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# CALIFORNIA WATERFOWL, UPLAND GAME, AND PUBLIC USE OF DEPARTMENT LANDS REGULATIONS

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The Fish and Game Commission is composed of five members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. The Commission establishes hunting and sport fishing regulations including seasons, bag and possession limits, methods of take, area descriptions and any special conditions. In addition, the Commission formulates general policies for the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Monthly topical meetings are held to hear regulation change proposals. The public may make recommendations in writing before a Commission meeting or present its proposals verbally at the meeting. The Commission's meeting schedule, including specific topics, dates and locations, is posted on their web site [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov).

Written comments can be directed to the Fish and Game Commission at P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, or by e-mail to [fgc@fgc.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@fgc.ca.gov). Comments sent by e-mail should include a full name and mailing address. The Commission also has established a list server for information distribution available on their web site [www.fgc.ca.gov](http://www.fgc.ca.gov).

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## WHAT'S NEW IN 2023-2024

Regulatory changes and hunt updates from the previous year are provided in **red** text.

### Duck Season

Duck Season length increased to 103 days in the Southern San Joaquin Valley, Southern California, and Balance of State zones.

### Black Brant Season

Black Brant Season length reduced to 27 days.

### CDFW Offices No Longer Accept Cash

CDFW license sales offices no longer accept cash. Checks, money orders, or any debit or credit card with the Visa or Mastercard logo are accepted.

### Out of State Hunters and Anglers

#### *Declaration of Importation of Dead Fish and Wildlife (Form DFW 901)*

It is unlawful to import any dead birds, mammals, fish, reptiles, or amphibians into this state, or to possess the same, unless accompanied by a completed form DFW 901. A copy of the declaration may be submitted to the department online or mail. Two convenient methods for completing the form are available:



#### *Smartphone Form DFW 901*

Fill and submit online at: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/QR/Declaration-Form> or scan the following QR code:

#### *Print Form DFW 901*

Fill, print, sign, and submit to: <http://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting>

Or fill, print, sign, and mail to:

Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Law Enforcement Division  
PO Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

### Free Hunting Days

The California Free Hunting Days for the 2023-24 hunting season are **Saturday, November 25, 2023**, and **Saturday, April 13, 2024**. To hunt on the free hunting days, participants must meet requirements established in FGC 3040, including the possession of a valid Free Hunt Days Registration. The Free Hunt Days Registration item will be available to claim beginning on October 11, 2023. For more information and requirements to participate in California's free hunting days, please visit <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Hunting/Free-Hunting-Days>.

### STAY CONNECTED TO CDFW

Having your e-mail address and mobile number will enable the CDFW to send you information you can use, such as license renewal and courtesy report card deadline reminders, and California fishing information. When purchasing a license from a license agent or when you log in to the Online License Sales and Services, update your communication preferences and provide your e-mail address and mobile number.

Fish and Game Code, Section 1050.6, and California Government Code, Section 11015.5, prohibit the CDFW from selling or sharing your personal information with any third party.



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## FOREWARD

This booklet contains information from both the California Fish and Game Code (FGC) and Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). For detailed information, refer to the appropriate code or contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department).

These excerpts are provided as a courtesy and are not to be used as legal documents. Since the regulation and FGC sections may be amended at any time, it is the reader's responsibility to be knowledgeable of, and abide by, all laws and regulations in effect at the time he/she participates in any commercial fishing activity. Any discrepancies between this document and the regulation and FGC sections from which they were prepared will be enforced and adjudicated according to the official code sections and regulations in effect on the date the activity takes place.

The official California Code of Regulations may be accessed through Thompson Reuters Westlaw at <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs/Browse/Home/California/CaliforniaCodeofRegulations>. The official Fish and Game Code may be accessed through California Legislative Information at <https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/home.xhtml>

### California Fish and Game Commission

The Mission of the California Fish and Game Commission is, on behalf of California citizens, to ensure the long term sustainability of California's fish and wildlife resources by:

- Guiding the ongoing scientific evaluation and assessment of California's fish and wildlife resources;
- Setting California's fish and wildlife resource management policies and ensuring these are implemented by the Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- Establishing appropriate fish and wildlife resource management rules and regulations; and
- Building active fish and wildlife resource management partnerships with individual landowners, the public and interest groups, and federal, state, and local resource management agencies

### Department of Fish and Wildlife

The mission of the Department of Fish and Wildlife is to manage California's diverse fish, wildlife, and plant resources, and the habitats upon which they depend, for their ecological values and for their use and enjoyment by the public.

The Department is charged with the administration and enforcement of the FGC and Title 14. The Department is organized with the Director and headquarters staff in Sacramento, and seven regional managers coordinating the operations in their respective portions of the state. The Director is the appointing power of all Department employees, who are responsible to the Director for the proper performance of their duties and responsibilities.

Most of the revenue for the Department comes from the Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund, with a limited amount from other sources (General Fund, Sport Fish Restoration Act, Environmental License Plate Fund, and grants). The Fish and Wildlife Preservation Fund is supported by the sale of sport fishing and hunting licenses, commercial licenses, fish landing taxes, and fines and penalties assessed for violation of Fish and Wildlife laws.

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## LICENSE, VALIDATION, RESERVATION, AND PASS FEES

Includes 5% license agent handling fee and 3% Automated License Data System (ALDS) nonrefundable application fee. Your license, validation, reservation, and permit/pass purchases support conservation and management of California's wildlife.

### Hunting Licenses (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

Resident	\$58.58
Nonresident	\$204.69
Junior <i>Age 15 and under on July 1.</i>	\$15.38
Disabled Veteran & Recovering Service Member <i>Initial qualification must be done at a CDFW license sales office, see page 9 for more information.</i>	\$9.46
Duplicate Hunting License	\$12.96
2-Day Nonresident Hunting License <i>Valid only for taking resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, wild pigs, and non-game mammals.</i>	\$58.58

### Lifetime Hunting Licenses

	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024
Ages 0-9	\$644.50	\$679.75
Ages 10-39	\$1,054.25	\$1,112.00
Ages 40-61	\$949.75	\$1,001.75
Ages 62+	\$644.50	\$679.75
Lifetime Bird Hunting Privilege Package <i>Includes Lifetime California Duck Validation and Lifetime Upland Game Bird Validation</i>	\$374.25	\$394.50

### Validations

California Duck <i>Not required for junior license holders.</i>	\$37.29
Federal Duck <i>Required for hunters 16 and older. Available from the US Postal Service and some license agents.</i>	\$25.00
Upland Game Bird <i>Not required for junior license holders.</i>	\$23.25
Harvest Information Program	FREE

### Drawing Applications

Upland Game Bird Special Hunt <i>Per Draw Entry</i>	\$2.73
Waterfowl Reservation <i>Per Choice</i>	\$1.34

### Hunter Education

Hunter Education Equivalency Exam <i>Available at regional CDFW license sales offices only by appointment. NOTE: Not recognized as proof of Hunter Education in other states.</i>	\$65.00
Duplicate Hunter Education Certificate <i>Customers with CDFW verified Hunter Education Certificates in their ALDS customer record may purchase duplicate hunter education certificates at license agents or online.</i>	\$8.13

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## LICENSE, VALIDATION, RESERVATION, AND PASS FEES

### Hunting Pass (July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024)

Type-A Season Pass	\$198.98
Type-B Season Pass	\$66.70
Type-A One-Day Pass	\$26.49
Type-A Two-Day Pass	\$42.38

### Annual and Daily Lands Pass Fees

*A Lands Pass is currently required for visitors without a fishing or hunting license at twenty CDFW properties.*

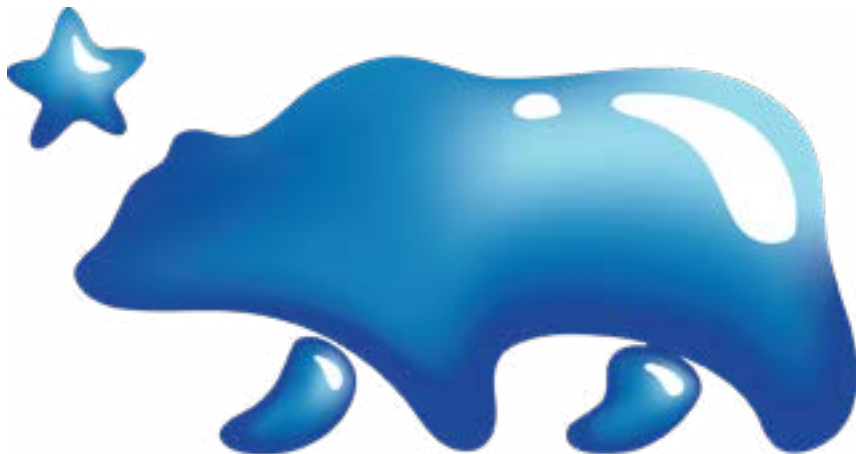
	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024
Annual CDFW Lands Pass	\$30.50	\$32.14
Daily CDFW Lands Pass (One-Day)	\$5.40	\$5.66

### Special Use Permits

	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024
Type-1	\$152.50	\$161.00
Type-2	\$576.75	\$608.75
Type-3	\$668.50	\$705.50

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## HUNTING LICENSES

### 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 wild pigs, and non-game mammals. A 2-Day Nonresident California Hunting License is not valid to hunt bighorn sheep, bear, deer, elk, or pronghorn.

### 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 [wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/hunting](http://wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/hunting). Hunting tags and validations must be purchased at full price.

## HUNTING LICENSES

### 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.

### No Sales at Check Stations

Check stations do not sell any items. Hunters must purchase any needed passes and validations in advance from CDFW license sales offices, license agents, or online. To find a license agent near you or to purchase items online visit the CDFW website at: [wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales).

### Telephone Sales

Most hunting and sport fishing license items, including validations, drawing applications, and tags, may be purchased via telephone from Aspira's telephone license sales line at (800) 565-1458. To purchase hunting items via telephone, you must have hunter education on file in the ALDS. Items purchased by telephone sales will be delivered by mail within 15 days of purchase.

### Get Outdoors Identification (GO ID)

All licenses are imprinted with your permanent GO ID number. Your GO ID can be used to retrieve your customer information in the future.

### Protect Your License From Heat

License documents subjected to extreme or prolonged heat may darken and become difficult to read. To protect your license, keep it away from heat sources.

### Refunds

California resident and nonresident hunting licenses are nonrefundable.

