

California Fish and Game Commission

Official Notice of Determination

The executive director of the California Fish and Game Commission certifies that on April 16, 2025, the Commission found the actions listed below were taken in compliance with Section 781.5, Article 3, Chapter 4, Subdivision 3, Division 1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, and Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code and, therefore, has posted this notice of determination (decision) with the Secretary for Natural Resources.

Copies of the environmental document, related documents, and action taken are available for inspection during normal office hours by appointment at the Commission's office at 715 P Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento 95814, (916) 653-4899, or electronically by request to FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

Project Title: Big Game Hunting for 2025-2026 Seasons and Chronic Wasting Disease Testing (Addendum to the 2007 Final Environmental Document Regarding Deer Hunting) (Addendum to the 2019 Environmental Document Regarding Bighorn Sheep Hunting) (Addendum to the 2004 Final Environmental Document Regarding Pronghorn Antelope Hunting) (Addendum to the 2019 Supplemental Environmental Document to the 2010 Final Environmental Document Regarding Elk Hunting)

Project

Submitted by: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Location: Statewide

Description: The proposed changes amend applicable regulations to various species in the state, as reflected here in order of affected Title 14 section:

- Section 360, Deer. Establish a late season buck hunt in Deer Hunt Zone D-7 (Fresno, Madera, Mariposa and Tulare counties).
- Section 362, Nelson bighorn sheep. Adjust zone boundaries, split various zones into two hunting periods, increase flexibility for single zone fundraising tags, and modify hunt tag quotas.
- Section 363, Pronghorn antelope. Modify hunt tag quotas
- Sections 364 and 364.1, Elk and Shared Habitat Alliance for Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) elk hunting. Modify hunt tag quotas and SHARE tag allocations, extend hunt seasons in elk conflict zones, and add archery-only opportunities.
- Section 708.5, Deer Tagging, Reporting and Testing Requirements. Define chronic wasting disease management zones (CMZs), establish mandatory sampling requirements to enhance chronic wasting

disease (CWD) surveillance within CMZs, establish what information hunters must provide with their harvested samples, and indicate how and where the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) provides current information on CWD detections in the state.

Determination: Adopted April 17, 2025 – The Commission has determined that this project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.



Melissa Miller-Henson, Executive Director
California Fish and Game Commission

May 16, 2025

Date