sept 4-12
	Zone 4 Lassen Period 1 General Buck	740	139.3	86	35	Aug 21-29
	Zone 4 Lassen Period 2 General Buck	742	95.4	83	35	Sept 4-12
	Zone 5 Big Valley General Buck	750	63.9	68	20	Aug 21-29
	Zone 6 Surprise Valley General Buck	760	140.0	90	10	Aug 21-29

**710** Pronghorn on public (Klamath NF (530) 863-3092; Shasta Trinity NF (530) 226-2500; & BLM (530) 224-2100) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 340-5977.  
**720** Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. Tag holders may submit an application for hunting access to Peninsula "U" portion of Clear Lake NWR. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.  
**730** and **732** Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581. Horse management activities may overlap with pronghorn season. Contact USFS for more info. (530) 233-3581.

**740** and **742** Pronghorn on public (Lassen NF (530) 257-2151; BLM (530) 257-0456) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 254-6808.  
**750** Pronghorn on Public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; Lassen NF (530) 257-2151; BLM (530) 233-4666) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.  
**760** Pronghorn on public (Modoc NF (530) 233-5811; BLM (530) 224-2100) and private land. Private-lands access may be restricted or substantial fee required. CDFW contact (530) 233-3581.

# 2020 BIGHORN SHEEP TAG DRAWING STATISTICS

Hunt Code	Hunt Tag Description	Tag Quota	Preference Point Tag Quota	Random Tag Quota	Total Applicants	Number of Max Point Applicants
599	PREFERENCE POINT ONLY - BIGHORN SHEEP	0	0	0	6465	251
501	ZONE 1 - MARBLE/CLIPPER MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	5	4	1	2379	227
502	ZONE 2 - OLD DAD AND KELSO PEAK MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	1	0	1	768	59
503	ZONE 3 - CLARK AND KINGSTON MOUNTAIN RANGES - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	4	3	1	1783	288
504	ZONE 4 - OROCOPIA MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	1	0	1	1234	44
507	ZONE 7 - WHITE MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	6	5	1	2877	187
508	ZONE 8 - SOUTH BRISTOL MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	2	1	1	1188	124
509	ZONE 9 - CADY MOUNTAINS - GENERAL METHOD - RAM	2	1	1	943	97
510	ZONE 10 - NEWBERRY, RODMAN AND ORD MOUNTAINS - RAM	6	5	1	2030	412

# 2021 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTS

Hunt Code	Hunt Name	2020 Hunter Success (%)	2021 Tag Quota	2021 Hunt Dates
599	Preference Point Only - Sheep	Enter this hunt code to earn a point only, applications must be submitted before midnight on June 2, 2021.		
501	Zone 1 - Marble/Clipper Mountains	80	5	Dec 4 - Feb 6
502	Zone 2 - Old Dad/Kelso Peak Mountains	100	1	Dec 4 - Feb 6
503	Zone 3 - Clark and Kingston Mountain Ranges	100	4	Dec 4 - Feb 6
504	Zone 4 - Orocochia Mountains	100	1	Dec 4 - Feb 6
505	Zone 5 - San Gorgonio Mountains	-	0	-
506	Zone 6 - Sheep Hole Mountains	-	0	-
507	Zone 7 - White Mountains	67	6	Aug 21 - Sep 26
508	Zone 8 - South Bristol Mountains	100	2	Dec 4 - Feb 6
509	Zone 9 - Cady Mountains	100	2	Dec 4 - Feb 6
510	Zone 10 - Newberry, Rodman and Ord Mountains	100	6	Dec 4 - Feb 6

**501, 502, 503, 504** Vehicle access is limited to designated routes.

**505** Access extremely difficult. Travel by horseback recommended. Access fees may be required on private land.

**506** Extremely rugged terrain. Vehicle access very limited.

**507** Extremely rugged terrain at very high elevations. Altitude sickness has affected previous hunters. Physical condition should be above average. Vehicle access limited to none (760) 872-6585.