### 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.

### Validations to Hunt Waterfowl and Upland Game Birds

Any person, except a person hunting under the authority of a junior hunting license, who takes ducks, geese, or brant must have a California Duck Validation (FGC 3700.1) in possession. Any hunter who is age 16 or older must possess a Federal Duck Stamp to take ducks, geese or brant. The Federal Duck Stamp must be signed across the face to be valid and may be affixed anywhere on the back of your hunting license or carried separately from your California hunting license. Any person, except a person hunting under the authority of a junior hunting license, who takes upland game birds must have a California Upland Game Bird Validation (FGC 3682.1) in possession. Any person who purchases a California Duck Validation is eligible to claim a free collectible California Duck Stamp. Any person who purchases an Upland game Bird Validation is eligible to claim a free collectible Upland Game Bird Stamp. Visit [wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Collector-Stamps](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Collector-Stamps) for more information on how to claim your collectible stamps.

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### HIP Validation Required

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 and possess a free HIP validation. HIP surveys and validations are available at license agents. Hunters may be cited for hunting migratory game birds without a HIP validation in possession.

### Hunting Area Permits and Passes

Except for persons hunting on most Type C wildlife areas or hunting under the authority of a junior hunting license, all hunters using State-operated hunting areas during the waterfowl season are required to obtain an entry permit from the hunter checking station. To obtain a permit, hunters must pre-purchase one of the following passes from any CDFW license agent, license sales office or online and present it at the check station:

- Type A One-Day Pass: valid for one hunter entry on one Type A area

- Type A Two-Day Pass: may be used by one hunter for two entries or two hunters for one entry each;
- Type A Season Pass: this nontransferable pass may be used for any available hunt day on any Type A or Type B area; or
- Type B Season Pass: this nontransferable pass may be used for any available hunt day on Type B areas only.

No hunting pass is required for hunting on Type C wildlife areas.

### Reservations for Hunting on State-Operated Areas

Hunters can apply for waterfowl hunting reservations on Type A wildlife areas and federal refuges using a season-long application or a multiple-choice application online, at a CDFW license sales office, or at any license agent. Applications, hunt choices, and drawing results are available online at [wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales)



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# 2023-2024 WATERFOWL, UPLAND GAME, AND LANDS REGULATIONS

## FREE HUNTING DAYS

Saturday, November 25, 2023, and Saturday, April 13, 2024

### California Free Hunting Days (T14 CCR §700.1)

#### (a) Definitions:

(1) "Free Hunting Day Registration" is a no-fee license available only to an authorized unlicensed hunter for use on the two designated free hunting days of the license year for which the registration is issued.

(2) "Authorized Unlicensed Hunter" is a California resident who holds a free hunting day registration.

(3) "Licensed Supervising Hunter" is a hunter accompanying an authorized unlicensed hunter who holds a valid California hunting license and is at least 21 years old.

(b) An authorized unlicensed hunter shall be eligible to participate in free hunting days for only one license year and shall not be eligible to obtain a free hunting day registration for any other license year.

(c) The department shall issue a free hunting day registration to hunt on free hunting days to any California resident who submits to the department all information required to obtain an annual California hunting license pursuant to sections 700.3 and 700.4 and provides evidence of completing a course in hunter education as required in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Fish and Game Code Section 3050.

(d) Authorized unlicensed hunters must have in their possession while hunting: a free hunting day registration for the current license year, any required tags, validations, report cards, federal entitlements and any required entry permits, with the exception of upland game bird hunting validations and state duck hunting validations.

(e) Authorized unlicensed hunters participating in free hunting days shall take only upland and migratory game birds as defined in sections 300 and 502; resident small game as defined in Section 257; furbearing mammals as defined in Fish and Game Code Section 4000; nongame mammals as defined in Section 472; and wild pigs as defined in Fish and Game Code Section 4650.

(f) Authorized unlicensed hunters hunting pursuant to this section are subject to all requirements, limitations, restrictions, conditions, statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the holder of a valid hunting license, except as described in subdivision (g) of Fish and Game Code Section 3040.

(g) A free hunting day registration, as used by an authorized unlicensed hunter participating in free hunting days, does not authorize the possessor to apply for any drawing for any tag, reservation, or other hunting opportunity where an annual hunting license is required to apply.

(h) An authorized unlicensed hunter must be accompanied by a licensed supervising hunter, with the following conditions:

(1) A licensed supervising hunter must only accompany one

authorized unlicensed hunter.

(2) While engaged in hunting activities, the authorized unlicensed hunter and the licensed supervising hunter shall remain in close visual and verbal contact with each other at all times. The licensed supervising hunter must be able to provide adequate direction and immediately assume control of a firearm or other legal method of take used by the authorized unlicensed hunter, to ensure safety and compliance with laws and regulations at all times, as specified in Fish and Game Code 3040.

(i) Annual free hunting dates will be designated by the director and published in annual publications of the department regarding current hunting regulations, as specified in Fish and Game Code 3040.

### Free Hunting Days (FGC §3040)

(a) Notwithstanding Section 3031, the director shall, no later than July 1, 2023, designate two days per year as "Free Hunting Days." The department shall publish the exact dates of the free hunting days in annual publications of the department regarding current hunting regulations.

(b) (1) During a free hunting day, a California resident may hunt if accompanied by a hunter who meets all of following requirements:

(A) Holds a valid hunting license issued by the State of California.

(B) Is at least 21 years of age.

(C) Accompanies only one unlicensed hunter in the field at a time.

(2) An unlicensed hunter shall participate in the free hunting days for only one license year, and shall complete a hunter education course approved by the department and register with the department, or an agent of the department, before participating in a free hunting day. While engaged in hunting activities, an unlicensed hunter and the licensed supervising hunter shall remain in close visual and verbal contact with each other at all times so that the licensed hunter is able to provide adequate direction and immediately assume control of a firearm or other legal method of take used by the unlicensed hunter at any time.

(c) The department shall issue a free registration for free hunting days to any California resident who submits to the department all of the information required to issue an annual California hunting license and provides evidence of completing a course in hunter education as required in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 3050. The free hunting day registration shall be valid from the date specified on the registration through the remainder of the license year for which the registration is issued.

(d) An unlicensed hunter who participates in a free hunting day shall have in their possession all of the following:

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(1) A registration to hunt on free hunting days for that license year issued by the department pursuant to subdivision (c).

(2) Any required tags or report cards.

(3) Any required federal entitlements.

(4) Any required entry permits.

(e) An unlicensed hunter participating in free hunting days shall take only resident and migratory game birds, resident small game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, nongame mammals, and wild pigs with a wild pig tag.

(f) An unlicensed hunter participating in free hunting days shall not apply for any draw or lottery to obtain any tag, reservation, or other hunting opportunity.

(g) An unlicensed hunter hunting pursuant to this section is subject to all of the limitations, restrictions, conditions, statutes, rules, and regulations applicable to the holder of a valid hunting license, except all of the following:

(1) The requirement to possess a valid hunting license pursuant to Section 3031.

(2) The requirement to possess an upland game bird hunting validation pursuant to Section 3682.1.

(3) The requirement to possess a state duck hunting validation pursuant to Section 3700.1.

(h) An unlicensed hunter, who is 12 years of age or older, in possession of a registration to hunt on free hunting days may purchase one wild pig tag pursuant to Section 4652.

(i) (1) The department may adopt additional minimum requirements and restrictions for a licensed hunter or an unlicensed hunter participating in a free hunting day pursuant to this section.

(2) The department may adopt emergency regulations to implement this section in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. The adoption of these regulations is an emergency and shall be considered by the Office of Administrative Law as necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and general welfare. Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, an emergency regulation adopted by the department, or any amendments to it made by the department pursuant to this section, shall stay in effect until revised by the department.

(j) (1) On or before July 1, 2022, the department shall develop a plan to implement this section. The plan shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

(A) A description of the scope of the emergency regulations necessary to implement this section.

(B) A description of the steps the department will take to implement this section.(C) An estimate of the total costs to the department to implement this section.

(D) Identification of the source of the funds, including fees paid by hunters, necessary to implement this section.

(2) The estimate of the total costs to the department identified in subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) shall include, but is not limited to, the costs of pursuing emergency regulations, updating existing or developing new hunting outreach materials for the free hunting days, any necessary revision to the Automated License Data System, and use of any department resources necessary to conduct the free hunting days.

(3) The department shall provide the plan required by paragraph (1) to the relevant legislative policy and budget committees and post the plan on its internet website.

(k) This section shall remain in effect only until July 1, 2024, and as of that date is repealed.



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## HUNTER EDUCATION

### 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. 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 [wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education) for more information.

### 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 [wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education).

### 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 [wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor](http://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 [wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Become-an-Instructor).

### Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Program (CCR 14 §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-to's" 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 [wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced](http://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunter-Education/Advanced) or Contact Lieutenant Erick Elliott at [erick.elliott@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:erick.elliott@wildlife.ca.gov).

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## GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

### Definition of “Take” (FGC §86)

To hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill.

### General Prohibition Against Taking Resident Game Birds, Game Mammals and Furbearing Mammals (T14 CCR §250)

Except as otherwise provided in this Title 14, and in the Fish and Game Code, resident game birds, game mammals and furbearing mammals may not be taken at any time.

### Prohibition on the Use of Lead Projectiles and Ammunition Using Lead Projectiles for the Take of Wildlife (T14 CCR §250.1)

#### (a) Purpose

This regulation phases in the requirements of Fish and Game Code Section 3004.5, which prohibits the use of any lead projectiles or ammunition containing lead projectiles when taking any wildlife with a firearm on or after July 1, 2019.

#### (b) Definitions

(1) A projectile is any bullet, ball, sabot, slug, buckshot, shot, pellet or other device that is expelled from a firearm through a barrel by force.

(2) Nonlead ammunition is any centerfire, shotgun, muzzleloading, or rimfire ammunition containing projectiles certified pursuant to subsection (b)(3) or subsection (f).

(3) Shotgun ammunition containing pellets composed of materials approved as nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as identified in Section 507.1 of these regulations, is considered certified.

(4) A nonlead projectile shall contain no more than one percent lead by weight, as certified pursuant to subsection (b)(3) or subsection (f).

#### (c) General Provisions

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful to possess any projectile containing lead in excess of the amount allowed in subsection (b)(4) and a firearm capable of firing the projectile while taking or attempting to take wildlife.

(2) The possession of a projectile containing lead in excess of the amount allowed in subsection (b)(4) without possessing a firearm capable of firing the projectile is not a violation of this section.

(3) Nothing in this section is intended to prohibit the possession of concealable firearms containing lead ammunition, provided that the firearm is possessed for personal protection and is not used to take or assist in the take of wildlife.

(For the latest information please check the Department's web page at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

### Shooting Time (T14 CCR §250.5)

In these orders whenever a specific clock time is mentioned, such time is meant to be legal California time for the date specified: i.e., during the days when California is on Pacific Daylight Saving Time, Pacific Daylight Saving Time is intended; when California is legally on Pacific Standard Time, Pacific Standard Time is intended. When reference is made to sunrise or sunset time, such reference is to the sunrise or sunset time at the location of the hunter.

### Prohibition on Pursuing or Shooting Birds and Mammals from Motor-Driven Air or Land Vehicles, Motorboats, Airboats, Sailboats or Snowmobiles (T14 CCR §251)

#### (a) General Prohibition

No person shall pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor-driven air or land vehicles, motorboat, airboat, sailboat, or snowmobile. Additionally, no person shall use any motorized, hot-air, or unpowered aircraft or other device capable of flight or any earth orbiting imaging device to locate or assist in locating big game mammals beginning 48 hours before and continuing until 48 hours after any big game hunting season in the same area. No person shall use at any time or place, without Department approval, any computer, telemetry device or other equipment to locate a big game mammal to which a tracking device is attached. For purposes of this subsection “use” includes but is not limited to personal use or intent by another to obtain information from such personal use. Evidence of an act constituting a violation of this section includes but is not limited to flying slowly at low altitudes, hovering, circling or repeatedly flying over any area where big game may be found. Exceptions to this subsection are:

(1) When the motor of such motorboat, airboat, or sailboat has been shut off and/or the sails furled and its progress therefrom has ceased, and it is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled by paddle, oar or pole.

(2) When used by the landowner or tenant of private property to drive or herd game mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private property.

(3) Pursuant to a license from the department issued under such regulations as the commission may prescribe (see subsection 251(b) below).

#### (b) Mobility Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle License

##### (1) Applications

Applications for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License for mobility disabled persons shall be on a form supplied by the Department (Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License Application, FG1460-10/95). The application shall include the applicant's name, address, physical description, a description of the qualifying disability, and a certified statement

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from a licensed physician describing the applicant's permanent disability. It shall be unlawful for any person to falsify an application for a Motor Vehicle Hunting License.

### (2) Terms of the License

The Motor Vehicle Hunting License shall specify conditions under which said license shall be used and shall include but not be limited to the following provisions:

(A) The licensee shall be accompanied by an able bodied assistant who shall immediately retrieve, and tag if necessary, all game taken. (Possession of the licensee's tag, required in this subsection, shall not be considered an unlawful possession of a tag or license issued to another person).

(B) The assistant shall not possess a firearm, crossbow or archery equipment unless he/she is a licensed hunter and possesses any necessary license or tag for the area being hunted. The assistant shall not discharge a firearm or release a bolt or an arrow from the vehicle. If licensed, the assistant may dispatch wounded game which has moved out of range of the licensee.

(C) The vehicle must be stopped and the engine must be shut off prior to the licensee discharging firearm or releasing a bolt from a crossbow or an arrow from archery equipment.

(D) The licensee shall notify the Department, at the regional office having responsibility for the area where the licensee intends to hunt, at least 48 hours prior to hunting or contact the department's 24-hour dispatcher at the number indicated on the license. The licensee shall specify the locality, vehicle description, and the approximate time frame during which such hunt shall take place.

(E) The licensee or assistant shall not pursue any animal or drive or herd animals to any other hunters with a motor vehicle.

(F) This license does not grant permission to trespass on private property or permission to use a motor vehicle while in any area where the use of motor vehicles is restricted or prohibited.

(G) This license does not grant permission to discharge a firearm in any place or manner that would otherwise be unlawful, or to possess a loaded firearm in violation of any other city, county or state law.

(H) The licensee shall have the license in possession while hunting from a motor vehicle.

### Harassment of Animals (T14 CCR §251.1)

Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal or furbearing mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops.

### Game Birds, Game Mammals, Furbearers and Nongame Animals, Possession Of (T14 CCR §251.5)

(a) Migratory game birds may not be held beyond the period provided by the federal regulations and in accordance with the daily bag and possession limits prescribed by these regulations. (See section 500.)

(b) Live mountain lions may be possessed only under terms of a permit issued by the Department pursuant to section 2150 of the Fish and Game Code or if the owner can demonstrate that the mountain lion was in his/her possession on or before June 6, 1990 under a permit issued pursuant to section 3200 of said code.

(c) Every game bird, game mammal, furbearer or nongame animal taken under the authority of a hunting or trapping license and reduced to possession by the hunter or trapper shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

### Possession, Transportation, and Importation of Game Birds (T14 CCR §251.7)

(a) No person may possess any birds taken in this state in excess of the daily bag and possession limits. The exception to this is for the purpose of transportation, cleaning, storage (including temporary storage), shipment, or taxidermy services, where an individual may possess game birds taken by another hunter provided that they are tagged by the hunter who has lawfully taken them. The tag must contain the hunter's name, address, hunting license number, kinds and numbers of game birds taken, date and location of kill, and signature.

(b) All birds, including migratory game birds, possessed or transported within California must have a fully feathered wing or head attached until placed into a personal abode or commercial preservation facility or being prepared for immediate consumption. Doves must have a fully feathered wing attached.

(c) Migratory game birds imported into California shall be accompanied by a declaration of entry as prescribed in Section 2353 of the Fish and Game Code.

(d) Only one possession limit of migratory game birds may be possessed per individual after the close of the season for that species.

### Bag and Possession Limit Defined (T14 CCR §252)

"Bag and possession limit" means the daily bag limit of each kind of resident and migratory game birds, game mammals and furbearing mammals which may be taken and possessed by any one person unless otherwise authorized.

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### **Prohibition Against Taking Resident Game Birds and Mammals by the Aid of Bait (T14 CCR §257.5)**

Except as otherwise provided in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, resident game birds and mammals may not be taken within 400 yards of any baited area.

#### **(a) Definition of Baited Area**

As used in this regulation, “baited area” shall mean 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.

#### **(b) Exceptions**

(1) The taking of domestically reared and released game birds on licensed pheasant clubs and other licensed game bird clubs;

(2) The taking of resident game birds and mammals on or over standing crops, flooded standing crops (including aquatics), flooded harvested croplands, grain crops properly shocked on the field where grown, or grains found scattered solely as the result of normal agricultural planting or harvesting;

(3) The taking of resident game birds and mammals on or over any lands where shelled, shucked or unshucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed have been distributed or scattered as the result of bona fide agricultural operations or procedures, or as a result of manipulation of a crop or other feed on the land where grown for wildlife management purposes: provided that manipulation for wildlife management purposes does not include the distributing or scattering of grain or other feed once it has been removed from or stored on the field where grown.

### **Season Defined (T14 CCR §258)**

“Season” means that period of time during which resident and migratory game birds, game mammals and fur-bearing mammals may be taken. All dates are inclusive.

### **Prohibition Against Taking Other than Migratory Game Birds and Quail in Picacho State Recreation Area (T14 CCR §260)**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, in Picacho State Recreation Area only migratory game birds and quail may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Sections 301, 500, 501 and 502 of these regulations.

### **Prohibition Against Hunting Other Than During September-January on Providence Mountains State Recreation Area (T14 CCR §260.1)**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, in Providence Mountains State Recreation Area hunting is permitted only during the period September 1 to January 31.

### **Hunting Restrictions on Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (T14 CCR §260.2)**

Game species may be taken on the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area only as follows:

(a) No hunting of any type is permitted between February 1 and September 14 except for wild turkeys only, during the spring turkey hunting season as provided in Section 306 of these regulations.

(b) No waterfowl or deer hunting is permitted at any time.

(c) Game species may be taken only during their respective open seasons or portions thereof falling within the period September 15 through January 31; and as provided in (a) above; and as otherwise provided by state Parks and Recreation area regulations (see area regulations).

### **Prohibition Against Taking Other than Migratory Birds on San Luis Reservoir State Recreations Area (T14 CCR §260.3)**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, only migratory waterfowl may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 502 of these regulations.

### **Prohibition Against Taking Other than Waterfowl, American Coots, Common Moorhens, and Common Snipe within Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area (T14 CCR §260.5)**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area, only waterfowl, American coots, common moorhens and common snipe may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 502 of these regulations

### **Prohibition Against Taking Other Than Waterfowl and Resident Small Game on Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area (T14 CCR §260.4)**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these regulations, in Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area only waterfowl and resident small game may be taken or possessed as prescribed in Section 551 of these regulations.



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### **Prohibition Against Hunting on Portions of Frank's Tract State Recreation Area (T14 CCR §262)**

That portion of Frank's Tract State Recreation Area lying southwest of the following line is closed to hunting: Beginning at a point on Little Frank's Tract 2,000 feet north of the Piper Slough; southeast 2,000 feet east of the Piper Slough levee to the junction of the Holland Island levee.

### **Prohibition Against Night Hunting (T14 CCR §263)**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, hunting wildlife from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise is prohibited in Monterey and San Benito counties east of Highway 101.

### **Use of Lights While Hunting—Specific Areas (T14 CCR §264)**

(a) Lights of any size or voltage may be used to take furbearing or nongame mammals only in the areas described in subsections (b) and (c) below, and only under the following conditions:

(1) The use of lights for night hunting is prohibited in any area where the general deer season is open.

(2) Furbearing mammals and nongame mammals may be taken with the aid of a spotlight or other artificial light operated from a vehicle provided such vehicle is stopped and standing with the motor off. No spotlight may be used from a vehicle which is on a public road or highway.

#### ***(b) Zone 1. (Portions of Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo and Yuba counties.)***

Area: Within the boundary beginning at the junction of Interstate 880 and Interstate 5 near Sacramento; east on Interstate 880 to its junction with Interstate 80; north and east on Interstate 80 to its junction with Highway 65 near Roseville, along Highway 65 to its junction with Highway 20 at Marysville; west on Highway 20 to its junction with Highway 45; north on Highway 45 to its junction with Highway 162; east on Highway 162 to its junction with Highway 99; north on Highway 99 to South Avenue near the town of Corning; west on South Avenue to Interstate 5 in Corning; north on Interstate 5 to Corning Road; west on Corning Road to Paskenta Road; west on the Paskenta Road to the town of Paskenta; southwest on the Round Valley Road to the Garland Road; south on the Garland Road to the town of Newville; south on the Newville-Elk Creek Road to the town of Elk Creek; south on the Elk Creek-Stonyford Road to the town of Stonyford; south on the Stonyford-Leesville Road to the town of Ladoga; south on the Stonyford-Leesville Road to the town of Leesville; south from Leesville on the Bear Valley Road to its intersection with Highway 20; east on Highway 20 to its intersection with Highway 16; south and east on Highway 16 to its intersection with Interstate 5; east on Interstate 5 to Interstate 880 and the point of beginning.