**508, 509** and **510** Vehicle access limited to designated routes.

# WILD PIG HUNTING

## WILD PIG TAGS

Resident and nonresident hunters, 12 years of age and older, with a valid annual California hunting license may purchase wild pig hunting tags. There is no limit on the number of wild pig tags one person may purchase; however, tag fees are nonrefundable, and tags cannot be transferred from one person to another. For tagging requirements, see page 23.

## WILD PIG HUNTING SEASON

Wild pig tags are valid throughout the hunting year, commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30 the following year. There is no daily bag or possession limit for wild pig. For more information on pig hunting and regulations, please go to CDFW's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig).

## LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE

Generally, wild pigs may only be taken using archery equipment, rifles, .40 caliber or greater muzzleloaders, shotguns and pistols, or revolvers. Knives and spears are not legal methods of take for wild pigs in California. Please see the California Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers (CCR T14-353) for detailed information.

## WILD PIG HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

### Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve

CDFW provides limited-permit apprentice pig hunting opportunities at Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve near Gilroy. The hunts are conducted in coordination with volunteers from the Friends of Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve who operate the program.

Hunts are scheduled in the spring and fall, and applicants may only apply online by visiting [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Hunts/CDLO](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regions/3/Hunts/CDLO). Due to the high demand, hunters who are unable to attend the hunt for which they are drawn must notify our office within 5 days of being notified that they were successfully drawn. Please only apply for hunt dates you can attend.

Successful applicants will be assigned a volunteer from the CDA who will act as their guide for the duration of the hunt. Cañada de los Osos falls within the Ridley-Tree Condor Preservation Area and non-lead ammunition is required for all big game hunts.

### SHARE Program for Private Lands Hunting

CDFW provides limited entry permitted hunting opportunities on private and public lands through the SHARE Program. See page 38 for more information and pig hunting opportunities offered through this program.

## MORE INFORMATION

Additional information about these hunts and others may be obtained by visiting CDFW's special pig hunts webpage: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig#194443-hunts](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Wild-Pig#194443-hunts). The CDFW continues to work with resource conservation partners to provide these special pig hunts. Additional special opportunities will be announced on this webpage as they become available.

## TOP 15 COUNTIES FOR WILD PIG HUNTING

COUNTY	3-year average reported take
Monterey	1030
San Luis Obispo	477
Kern	374
Mendocino	367
Tehama	317
Sonoma	287
Colusa	167
San Benito	159
Glenn	126
Santa Clara	126
Lake	113
Fresno	108
Merced	82
Shasta	78
Alameda	77



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# BEAR HUNTING

## BEAR TAGS

To hunt bear in California, all residents and nonresidents must be age 12 or older and have both a valid hunting license and a bear tag. Bear tags can be purchased from any CDFW license sales office (See page 3 for information on office closures due to COVID-19), license agent, online, or by telephone sales. Hunters may purchase only one bear tag per hunting license year.

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

No person may possess more than one bear per hunting license year.

## BEAR HUNTING SEASONS

Archery bear season in all bear zones opens August 21, 2021, and runs through September 12, 2021.

The general season for black bears opens with the general deer hunting seasons in deer zones A, B, C, D, X8, X9A, X9B, X10 and X12 and extends through December 26, 2021. In the remaining deer X zones, the season opens October 9, 2021, and extends through December 26, 2021. CDFW shall close the season earlier if 1,700 bears have been reported taken. For daily updates on reported bear harvest, visit our website: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear) or call toll-free (888) 277-6398.

## SUMMARY OF BEAR REGULATIONS

It is unlawful to take a cub or a sow accompanied by one or more cubs.

It is unlawful to feed or bait bears for the purpose of hunting them. It is unlawful to hunt bear over bait, or within a 400-yard radius of a garbage dump or bait.

Only CDFW employees may validate bear tags. Bear tags must be validated before the bear can be transported except for the purpose of taking it directly to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag. If Department offices are closed, the bear tag shall be validated within one (1) business day of transporting the bear from the point where taken.

Every licensed bear hunter who takes a bear must immediately return the validated report card portion of the bear tag. The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting).

Any bear hunter who utilizes the services of a guide must verify that the guide has a valid guide's license and must write the guide's license number on the bear tag in the space provided.