#### ***(c) Zone 2. (Portions of Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono and San Bernardino counties and all of Imperial, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties.)***

Area: Inyo, Mono and Kern counties south and east of a line beginning at the junction of Highway 182 and the California-Nevada state line; south on Highway 182 to its junction with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its intersection with Highway 168 at Bishop; west on Highway 168 to its intersection with the Inyo National Forest boundary; south on the Inyo National Forest boundary to its junction with County Highway J41; south and east on County Highway J41 to its junction with Highway 395; south on Highway 395 to its junction with Highway 14 near Inyokern; south on Highway 14 to its junction with Highway 178 at Freeman; west on Highway 178 to its junction with the Bodfish-Caliente Road at Isabella; south on the Bodfish-Caliente Road to its junction with Highway 58; east on Highway 58 to its junction with the Los Angeles Aqueduct; south and west on the Los Angeles Aqueduct Road to its junction with 265th Street West near Neenach; south on 265th Street West to its junction with the Elizabeth Lake-Pine Canyon Road at Three Points; east along the Elizabeth Lake-Pine Canyon Road to its junction with Highway 14 at Palmdale; south on Highway 14 to its intersection with the Angeles Forest Highway; south on the Angeles Forest Highway to the Mill Creek Summit Road; east and south on the Mill Creek Summit Road to its intersection with the Angeles Crest Highway (Highway 2) at Upper Chilao Campground; east on the Angeles Crest Highway to its intersection with the Los Angeles-San Bernardino county line; north on the Los Angeles-Kern-San Bernardino county line to its intersection with Highway 58; east on Highway 58 to its intersection with the range line between R3W and R4W; south along the range line between R3W and R4W to the southeast corner of T8N, R4W; east along T8N to its intersection with the west boundary of the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center; south and east on that boundary to its intersection with Giant Rock Road; east along Giant Rock Road to a point where it turns southeast and corresponding with a projected north extension of Sunfair Road; south on Sunfair Road and its projected extension to the San Bernardino-Riverside county line; and all of Imperial, Orange, Riverside and San Diego counties..

### **Use of Lights While Hunting: Remainder of State (T14 CCR §264.5)**

Lights may be used, in those portions of the state not listed in Section 264, to take furbearers and nongame mammals under the following conditions only:

(a) Only 9 volt lights or smaller, hand-held or worn on the head are permitted.

(b) Persons using such lights must be on foot.

(c) Lights may not be used in or from a vehicle and may not be attached or powered from any source other than self-contained batteries.

(d) A landowner or tenant suffering damage to livestock or other property by furbearing mammals or nongame mammals may designate, in writing, persons allowed by such landowner or

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tenant to use artificial lights in excess of 9 volts to assist in taking the depredating mammals. The landowner or tenants shall notify the closest fish and game office whenever furbearing or nongame mammals are taken under this authority.

No furbearing or nongame mammals including any threatened, endangered or fully protected species may be taken contrary to any other prohibition set forth in these regulations.

### Fish and Game Code Laws Related to the Use of Lights (FGC §2005)

(a) Except as otherwise authorized by this section, it is unlawful to use an artificial light to assist in the taking of a game bird, game mammal, or game fish. (b) It is unlawful for one or more persons to throw or cast the rays of a spotlight, headlight, or other artificial light on a highway or in a field, woodland, or forest where game mammals, fur-bearing mammals, or nongame mammals are commonly found, or upon a game mammal, fur-bearing mammal, or nongame mammal, while having in his or her possession or under his or her control a firearm or weapon with which that mammal could be killed, even though the mammal is not killed, injured, shot at, or otherwise pursued. (c) It is unlawful to use or possess night vision equipment to assist in the taking of a bird, mammal, amphibian, reptile, or fish. For purposes of this subdivision, "night vision equipment" includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) An infrared or similar light, used in connection with an electronic viewing device.
- (2) An optical device, including, but not limited to, binoculars or a scope, that uses electrical or battery powered light amplifying circuits.
- (d) This section does not apply to any of the following:
  - (1) Sport fishing in ocean waters, or other waters where night fishing is permitted, if an artificial light is not used on or as part of the fishing tackle.
  - (2) Commercial fishing.
  - (3) The taking of mammals governed by Article 2 (commencing with Section 4180) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 4.
  - (4) The use of a hand-held flashlight that is no larger and emits no more light than a two-cell, three-volt flashlight, and is not affixed to a weapon.
  - (5) The use of a lamp or lantern that does not cast a directional beam of light.
  - (6) Headlights of a motor vehicle that are operated in a usual manner and without attempt or intent to locate a game mammal, fur-bearing mammal, or nongame mammal.
  - (7) An owner of land devoted to the agricultural industry, or the owner's employee, while on that land.
  - (8) An owner of land devoted to the agricultural industry, or the owner's employee, while on land controlled by the owner in connection with the agricultural industry.
  - (9) Other uses as the commission may authorize by regulation.
- (e) A person shall not be arrested for violation of this section except by a peace officer.

### Picacho and Providence Mountains State Recreation Areas (T14 CCR §311.6)

The use of rifles and pistols to take any bird or mammal is prohibited in Picacho and Providence Mountains State Recreation Areas.

### SHARE (SHARED HABITAT ALLIANCE FOR RECREATIONAL ENHANCEMENT)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife's SHARE program provides public access for hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities on private land.

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



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## GENERAL PROVISIONS AND DEFINITIONS

### Camping Near or Occupying Wildlife Watering Places (T14 CCR §730)

#### (a) *Camping/Occupying Defined.*

For purposes of this Section, camping/occupying is defined as establishing or inhabiting a camp; resting; picnicking; sleeping; parking or inhabiting any motor vehicle or trailer; hunting; or engaging in any other recreational activity for a period of more than thirty (30) minutes at a given location.

#### (b) *Wildlife Watering Places Defined.*

For purposes of this Section, wildlife watering places are defined as waterholes, springs, seeps and man-made watering devices for wildlife such as guzzlers (self-filling, in-the-ground water storage tanks), horizontal wells and small impoundments of less than one surface acre in size.

#### (c) *Prohibitions.*

##### (1) *Camping/Occupying is prohibited within 200 yards of the following:*

(A) Any guzzler or horizontal well for wildlife on public land within the State of California.

(B) Any of the wildlife watering places on public land within the boundary of the California Desert Conservation Area as depicted on the Bureau of Land Management maps of "Calif. Federal Public Lands Responsibility," "Calif. Desert Conservation Area" and the new "Desert District, B.L.M."

##### (2) *Camping/Occupying is prohibited within one-quarter mile of the following wildlife watering places:*

(A) Butte Well--T31N, R14E, Section 28, NE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.

(B) Schaffer Well--T31N R14E, Section 25, Center, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.

(C) Tableland Well--T31N, R14E, Section 17, SE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.

(D) Table Mountain Well--T31N, R14E, Section 32, SE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.

(E) Timber Mountain Well--T44N, R6E, Section 33, M.D.B.M., Modoc National Forest, Modoc County.

(F) Belfast Well--T31N, R14E, Section 31, NE1/4, M.D.B.M., Lassen County.

### It is unlawful to:

- Trespass while hunting. (FGC 2016)
- Litter in or within 150 feet of state waters or place the litter where it can pass into state waters. (FGC 5652)
- Hunt or discharge a firearm within 150 yards of a dwelling (safety zone) without permission of the owner or the person in control of the property. (FGC 3004)
- Take waterfowl or resident small game with a shotgun capable of holding more than 3 shells. (CCR T14-311(a), 507)
- Transport game birds without fully feathered head or wing attached. (CCR T14-251.7)
- Waste the carcass of any game bird or mammal. (FGC 4304)
- Hunt over bait. (CCR T14-257.5, 509)
- Hunt on a state or federal wildlife area without the proper permit when required. (CCR T14-550, 551)
- Use an electronic calling device when taking waterfowl. (CCR T14-507)
- Use live decoys when hunting waterfowl. (CCR T14-507)
- Transfer any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation to another person. (FGC 1052)
- Shoot unauthorized nongame birds. (FGC 3800)
- Use any mammal (except a dog) or an imitation of a mammal as a blind in approaching or taking game birds. (FGC 3502)
- Use or possess any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation that was not lawfully issued to the user; or alter, mutilate deface, duplicate or counterfeit any license, tag, stamp, permit, application or reservation. (FGC 1052)
- Fail to exhibit upon demand to any peace officer, all licenses, tags, and wildlife and devices capable of being used to take wildlife. (FGC 2012)
- Prohibit a Warden from inspecting any boat, market, or receptacle where fish or wildlife may be found. (FGC 1006)
- Hunt without your hunting license in possession. (CCR T14-700)
- Use a fishing or hunting license that is not completely filled out.
- Possess fish or wildlife taken unlawfully. (FGC 2002)
- Take fish or wildlife in violation of any section of law. (FGC 2000)
- Import into the state any dead animal taken in hunting or fishing without completing Form DFW 901 Declaration of Importation (CCR T14-712/5)



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Date	Eureka		Tulelake - Klamath Basin		Colusa		San Francisco Bay Area		Sacramento		Los Banos	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
September 1	6:14	7:49	6:02	7:40	6:07	7:39	6:10	7:39	6:05	7:36	6:04	7:32
September 2	6:15	7:47	6:03	7:38	6:08	7:37	6:11	7:38	6:06	7:35	6:05	7:31
September 9	6:21	7:36	6:10	7:26	6:14	7:26	6:16	7:27	6:12	7:24	6:11	7:20
September 16	6:28	7:24	6:17	7:14	6:20	7:15	6:22	7:16	6:18	7:13	6:16	7:10
September 23	6:35	7:12	6:24	7:02	6:27	7:04	6:28	7:05	6:25	7:02	6:22	6:59
September 30	6:42	7:00	6:32	6:49	6:33	6:52	6:34	6:54	6:31	6:50	6:28	6:48
October 7	6:49	6:49	6:39	6:37	6:40	6:41	6:41	6:44	6:37	6:40	6:34	6:38
October 14	6:57	6:38	6:47	6:26	6:47	6:31	6:47	6:34	6:44	6:29	6:40	6:28
October 21	7:04	6:28	6:55	6:15	6:54	6:21	6:54	6:24	6:51	6:20	6:47	6:19
October 28	7:12	6:18	7:04	6:05	7:01	6:12	7:01	6:16	6:58	6:11	6:54	6:10
November 4	7:21	6:09	7:12	5:56	7:09	6:04	7:08	6:08	7:06	6:03	7:01	6:03
November 5*	6:22	5:08	6:13	4:55	6:10	5:03	6:09	5:07	6:07	5:02	6:02	5:02
November 11	6:29	5:02	6:21	4:49	6:17	4:57	6:16	5:01	6:13	4:56	6:08	4:57
November 18	6:37	4:56	6:29	4:43	6:25	4:51	6:23	4:56	6:21	4:51	6:15	4:52
November 25	6:45	4:52	6:37	4:38	6:32	4:48	6:30	4:53	6:29	4:47	6:22	4:48
December 2	6:52	4:49	6:45	4:35	6:39	4:45	6:37	4:51	6:36	4:45	6:29	4:46
December 9	6:59	4:49	6:52	4:34	6:46	4:45	6:43	4:51	6:42	4:45	6:35	4:46
December 16	7:04	4:50	6:57	4:36	6:51	4:46	6:48	4:52	6:47	4:46	6:40	4:48
December 23	7:08	4:53	7:01	4:39	6:55	4:49	6:52	4:55	6:51	4:49	6:44	4:51
December 30	7:11	4:58	7:04	4:44	6:57	4:54	6:55	5:00	6:53	4:54	6:46	4:56
January 6	7:11	5:04	7:04	4:50	6:58	5:00	6:55	5:06	6:54	5:00	6:47	5:01
January 13	7:10	5:11	7:02	4:57	6:57	5:07	6:55	5:12	6:53	5:07	6:46	5:08
January 20	7:06	5:19	6:59	5:05	6:54	5:15	6:52	5:20	6:50	5:14	6:44	5:15
January 27	7:02	5:28	6:54	5:14	6:49	5:23	6:48	5:27	6:46	5:22	6:40	5:23

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## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SHOOTING HOURS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Atascadero</i>		<i>Kern County - Bakersfield</i>		<i>Bishop - Owens Valley</i>		<i>Los Angeles</i>		<i>San Diego</i>		<i>Calipatria</i>	
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## WATERFOWL ZONES



This map should serve only as a guide to the general locations of waterfowl zones. It is your responsibility to become familiar with the exact boundaries. Detailed legal descriptions of waterfowl zones and special management areas are provided in Section 502 in this regulation booklet.



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## STATEWIDE AND ZONE WATERFOWL REGULATIONS

### Waterfowl, Migratory; American Coot and Common Moorhen (Common Gallinule) (T14 CCR §502)

#### (a) Definitions.

- (1) Dark geese. Dark geese include Canada geese, cackling geese, Aleutian geese and white-fronted geese ("specklebelly").
- (2) Large Canada geese. Large Canada geese include western Canada geese ("honker") and lesser Canada geese ("lessers").
- (3) Small Canada geese. Small (about the size of a mallard) Canada geese include cackling geese and Aleutian geese. Both are white-cheeked geese nearly identical in appearance to Large Canada geese. Aleutian geese have a thin white neck ring and Cackling geese have dark breasts. Both species have a high-pitched cackle as opposed to the deeper "honking".
- (4) White geese. White geese include Ross' geese, snow geese and blue phase of both species.

#### (b) Waterfowl Hunting Zones.

##### (1) Northeastern California Zone:

In that portion of California lying east and north of a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 with the California-Oregon state line; south along Interstate 5 to its junction with Walters Lane south of the town of Yreka; west along Walters Lane to its junction with Easy Street; south along Easy Street to the junction with Old Highway 99; south along Old Highway 99 to the point of intersection with Interstate 5 north of the town of Weed; south along Interstate 5 to its junction with Highway 89; east and south along Highway 89 to Main Street in Greenville; north and east to its junction with North Valley Road; south to its junction of Diamond Mountain Road; north and east to its junction with North Arm Road; south and west to the junction of North Valley Road; south to the junction with Arlington Road (A22); west to the junction of Highway 89; south and west to the junction of Highway 70; east on Highway 70 to Highway 395; south and east on Highway 395 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line; north along the California-Nevada state line to the junction of the California-Nevada-Oregon state lines west along the California-Oregon state line to the point of origin.

##### (2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone:

All of Kings and Tulare counties and that portion of Kern County north of the Southern California Zone.

##### (3) Southern California Zone:

In that portion of southern California (but excluding the Colorado River zone) lying south and east of a line beginning at the mouth of the Santa Maria River at the Pacific Ocean; east along the Santa Maria River to where it crosses Highway 101-166 near the City of Santa Maria; continue north on 101-166; east on Highway 166 to the junction with Highway 99; south on Highway 99 to the junction of Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains at Tejon Pass; east and north along the crest of the Tehachapi Mountains to where it intersects Highway 178 at Walker Pass; east on Highway 178 to the junction of Highway 395 at the town of Inyokern; south on

Highway 395 to the junction of Highway 58; east on Highway 58 to the junction of Interstate 15; east on Interstate 15 to the junction with Highway 127; north on Highway 127 to the point of intersection with the California-Nevada state line.

##### (4) Colorado River Zone:

In those portions of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Imperial counties lying east of the following lines: Beginning at the intersection of Nevada State Highway 95 with the California-Nevada state line; south along Highway 95 through the junction with Highway 40; continue south on Highway 95 to Vidal Junction; south through the town of Rice to the San Bernardino-Riverside county line on a road known as "Aqueduct Road" also known as Highway 62 in San Bernardino County; southwest on Highway 62 to Desert Center Rice Road; south on Desert Center Rice Road/Highway 177 to the town of Desert Center; continue east 31 miles on Interstate 10 to its intersection with the Wiley Well Road; south on this road to Wiley Well; south-east along the Milpitas Wash Road to the Blythe, Brawley, Davis Lake intersections; south on the Blythe Ogilby Road also known as County Highway 34 to its intersection with Ogilby Road; south on this road to Highway 8; east seven miles on Highway 8 to its intersection with the Andrade-Algodones Road/Highway 186; south on this paved road to the intersection of the Mexican boundary line at Los Algodones, Mexico.

##### (5) Balance of State Zone

That portion of the state not included in Northeastern California, Southern California, Colorado River or the Southern San Joaquin Valley zones.

##### (6) Special Management Areas

(A) North Coast. All of Del Norte and Humboldt counties.

(B) Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side). Beginning at the intersection of the north boundary of Table Bluff County Park and the South Jetty Road; north along the South Jetty Road to the South Jetty; west along the South Jetty to the mean low water line of the Pacific Ocean; south along the mean low water line to its intersection with the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park; east along the north boundary of the Table Bluff County Park to the point of origin.

(C) Klamath Basin. Beginning at the intersection of Highway 161 and Highway 97; east on Highway 161 to Hill Road; south on Hill Road to N Dike Road West Side; east on N Dike Road West Side until the junction of the Lost River; north on N Dike Road West Side until the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway; east on Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway until N Dike Road East Side; south on the N Dike Road East Side; continue east on N Dike Road East Side to Highway 111; south on Highway 111/Great Northern Road to Highway 120/Highway 124; west on Highway 120/Highway 124 to Hill Road; south on Hill Road until Lairds Camp Road; west on Lairds Camp Road until Willow Creek; west and south on Willow Creek to Red Rock Road; west on Red Rock Road until Meiss Lake Road/ Old State Highway; north on Meiss Lake Road/Old State Highway to Highway 97; north on Highway 97 to the point of origin.

(D) Sacramento Valley. Beginning at the town of Willows; south on Interstate 5 to the junction with Hahn Road; east on Hahn Road and the Grimes- Arbuckle Road to the town of Grimes;

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north on Highway 45 to its junction with Highway 162; north on Highway 45-162 to the town of Glenn; west on Highway 162 to the point of beginning.

(E) Morro Bay. Beginning at a point where the high tide line intersects the State Park boundary west of Cuesta by the Sea; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line at the end of Mitchell Drive in Baywood Park; northeasterly to a point 200 yards offshore of the high tide line west of the Morro Bay State Park Boundary, adjacent to Baywood Park; north to a point 300 yards south of the high tide line at the end of White Point; north along a line 400 yards offshore of the south boundary of the Morro Bay City limit to a point adjacent to Fairbanks Point; northwesterly to the high tide line on the sand spit; southerly along the high tide line of the sand spit to the south end of Morro Bay; easterly along the Park boundary at the high tide line to the beginning point. (F) Martis Creek Lake. The waters and shoreline of Martis Creek Lake, Placer and Nevada counties.

(G) Northern Brant. Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties.

(H) Balance of State Brant. That portion of the state not included in the Northern Brant Special Management Area.

(I) Imperial County. Beginning at Highway 86 and the Navy Test Base Road; south on Highway 86 to the town of Westmoreland; continue through the town of Westmoreland to Route S26; east on Route S26 to Highway 115; north on Highway 115 to Weist Rd.; north on Weist Rd. to Flowing Wells Rd.; northeast on Flowing Wells Rd. to the Coachella Canal; northwest on the Coachella Canal to Drop 18; a straight line from Drop 18 to Frink Rd.; south on Frink Rd. to Highway 111; north on Highway 111 to Niland Marina Rd.; southwest on Niland Marina Rd. to the old Imperial County boat ramp and the water line of the Salton Sea; from the water line of the Salton Sea, a straight line across the Salton Sea to the Salinity Control Research Facility and the Navy Test Base Road; southwest on the Navy Test Base Road to the point of beginning.

### Waterfowl Consumption Health Warnings

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) determines whether a public health hazard may exist from consumption of waterfowl taken from certain locations in California based on laboratory testing data. The following advisories have been issued. The guidelines are based on risk estimates that assume long-term consumption; thus, occasional intake of duck meat slightly above the recommended quantitative limits is not expected to produce a health hazard.

#### **GRASSLANDS AREA** **(Western Merced County)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. of duck meat from the Grasslands area in any two-week period. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

#### **SUISUN BAY** **(Contra Costa and Solano counties)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. per week of (greater and lesser) scaup meat or scoter meat in any two-week period. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

#### **SAN PABLO BAY** **(Contra Costa, Marin, Solano, Sonoma counties)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. per week of greater scaup or scoter meat in any two-week period from the bay. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

#### **SAN FRANCISCO BAY** **(Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara counties)**

Because of elevated selenium levels, no one should eat more than 4 oz. per week of greater scaup meat from the central bay, or more than 4 oz. per week of greater scaup meat from the south bay in any two-week period. No one should eat livers of duck from the area.

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### (c) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for American Coots, and Common Moorhens.

#### (1) Statewide Provisions

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
American Coot and Common Moorhen	Concurrent with duck season(s)	Daily bag limit: 25, either all of one species or a mixture of these species. Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

### (d) Seasons and Bag and Possession Limits for Ducks and Geese by Zone.

#### (1) Northeastern California Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the first Saturday in October extending for 103 days. (Oct 7-Jan 17)  Scaup: from the first Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days (Oct 7-Dec 3) and from the third Thursday in December extending for a period of 28 days. (Dec 21-Jan 17)	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females</li> <li>• 1 pintail (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex)</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	Regular Season: Small and Large Canada Geese: from the first Saturday in October extending for 100 days. (Oct 7-Jan 14) White-fronted and white geese from the first Saturday in October extending for a period of 58 days (Oct 7-Dec 3) and from January 4 extending for a period of 14 days. (Jan 4-Jan 17)  Late Season: White-fronted and white geese from February 7 extending for 33 days. (Feb 7-Mar 10)  During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on Type C wildlife areas listed in Section 550-552, navigable waters, and private lands with the permission of the land owner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code. Hunting is prohibited on Type A and Type B wildlife areas, the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge, and any waters which are on, encompassed by, bounded over, flow over, flow through, or are adjacent to any Type A and Type B wildlife areas, the Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Complex, or the Modoc National Wildlife Refuge.	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese</li> </ul> (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.