Every licensed bear hunter who is unsuccessful in taking bear must return the report card portion of the bear tag by February 1 **of the current license year**. The tag may be presented to a CDFW office/officer, returned via mail, or reported online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/tagreporting).

It is illegal to sell parts of any bear in California, including portions of legally-taken bears imported from other states. However, you have the right to retain any and all parts of the bear you take, except the skull, which becomes the property of CDFW.

## MANDATORY PRESENTATION OF BEAR SKULL

Any person who takes a bear shall present the skull (even if damaged) to a CDFW office/officer within 10 days of taking the bear. The skull shall become the property of CDFW. The portion of the skull not needed for scientific purposes will be returned (CCRT14-367.5). Please see appointment section and office phone numbers on the next page.

**IMPORTANT!** Place a stick or other object in the bear's jaws so that the mouth remains open. Do not present frozen skulls to have the premolar tooth removed. Premolars break easily when the skull is frozen.

Whether or not you are successful, all bear tags must be returned to the CDFW no later than February 1, 2022. If you fail to return your 2021 bear tag, even if you did not kill a bear, you will be in violation of (CCRT14-708.12(d)).

**Please call ahead before bringing your bear skull to a CDFW office.**

## BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION

If you kill a bear, you must have the tag countersigned (validated) by a CDFW employee. Bear tags must be validated prior to transporting the bear, except for the purpose of taking the bear to the nearest person authorized to validate the tag en route to your home from the point where the bear was taken. All CDFW offices will validate bear tags. The report card portion must be returned immediately after tag validation.

CDFW is requiring a premolar tooth be extracted from EVERY bear taken during the hunting season. This will provide wildlife biologists with sufficient information to refine bear management. The premolar tooth will be processed by cutting it in cross section and examining it under a microscope. The bear's age can then be determined by counting annual growth rings, similar to tree rings. Information on age of harvested bears through tooth aging will be posted online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Bear).

## BEAR TAG VALIDATION AND TOOTH EXTRACTION APPOINTMENTS

If you cannot locate a CDFW employee, please call one of the offices listed below and they will provide assistance.

All CDFW offices will validate bear tags.

Please call the following locations for an appointment to have your bear tag validated and/or a tooth pulled. Please leave your bear skull in your vehicle until you check in for your appointment.

License and Revenue Branch (Sacramento).....	(916) 928-5805
Region 1, Redding.....	(530) 225-2300
Region 2, Rancho Cordova.....	(916) 358-2900
Region 3, Fairfield.....	(707) 428-2002
Region 4, Fresno .....	(559) 243-4005 Ext.132 or Ext.133
Region 5, San Diego .....	(858) 467-4201
Region 6, Ontario .....	(909) 484-0167
Region 7, Monterey .....	(831) 649-2870
Bishop.....	(760) 872-1171
Crystal Lake Hatchery .....	(530) 335-4111
Darrah Springs Hatchery .....	(530) 474-3141
Eureka.....	(707) 445-6493
Feather River Hatchery.....	(530) 538-2222
Iron Gate Hatchery.....	(530) 475-3420
Kern River Hatchery.....	(760) 376-2846
La Grange.....	(209) 853-2533 Ext. 6
Los Alamitos.....	(562) 342-7100
Los Banos Wildlife Area .....	(209) 826-0463
Mad River Fish Hatchery .....	(707) 822-0592
Mendota Wildlife Area .....	(559) 655-4645
Merced River Hatchery.....	(209) 563-6410
Moccasin Hatchery .....	(209) 989-2312
Mokelumne River Hatchery.....	(209) 759-3383
Mt. Shasta Hatchery .....	(530) 926-2215
Red Bluff Screen Shop .....	(530) 528-9406
Red Bluff Field Office.....	(530) 529-7162
Shasta Valley Wildlife Area .....	(530) 459-3926
Stockton.....	(209) 234-3420
Trinity River Hatchery.....	(530) 778-3931
Warm Springs Hatchery .....	(707) 433-6325
Yreka Screen Shop .....	(530) 841-2555

## DEFINITIONS

**Bear cub:** A bear less than one year old or weighing less than 50 lbs. CCR T14-365(c).

**Bait Related to Bears:** Any material capable of attracting a bear. CCR T14-365(e).

**Baited Area:** Any area where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing such birds or mammals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grains, salt, or other feed. CCR T14-257.5.

*Note:* Scents sprayed into the air and allowed to disperse over a wide area in the wind generally do not fall within the definition of bait. Scent products that have to be applied directly to a surface such as a rock, tree or bush generally cause the game to come to that specific place, and if they feed on it, it is bait.

## USE OF DOGS FOR PURSUIT/TAKE

Effective January 1, 2013, the use of dogs to pursue/take bears is unlawful for sport-hunting purposes.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

### *Q. Why do I need to show identification when purchasing a license?*

**A.** When you purchase a license you are required to provide identification or a previously issued ALDS license. This ensures CDFW will have an accurate record of your license history and help CDFW serve you better in:

- Tracking customer preference points for CDFW's annual Big Game Drawing.
- Purchasing duplicate licenses.
- Wildlife management efforts, such as harvest reporting.

CDFW does not share or sell customers' personal information.

### *Q. I have purchased a hunting license through the ALDS before, so why does the system say 'Evidence of Hunter Education Required'?*

**A.** You have created a second customer profile (another GO ID) that is not connected to your license history and hunter education record. Log out of the online license sales system and find a previously issued ALDS hunting license or drawing receipt and log in again. Enter the last name, GO ID, and date of birth as it is printed on your license document. Once you have logged into the account that has your hunter education, you will be able to purchase a hunting license and enter the drawing. If you are unable to resolve this issue yourself, contact the Department's Internet Sales Help Desk at (916) 928-6882 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday, between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) for assistance.

**IMPORTANT:** To be included in the Big Game Drawing, submit your application by midnight on June 2. If it is June 2 and you are unable to resolve this issue, go to a license sales agent. Provide your proof of hunter education and customer information for the license sales agent and apply for the Big Game Drawing there.

### *Q. What can I hunt for with a 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License?*

**A.** The 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is only valid for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt big game.

### *Q. Do I still need to have my license in possession when hunting or fishing?*

**A.** Under California law you are required to carry your license, validation, report card, or tag with you when you are hunting or fishing.

### *Q. What will happen if I do not report my deer tag(s) or report my tag(s) late?*

All deer tag holders who do not report the previous year's deer tag(s) by the regulatory deadline of January 31 or report them late will be assessed a non-reporting penalty of \$21.60 when purchasing their deer tag drawing application or deer tag the following license year.

**NOTE:** Mandatory reporting applies to every deer tag issued each hunter. Hunters who are issued two deer tags and report one but not the other will still be assessed the non-reporting penalty.

## BIG GAME DRAWING

### *Q. Why did I get drawn for a premium deer tag when I only wanted to apply for a preference point?*

**A.** To apply for a deer preference point, you must tell the license sales clerk that you want to apply for the code PD (Point Deer). You do not need to indicate a hunt code when applying for a preference point only. Preference points are earned for the species and not a particular zone or hunt.

### *Q. I want to apply for a deer preference point in the Big Game Drawing, but I was issued my first deer tag at the license agent. Will I still earn a preference point?*

**A.** No. If you were issued a first deer tag at the license agent then you were not entered into the Big Game Drawing. You will need to go back to the license agent and tell the sales clerk to cancel the transaction and re-sell you a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with the code PD (Point Deer). The license agent only has four hours to cancel any sales transaction. If it has been more than four hours, contact CDFW's License and Revenue Branch prior to the June 2 deadline at [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov).

### *Q. How can I apply for a deer preference point and get an unrestricted or restricted deer hunt tag?*

**A.** Submit a First Deer Tag Drawing Application with a first choice of PD (Point Deer); and a second choice of an unrestricted or restricted deer tag. If your second choice deer tag is available when the Big Game Drawing is conducted, it will be processed in the second round of the drawing. Please see 'How the Drawing Works' page for more information on the second choice tags.

### *Q. How can we apply as a party for drawing tags?*

**A.** There are two ways to apply as a party. Members of a party can apply in the same sales transaction or in separate transactions at any CDFW license sales office, license agent, online or by telephone sales. Please see 'How the Drawing Works' page for details on the party application process.