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### (2) Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the third Saturday in October extending for <b>103</b> days. (Oct 21-Jan 31)  Scaup: from November 7 extending for 86 days. (Nov 7-Jan 31)	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females.</li> <li>• 1 pintail (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex).</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the third Saturday in October extending for <b>103</b> days. (Oct 21-Jan 31)	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese</li> </ul> (see definitions: 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.

### (3) Southern California Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the third Saturday in October extending for <b>103</b> days. (Oct 21-Jan 31)  Scaup: from November 7 extending for 86 days. (Nov 7-Jan 31)	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females</li> <li>• 1 pintail (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex)</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the third Saturday in October extending for <b>103</b> days. (Oct 21-Jan 31)	Daily bag limit: 23 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 3 dark geese</li> </ul> (see definitions 502(a)). Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit

### (4) Colorado River Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	From the October 23 extending for 101 days. (Oct 23-Jan 31)  Scaup: from November 7 extending for 86 days. (Nov 7-Jan 31)	Daily bag limit: 7 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females or Mexican ducks</li> <li>• 1 pintail (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex)</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
Geese	From the October 23 extending for 101 days. (Oct 23-Jan 31)	Daily bag limit: 24 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese</li> <li>• 4 dark geese (see definitions: 502(a))</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit

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### (5) Balance of State Zone

(NOTE: SEE SUBSECTION 502(d)(6) BELOW FOR SPECIAL SEASONS AND CLOSURES.)

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers)	<p>From the third Saturday in October extending for 103 days. (Oct 21-Jan 31)</p> <p>Scaup: from November 7 extending for 86 days. (Nov 7-Jan 31)</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 7</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 mallards, but not more than 2 females</li> <li>• 1 pintail (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 canvasback (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 redheads (either sex)</li> <li>• 2 scaup (either sex)</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>
Geese	<p>Early Season: Large Canada geese only from the Saturday closest to October 1 for a period of 3 days (Sept 30-Oct 2) EXCEPT in the North Coast Special Management Area where Large Canada geese are closed during the early season.</p> <p>Regular Season: Dark and white geese from the third Saturday in October extending for 100 days (Oct 21-Jan 28) EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season will close after December 21. (Oct 21-Dec 21)</p> <p>Late Season: Canada geese from the third Saturday in February extending for 2 days. (Feb 17-18) , White- fronted and white geese from the third Saturday in February extending for a period of 5 days (Feb 17-21) EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where the white-fronted goose season is closed. During the Late Season, hunting is not permitted on wildlife areas listed in Sections 550-552 EXCEPT on Type C wildlife areas in the North Central and Central regions.</p>	<p>Daily bag limit: 30</p> <p>Daily bag limit may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese EXCEPT in the Sacramento Valley Special Management Area where only 3 may be white-fronted geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.</p>

## Report Bird Mortality

CDFW documents disease outbreaks in waterfowl and other game birds in California.

If you observe greater than five sick, dead, or dying birds in the same location, you can report your findings to the CDFW Wildlife Investigations Lab at (916) 358-2790 or online: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Laboratories/Wildlife-Health>

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### (6) Special Management Areas (see descriptions in 502(b)(6))

Area	(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
1. North Coast	All Canada Geese	From October 7 extending for a period of <b>77</b> days (Oct 7-Dec 22) (Regular Season) and from February 12 extending for a period of <b>28</b> days (Feb 12-Mar 10) (Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission of the land owner under provisions Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.	Daily bag limit: 10 Canada Geese of which only 1 may be a Large Canada goose (see definitions: 502(a)), EXCEPT during the Late Season the bag limit on Large Canada geese is zero. Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit
2. Humboldt Bay South Spit (West Side)	All Species	Closed during brant season	N/A
3. Klamath Basin	Geese	Small and Large Canada Geese from the first Saturday in October extending for 100 days. (Oct 7-Jan 14)  White-fronted and white geese from the first Saturday in October extending for 105 days. (Oct 7-Jan 19)	Daily bag limit: 30 Daily bag limit may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 white geese.</li> <li>• 10 dark geese but not more than 2 Large Canada geese (see definitions: 502(a)).</li> </ul> Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
4. Sacramento Valley	White-Fronted Geese	Open concurrently with the goose season through December 21, and during Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. (Oct 21-Dec 21) (Feb 3-4)	Daily bag limit: 3 white-fronted geese. Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
5. Morro Bay	All species	Open in designated area only from the opening day of brant season through the remainder of waterfowl season.	N/A
6. Martis Creek Lake	All species	Closed until November 16.	N/A
7. Northern Brant	Black Brant	From November 18 extending for <b>27</b> days. (Nov 18-Dec 14)	Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
8. Balance of State Brant	Black Brant	From November 19 extending for <b>27</b> days. (Nov 19-Dec 15)	Daily bag limit: 2 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit.
9. Imperial County	White Geese	From November 4 extending for a period of 89 days (Nov 4-Jan 31) (Regular Season) and February 1-2, 2024, February 5-9, 2024 and February 12-20, 2024 (Feb 1-2)(Feb 5-9)(Feb 12-20)(Late Season). During the Late Season, hunting is only permitted on private lands with the permission of the land owner under provisions of Section 2016, Fish and Game Code.	Daily bag limit: 20 Possession limit: triple the daily bag limit



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### (e) Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days Regulations

(NOTE: To participate in these Youth Waterfowl Hunts, youth must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult 18 years of age or older. Federal regulations require that hunters must be 17 years of age or younger.)

#### (1) Statewide Provisions.

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers), American Coot, Common Moorhen, Black Brant, Geese	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday fourteen days before the opening of waterfowl season extending for 2 days. (Sept 23-24)</li><li>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The first Saturday in February extending for 2 days (Feb 3-4)</li><li>3. Southern California Zone: The first Saturday in February extending for 2 days. (Feb 3-4)</li><li>4. Colorado River Zone: The Saturday following the closing of waterfowl season extending for 2 days. (Feb 3-4)</li><li>5. Balance of State Zone: The first Saturday in February extending for 2 days. (Feb 3-4)</li></ol>	Same as regular season.

### (f) Veterans and Active Military Personnel Waterfowl Hunting Days Regulations

NOTE: Veterans (as defined in Section 101 of Title 38, United States Code) and members of the Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than training), may participate. Persons participating in this special hunt must possess and present upon demand verification of eligibility to participate in this hunt. Verification includes: Veteran's ID Card and/or Military ID Card for active duty, or a State issued driver's license or Identification Card with Veteran Designation.

#### (1) Statewide Provisions

(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot, Common Moorhen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Northeastern California Zone: The Saturday following the closing of the regular duck season extending for 2 days. Goose hunting in this zone is not permitted during these days. (Jan 20-21)</li><li>2. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone: The second Saturday in February extending for 2 days. (Feb 10-11)</li><li>3. Southern California Zone: The second Saturday in February extending for 2 days. (Feb 10-11)</li><li>4. Balance of State Zone: The second Saturday in February extending for 2 days. Goose hunting in this zone is not permitted during these days. (Feb 10-11)</li></ol>	Same as regular season.



### Report Bird Bands

[www.ReportBand.gov](http://www.ReportBand.gov)

You will need to provide the band number and how, when, and where it was recovered. You will receive a certificate of appreciation via email about the bird. The band is yours to keep.

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### (g) Falconry Take of Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coots, and Common Moorhens.

#### (1) Statewide Provisions

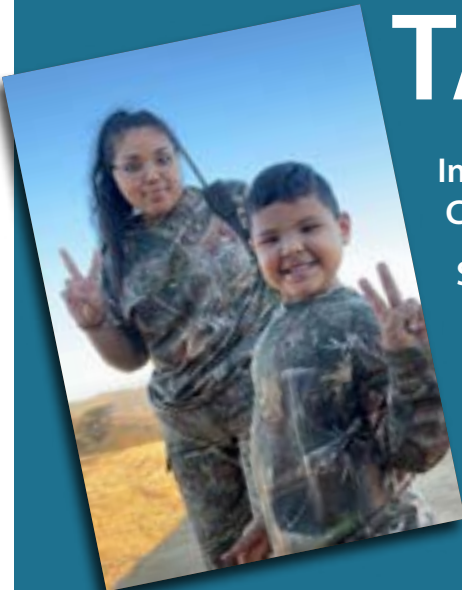
(A) Species	(B) Season	(C) Daily Bag and Possession Limits
Ducks (including Mergansers), Geese, American Coot, Common Moorhen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Northeastern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season through January 17, 2024. (Oct 7-Jan 17)</li> <li>2. Balance of State Zone. Open concurrently with duck season, February 3-4, 2024, February 17-18, 2024 EXCEPT in the North Coast Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for Small Canada geese (see 502(d)(6)). (Oct 21-Jan 31)(Feb 3-4)(Feb 17-18 )</li> <li>3. Southern San Joaquin Valley Zone. Open concurrently with duck season, February 3-4, 2024, and February 17-18, 2024. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted. (Oct 21-Jan 31) (Feb 3-4)(Feb 17-18)</li> <li>4. Southern California Zone. Open concurrently with duck season, February 3-4, 2024 and February 17-18, 2024 EXCEPT in the Imperial County Special Management Area where the falconry season for geese runs concurrently with the season for white geese. (Oct 21-Jan 31)(Feb 3-4)(Feb 17-18 )</li> <li>5. Colorado River Zone. Open concurrently with duck season and February 1-4, 2024. Goose hunting in this zone by means of falconry is not permitted. Federal regulations require that California's hunting regulations conform to those of Arizona, where goose hunting by means of falconry is not permitted. (Oct 23-Feb 4)</li> </ol>	<p>Daily bag limit: 3</p> <p>Daily bag limit makeup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Either all of 1 species or a mixture of species allowed for take.</li> </ul> <p>Possession limit: 9</p>

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### **Decoys (T14 CCR §505)**

The use of live birds as decoys is prohibited.

### **Shooting Hours (T14 CCR §506)**

NOTE: Shooting hours are found in the tables on pages 21 and 22. Shooting hours for migratory game birds, including mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, American coots, common moorhens, common snipe (jacksnipe), and waterfowl for all of California shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

EXCEPTION: In areas open to hunting on, over or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County, the shooting time shall be from 7:00 a.m. to sunset.