***Q. I am the party leader, where can I find my Party Number to give to members of my hunting party so they can join me?***

**A.** The Party Number is located above your hunt choice(s) on your Drawing Receipt for each species for which you applied. Make sure you give the correct Party Number to the correct party members of each species.

***Q. I don't have my party leader's Party Number. Will the license agent be able to join us together?***

**A.** No. You must have the Party Number to join another hunter's party. This is done to ensure that only hunters the party leader allows may join his/her party. CDFW license sales offices and license agents cannot provide you with another hunter's Party Number, only the party leader or members of the party can provide you with their Party Number.

***Q. Can a junior hunter apply for a premium deer zone and an Apprentice Hunt on the same application?***

**A.** Yes. Junior hunters who wish to apply for an Apprentice Hunt and a premium deer hunt on the same application must use a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Either the Apprentice Hunt or Premium deer hunt will be your first choice (which ever you want the most) and the other as your second choice. You will be issued a preference point if you are unsuccessful in receiving your first choice and your second choice tag will be processed in the second round of the drawing (if the hunt you chose has not filled by the second round of the drawing). If the junior hunter applies for an Apprentice Hunt on the First-Deer Tag Drawing Application, they cannot submit a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

***Q. My daughter is a junior hunter. We want to apply together for an X zone tag. Can she apply with me for an X zone tag and still apply for an Apprentice Hunt?***

**A.** Yes. You both can apply as a party for the X zone tag using your First-Deer Tag Drawing Application. Your daughter can apply for the Apprentice Hunts using her Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application.

***Q. Will a junior hunter earn two deer preference points if he/she is unsuccessful for both deer tag applications for a premium deer hunt and an Apprentice Hunt tag?***

**A.** No. Hunters may only earn one preference point per species (CCR T14-708.14(c)). Junior hunters submitting two applications in the drawing will earn one preference point if they are unsuccessful in their first choice tag on both applications. If they are successful in their first choice tag on either application their preference points will be reset to zero.

***Q. If a junior hunter applies for a premium deer hunt on a First-Deer Tag Drawing Application and an Apprentice Hunt on a Second-Deer Tag Drawing Application, how are the tag choices processed in the drawing? Which application has a higher priority?***

**A.** Neither deer tag application has a priority. The computer assigns each deer tag application a unique random number. The preference point value for each application is calculated the same way, the success or non-success of one application does not affect the other application.

***Q. How will I know that my tag choices for the drawing were entered correctly?***

**A.** Verify that your tag choices are printed correctly on your Drawing Receipt. You may also verify your tag choices and view all your license items by accessing your customer profile online at [www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicense.com/InternetSales). Once you are signed in, you will select the 'View My Drawing Applications/Preference Points' link at the top of the page.

***Q. When do I lose preference points?***

**A.** You lose all accumulated preference points for a species, as follows:

- Deer - You lose all accumulated preference points when you are drawn for a premium tag as your first choice.
- Elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep - You lose all accumulated preference points for a species if you are drawn for and pay for the tag.
- You also lose all accumulated preference points for any species if you do not participate in the drawing for that species for five (5) consecutive years.

***Q. I did not apply in the Big Game Drawing and it is now past the deadline; will I still be able to earn a preference point for this year?***

**A.** No. You will not earn a preference point for this year and you will not lose your previously accrued preference points. However, a hunter's points are reduced to zero when they have not applied for five (5) consecutive years. A missed application deadline is considered as not applying.

If it is after midnight on June 2, the drawing applications for deer, elk, pronghorn and bighorn sheep will not be available in the "Drawings" list to purchase and apply for the drawing.

***Q. If I apply for the Open Zone Deer Fund-raising Random Drawing and win, but already have two deer tags, can I still get the Fund-raising Random Drawing tag?***

**A.** Yes, however, hunters are restricted each year to no more than two deer tags. In this case you would have to surrender either your First-deer or Second-deer tag prior to issuance of the Open Zone Deer Fund-raising tag.

**Q. I cannot hunt this year. How can I earn a preference point for deer, elk, pronghorn, and bighorn sheep?**

**A.** At a license agent, CDFW license sales office or by telephone sales at (800) 565-1458, you will need to purchase a California hunting license and inform the sales clerk you are applying in the Big Game Drawing. You will need to indicate to the sales clerk, which drawing application(s) you want to apply for; such as: deer, elk, pronghorn or bighorn sheep. To earn a preference point for deer the code is PD, elk is 499, pronghorn is 799 and bighorn sheep is 599.

If applying online, select the "2021 Hunting" tab and "add to the cart" a California hunting license and in the "Drawing" menu, "add to the cart" the drawing applications you want to apply for and enter the corresponding preference point code as indicated above.

To earn the preference point(s), the transaction must be completed before midnight on June 2.

**Q. How can I check my preference point totals in ALDS?**

**A.** Your preference point totals are printed on your Drawing Receipt(s). The receipt will include the applicant's name, hunt choice(s), and accumulated preference points. You can also check your preference points by logging on to your customer profile at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales) and click on the link "View My Draw Application/Preference Points" at the top of the page.

**Q. How will CDFW track my preference points?**

**A.** CDFW tracks preference points for current and future drawings using your Get Outdoor (GO) ID. To accurately track your preference points, you must use the same GO ID number to apply in the drawing each year. If you have changes or corrections to your mailing address, you may log into your customer profile and update at [www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales](http://www.ca.wildlifelicenses.com/InternetSales). If you have changes or corrections to your name, identification number, such as a driver's license number or date of birth, you must notify CDFW in writing at:

License and Revenue Branch  
1740 N. Market Blvd.  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
or email: [LRB@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:LRB@wildlife.ca.gov)



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## OBTAINING HUNTING MAPS

**Q. Where can I obtain hunting maps for deer zones?**

**A.** General maps detailing individual zone or deer hunt boundaries can be found at CDFW's website: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Deer).

Additional maps are also available from:

- U.S. Forest Service (USFS) online at [www.fs.fed.us/visit/maps/](http://www.fs.fed.us/visit/maps/);
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825, by phone at (916) 978-4400 or online at [www.blm.gov/california](http://www.blm.gov/california);
- U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) from sporting goods, backpacking or engineering stores or by contacting the Rocky Mountain Mapping Center, Branch of Information Services, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225, by phone at 888-ASK-USGS or online at [www.usgs.gov/products/maps/overview](http://www.usgs.gov/products/maps/overview).

## OTHER

**Q. What should I do if I harvest a bear with a GPS collar?**

**A.** If you harvest a bear with a GPS collar, please return the collar to your local CDFW Regional Office. The collar contains important information regarding CDFW's bear aversive condition study in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

For more Frequently Asked Questions on hunting you may visit our web site at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Big-Game).



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# UNLAWFUL ACTIONS

## **It is the hunter's responsibility to know and follow the law.**

The California statutes governing many aspects of hunting, firearms, fishing, and the use of public lands, are found in the California Fish and Game Code (FGC). Hunting and fishing activities are further regulated by the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Natural Resources (CCR, T14), and the California Penal Code (PC). These documents may be accessed through the Department of Fish and Wildlife website: [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

Additionally, California counties and cities have adopted local ordinances which regulate and restrict hunting activities within their jurisdiction.

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), governs many aspects of hunting and fishing on federal lands, specific species, and other activities under federal jurisdiction.