### **Provisions Related to the Taking of Migratory Game Birds (T14 CCR §507)**

[as defined in Section 502 but also includes mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeons, and snipe.]

#### **(a) Authorized Methods**

Only the following methods may be used to take migratory game birds:

##### **(1) Falconry.**

##### **(2) Bow and Arrows or Crossbows.**

Only arrows or crossbow bolts with flu-flu fletching may be used except that conventionally fletched arrows may be used to take waterfowl sitting on the water from scull boats or similar watercraft.

##### **(3) Muzzle-loading Shotguns.**

##### **(4) Shotguns 10 Gauge or Smaller.**

Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined may be used, except no shotgun larger than 12 gauge shall be used in areas open to hunting on, over or adjacent to the waters of Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo County. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one-piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun. Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than T shot in steel or other non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

#### **(b) Use of Dogs.**

Dogs may be used to take and retrieve migratory game birds.

#### **(c) Prohibition on Electronically operated Devices.**

Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds. It is unlawful to use devices that are either electronically-powered, or activated by anything other than natural wind, to directly or indirectly cause rotation of decoy wings or blades that simulate wings, when attempting to take waterfowl between the start of the season and November 30th.

#### **(d) Live Decoy Prohibition.**

The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds.

### **Nontoxic Shot Requirement for Waterfowl, American Coot, and Common Moorhen Hunting (T14 CCR §507.1)**

Only bismuth-tin, steel, copper-plated steel, nickel-plated steel, tin-plated steel, zinc-plated steel, zinc chloride-plated steel, zinc chromate plated steel, iron-tungsten, iron-tungsten-nickel, tungsten-bronze, tungsten-iron-copper-nickel, tungsten-matrix, tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-iron, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel, and tungsten-iron-polymer or other nontoxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be used or possessed for waterfowl, American coot and common moorhen hunting statewide.

NOTE: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reviews and may approve applications for other types of non-toxic shot throughout the year. Other non-toxic shot types that may have been approved after the publication of this booklet may be found at: <https://www.fws.gov/story/2022-04/nontoxic-shot-regulations-hunting-waterfowl-and-coots-us>

### **Scull Boats (T14 CCR §507.5)**

Migratory game birds may not be taken by a scull boat or similar watercraft while under motorized power. The motor shall be removed from its mountings before any take or approach is attempted.

This section shall not prohibit shooting migratory game birds from scull boats or similar watercraft with motor attached if beached or anchored; nor shall it prohibit the use of a motor for the sole purpose of picking up dead or injured birds.

### **Concurrence with Federal Regulations (T14 CCR §509)**

(a) The regulations adopted by the United States through its Secretary of Interior under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended annually in Part 10, subparts A and B, and Part 20, Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, are hereby adopted and made a part of this Title 14 except where said federal regulations are less restrictive than the provisions of Chapter 7 of this Title 14 (sections 500-509), the provisions of Chapter 7 prevail.

(b) Any violations of the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (a) are violations of this section.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person aged sixteen years or older to take any migratory waterfowl unless at the time of such taking the person carries in his or her immediate possession an unexpired Federal migratory-bird hunting and conservation stamp validated by his or her signature written by him or herself in ink across the face of the stamp or an unexpired Federal migratory-bird hunting and conservation electronic stamp, issued in his or her name prior to any taking of such birds.



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## YOUTH AND JUNIOR HUNTS

Youth Hunts are for those age 17 or under. Special Junior Hunts are for those that possess a valid Junior Hunting License.

Hunt	Dates	Details	How to Apply
Northeastern Zone Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days	9/23/2023 9/24/2023	Open to waterfowl hunters age 17 or under. Federal refuges and State wildlife areas (except Willow Creek) are open for youth hunters.	Contact the wildlife area you wish to hunt for details.
Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Special Junior Hunt	12/16/2023	All blinds are reserved for junior hunters. Hunters must have a valid junior hunting license to apply.	Use a post card to apply directly to the USFWS. For information visit: FWS Special Junior Hunts
Delevan National Wildlife Refuge Special Junior Hunt	12/9/2023	All blinds are reserved for junior hunters. Hunters must have a valid junior hunting license to apply.	Use a post card to apply directly to the USFWS. For information visit: FWS Special Junior Hunts
Southern San Joaquin Valley, Southern California, Colorado River, and Balance of State zones Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days	2/3/2024 2/4/2024	Open to waterfowl hunters age 17 or under. Most federal refuges and state wildlife areas are open for youth hunters.	Submit a season-long application or a multiple-choice reservation application for these dates online, at a license agent or a CDFW license sales office.

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## SHARE PROGRAM HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

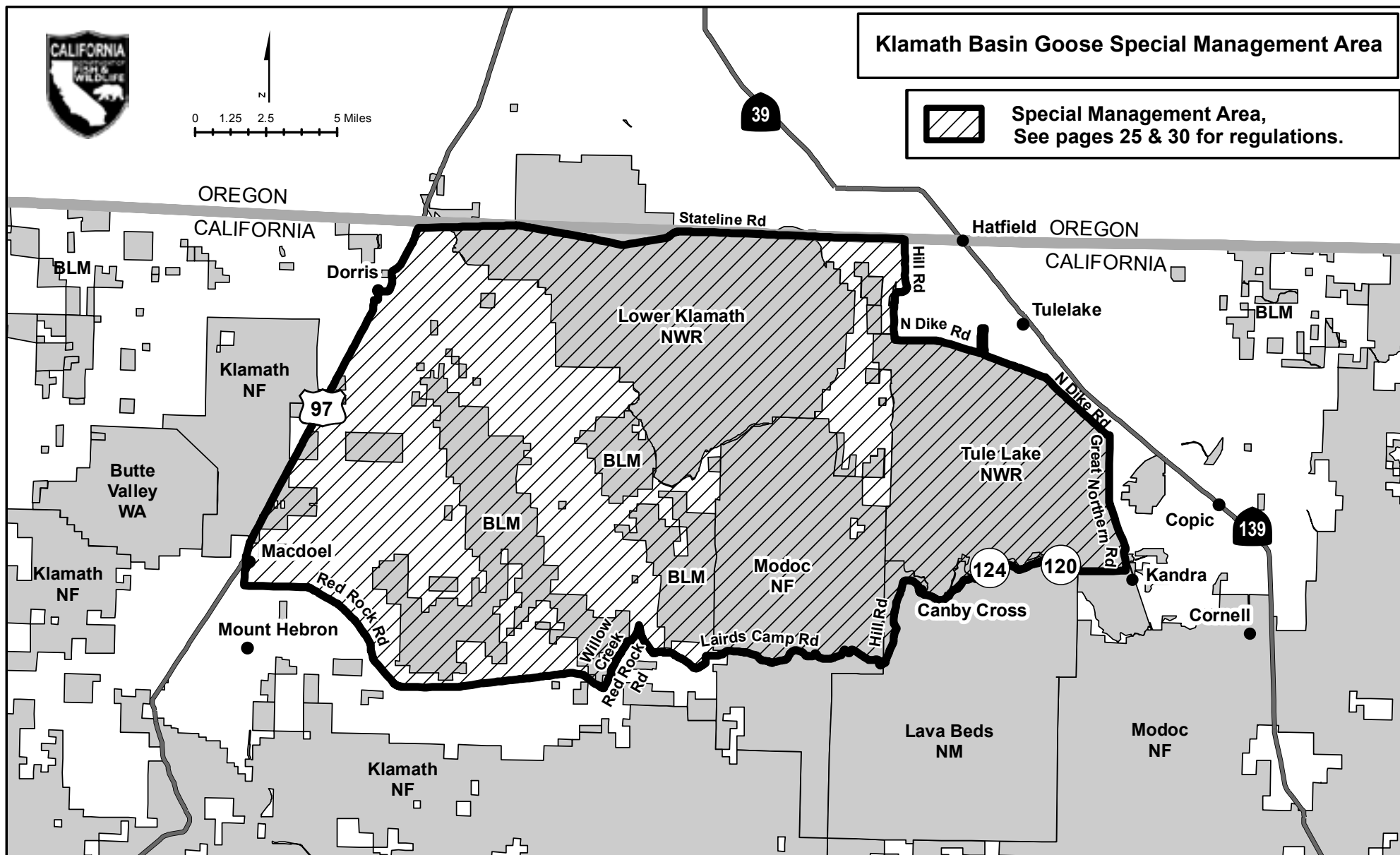
### Waterfowl and Upland Game Properties

- Hurner Ranch: quail, turkey **NEW!**
- Merced WWTP: waterfowl, dove, pheasant
- Jones Ranch: dove, quail
- Sleepy Creek Ranch: dove, quail
- Hart Ranch: dove, quail, turkey
- River Ridge Ranch: quail, turkey
- Harrington Farms: dove, turkey
- Reed Ranch: dove, quail
- McArthur Swamp: goose
- Boden Canyon Ranch: dove, quail, turkey