## **IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:**

*(These are not complete regulations. Some sections are abbreviated.)*

### **Fish and Game Code (FGC)**

- Transfer, use, possess or alter any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation. FGC 1052.
- Hunt any game bird or mammal without having the required licenses, tags and/or stamps in possession. FGC 1054.2.
- Damage another's property or injure livestock while hunting. FGC 2004.
- Use an artificial light to assist in taking any game bird or game mammal. FGC 2005(a).
- Possess a loaded rifle or shotgun in any vehicle or conveyance or its attachments which is standing on or along or is being driven on or along any public highway or other way open to the public. FGC 2006.
- A rifle or shotgun shall be deemed to be loaded for the purposes of this section when there is an unexpended cartridge or shell in the firing chamber but not when the only cartridges or shells are in the magazine. FGC 2006.
- The provisions of this section shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces of this state or the United States, while on duty or going to or returning from duty. FGC 2006.
- Use of a shotgun larger than 10 gauge for the taking of any game bird or game mammal, or a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. FGC 2010; CCR T14-311 and 353(b).
- Fail to exhibit on the demand of a Wildlife Officer, all licenses, tags, fish, or wildlife taken or otherwise dealt with under the Fish and Game Code, and any device or apparatus designed to be, and capable of being, used to take fish or wildlife. FGC 2012.
- Knowingly feed big game mammals. CCR T14-251.3.
- Take game birds and mammals within 400 yards of any baited area. This does not apply to the taking of game birds and mammals on or over standing crops, croplands, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural operations or procedures. CCR T14-257.5.
- Take bears within 400 yards of any garbage dump or bait. CCR T14-365(e).
- Nock or fit the notch in the end of an arrow to a bowstring or crossbow string in a ready-to-fire position while in or on any vehicle. CCR T14-354(i).
- Use any bow or crossbow without a draw weight of at least 30 pounds for a bow or 125 pounds for a crossbow. CCR T14-354(f)
- Hunt big game from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. CCR T14-352.
- Use dogs for pursuit/take, or for dog training, during the archery seasons for deer or bear. CCR T14-265(a)(1).
- Use dogs to take bear, bobcat, elk, bighorn sheep and antelope. CCR T14 265 (a)(2).
- Use dogs for pursuit/take of, or for dog training on, mountain lions (except under authority of a depredation permit). CCR T14-265(a)(3).
- Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird or mammal. FGC 10500.
- However, possession of firearms or bows and arrows by persons traveling through game refuges on a public highway or other public thoroughfare or right of way is permitted when the firearms are taken apart or encased and unloaded, and the bows are unstrung. FGC 10506.

### **California Code of Regulations (CCR, T14)**

- Take game birds, game mammals or furbearing mammals except as permitted by regulations. CCR T14-250.
- Hunt with a crossbow during archery season (except with a Disabled Archer Permit). CCR T14-354(g).
- Possess a firearm while hunting during archery season or while hunting during the general season with an archery-only tag, except as provided for in 354(h)(1) and h(2). CCR T14-354(h).
- Take spike buck. CCR T14- 351(c).
- Pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile, except when the motor is off and/or the sails furled and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole. CCR T14-251.

### **California Penal Code (PC)**

- Possess a short barreled shotgun (Barrel less than 18 inches), or a short-barreled rifle (Barrel less than 16 inches). PC 33210.

### **Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)**

- National Parks and Monuments have special regulations regarding the possession of weapons, game and the running of hunting dogs. Check with federal officials before entering these areas.

# IMPORTATION LAW: SECTION 2353 FISH & GAME CODE

Birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians shall not be imported or possessed in this state unless all of the following requirements are met:

1. The animals were legally taken and legally possessed outside of this state,
2. The Fish and Game Code or Title 14 regulations do not expressly prohibit their possession in this state, and
3. A declaration is submitted to the department or a designated state or federal agency at or immediately before the time of entry, in the form and manner prescribed by the department.

Declaration is not required if shipped by common carrier under a bill of lading.

This form may be photocopied. The original copy of the declaration form shall be retained by the person importing the fish or game into the state. One copy shall be mailed to the CDFW, P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, within 24 hours after entering the State. One copy shall be deposited at the point of entry with any state or federal agency or officer, and one copy shall remain with the fish or game if transported by other than owner or common carrier.

"Point of entry" refers to the city or town nearest your point of entry into California.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
California Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

## ***DECLARATION FOR ENTRY INTO CALIFORNIA OF GAME, FISH, BIRDS, OR ANIMALS***

Description	Number	Pounds
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

The above species of fish and/or game were legally taken and possessed by

\_\_\_\_\_

in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

**It is illegal to import any animal for commercial purposes prohibited by California law or regulation.**

Hunting License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Angling License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Game Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Entry into California via Highway \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

# PREVENT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE



## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease is a fatal neurologic disease of deer, elk, and moose. It is caused by a misfolded protein termed a prion and has been detected in 24 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Meat from CWD infected animals should not be eaten. The disease's range continues to slowly expand. Hunter help is needed to stop it from reaching California.

## DEER AND HUNTER IMPACTS

A high prevalence of CWD can reduce populations and potentially decrease long-term herd viability. As CWD prevalence increases in an area, the number of hunters seeking tags decreases. This can impact herds by decreasing populations and indirectly through lost funding for wildlife management.

## HANDLE GAME WITH CAUTION

Whenever hunting, basic safety and hygiene precautions should be taken to protect yourself from injury or exposure to disease when handling wildlife. Minimize the chance of exposure to or spread of CWD by:

- Wear rubber gloves when field dressing carcasses;
- Bone out meat from the animal;
- Minimize the handling of brain and spinal cord, eyes, spleen, and lymph nodes and avoid consuming these tissues;
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing is completed.

## HUNTING OUT OF STATE

It is the responsibility of out-of-state hunters to be aware of all laws and regulations pertaining to the state in which they are going to hunt. Proof of Hunter Education is required. Take note that the California equivalency certificate will not be accepted as evidence of hunter education.

## FOLLOW OTHER STATES' REGULATIONS FOR CWD

If you will be hunting out of state in a known CWD endemic area, you should receive information at the time you receive your hunting tag(s) regarding disposal of the carcass remains and mandatory or voluntary CWD testing. It is the Department's recommendation that any deer or elk harvested in a known CWD area be tested for CWD and receive a negative or not detected result prior to consuming.

## NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE

You will be checked at the California border when returning and only the following body parts are allowed into California:

- boned-out meat and commercially processed cuts of meat,
- portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached,
- hides with no heads attached,
- clean skull plates (no meat or tissue attached) with antlers attached,
- antlers with no meat or tissue attached,
- finished taxidermy heads,
- upper canine teeth (buglers, whistlers, ivories).

**California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 712** can be summarized in one phrase: "NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE."

## MORE CWD INFORMATION

- [www.wildlife.ca.gov/cwd](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/cwd)
- [www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/prions/cwd/index.html)
- [cwg-info.org/](http://cwg-info.org/)



## WHAT CALIFORNIA IS DOING

- Importation of captive cervids is tightly regulated and highly restricted.
- Import restrictions on hunter-harvested deer and elk carcasses and parts – "NO SKULL, NO BACKBONE"
- Bans on baiting and feeding of Big Game.
- CWD testing at volunteer check stations during hunting season [www.wildlife.ca.gov/cwd](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/cwd).

## INCREASED SURVEILLANCE

Since 1999, California has tested approximately 4,500 deer and elk for CWD. To date, no CWD has been found in California deer or elk. However, the potential for CWD to spread to California's deer and elk populations still exists and surveillance for the disease remains important. The CDFW will be increasing CWD surveillance efforts throughout the state over the next few years. Hunters are a vital partner in these surveillance efforts and voluntary CWD check stations will be set-up to facilitate surveillance throughout the state. For additional information on surveillance in CA visit [www.wildlife.ca.gov/cwd](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/cwd) or contact The Wildlife Investigations Laboratory at 916-358-2790 or [WILab@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WILab@wildlife.ca.gov).

## DISPOSAL OF MEAT FROM CWD-POSITIVE ANIMALS

If you are notified that your out-of-state animal tested positive for CWD, contact your regional CDFW office (see page 3) or the Wildlife Investigations Laboratory at (916) 358-2790 for information. DO NOT DISCARD, only certain disposal methods are appropriate for CWD. The Department will facilitate incinerating or otherwise properly disposing of any meat or tissues.

## LACEY ACT

Transporting illegally taken game across state lines is a violation of the federal Lacey Act (T16, US Code 1406). Such transport, if done in connection with commercial activity, may be classified as a felony.

## BRINGING GAME BACK TO CALIFORNIA

In order to bring back your game from another state, you must have the form Declaration for Entry Into California of Game, Fish, Birds, or Animals filled out and carried while you are transporting the game.