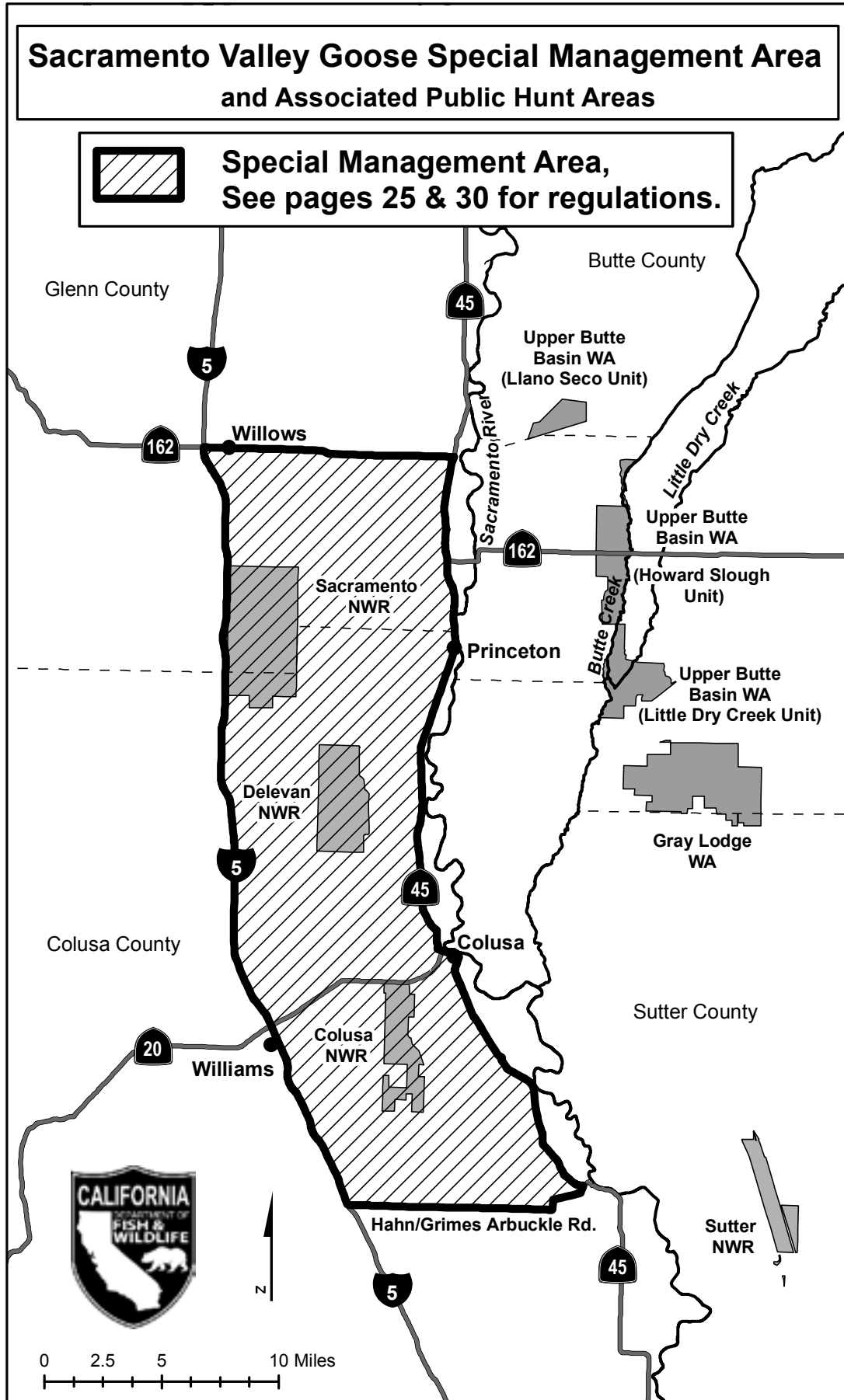
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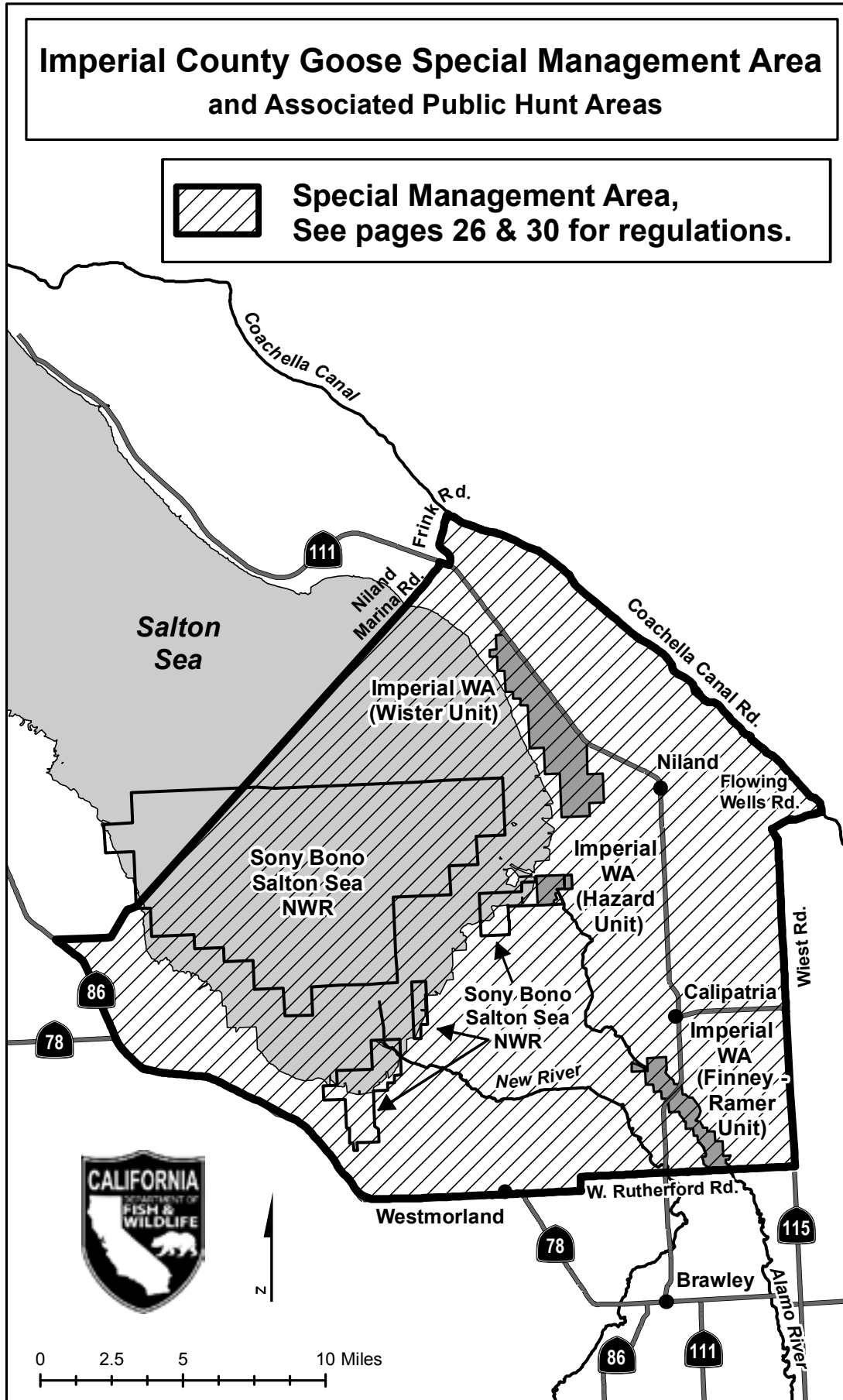
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## SACRAMENTO VALLEY GOOSE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA



## IMPERIAL COUNTY GOOSE SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA





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## SMALL GAME MAMMAL AND CROW REGULATIONS

Greater sage-grouse hunting is closed for the 2023-2024 season. In 2017, the Fish and Game Commission adopted quotas of zero for all sage grouse hunting zones due to declining population estimates conducted by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and this closure remains in effect.

### Drawing Process for Special Upland Game Wild Bird Hunts

Drawing application for the specially managed wild upland game bird hunt may be purchased online, at license agents, at CDFW license sales offices or by calling (800) 565-1458. To apply hunters must have a valid California hunting license. Adult hunters must also purchase an Upland Game Bird Validation to hunt upland game birds. Hunters may select their top three choices and may only apply once for each available hunt date for each area. Hunters must be successfully drawn through this random drawing application to participate in pheasant, chukar, quail, wild turkey and dove special hunts. For additional information and hunting opportunities go to <http://wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Upland-Game-Birds/Hunts>.

The Apprentice Pheasant Hunts for beginning hunters will continue to be applied at <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/ApprenticeHunts/Default.aspx>.

### Resident Small Game Defined (T14 CCR §257)

"Resident small game" means the following resident game birds: Chinese spotted doves, Eurasian collared-doves, ringed turtle-doves of the family Columbidae, California quail and varieties thereof, Gambel's or desert quail, mountain quail and varieties thereof, sooty (blue) grouse, ruffed grouse, sage grouse, white-tailed ptarmigan, Hungarian partridges, red-legged partridges, including the chukar and other varieties, ring-necked pheasants and varieties, and wild turkeys of the order Galliformes; and the following game mammals: jackrabbits and varying hares (genus *Lepus*), cottontail rabbits, brush rabbits, pygmy rabbits (genus *Sylvilagus*), and tree squirrels (genus *Sciurus* and *Tamiasciurus*).

### Shooting Hours for Upland Game Birds (T14 CCR §310.5)

NOTE: Shooting times are on pages 21-22.

The shooting hours for all upland game birds, except for pheasants and the spring wild turkey season, shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. The shooting hours for pheasants shall be from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. The shooting hours for the spring wild turkey season shall be from one-half hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m.

### Methods Authorized for Taking Resident Small Game (T14 CCR §311)

[Refer to Section 507, page 32, for authorized methods of take for migratory game birds, i.e. mourning doves, white-winged doves, band-tailed pigeon, and snipe.] The take or attempted take of any resident small game with a firearm shall be in accordance with the use of nonlead projectiles and ammunition

pursuant to Section 250.1. Only the following may be used to take resident small game:

(a) Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller using shot shells only and incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is used to reduce the capacity of a magazine to fulfill the requirements of this section, the plug must be of one piece construction incapable of removal without disassembling the gun;

(b) Shotgun shells may not be used or possessed that contain shot size larger than No. BB, except that shot size larger than No. 2 may not be used or possessed when taking wild turkey. All shot shall be loose in the shell.

(c) Muzzle-loading shotguns;

(d) Falconry;

(e) Bow and arrow (see Section 354 for archery equipment regulations);

(1) It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey by use of hunting arrows and crossbow bolts unless fitted with a broad head type blade which will not pass through a hole seven-eighths inch in diameter. Mechanical/ retractable broad heads shall be measured in the open position.

(f) Air rifles powered by compressed air or gas and used with any caliber of pellet, except that wild turkey may only be taken with a pellet that is at least 0.177 caliber;

(g) In addition to the methods listed in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) above, firearm rifles and pistols may be used for taking rabbits and squirrels only; except in Los Angeles County where rifles and pistols may not be used;

(h) In San Diego and Orange counties only, rabbits may be taken at any time during the open season by means of box traps. Such traps shall not exceed 24 inches in any dimension, shall be tended at least once every 24 hours, and shall show the name and address of the trap owner. All rabbits taken under this section shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit;

(i) Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take resident game birds;

(j) Coursing dogs may be used to take rabbits;

(k) Archers hunting during any archery season may not use or possess a firearm while in the field engaged in archery hunting during an archery season except as provided in subsection (1).

(1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm by an active peace officer listed in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code or a retired peace officer in lawful possession of an identification certificate issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 25455 authorizing the retired officer to carry a concealed firearm. Nor shall this section prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm pursuant to a concealed carry permit issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 26150 or 26155.

(l) The use of live decoys is prohibited when attempting to take

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resident game birds;

(m) Pistols and revolvers may be used to take sooty and ruffed grouse in those counties only and for the season described in Section 300(a)(1)(E).

(n) Crossbows, except for provisions of Section 354(d) and (g).

(o) Dogs may be used to take and retrieve resident small game.

Species	Season Dates (Area)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Pheasant	Nov 11-Dec 24	2 males per day for first two days of the season; 3 males per day after the first two days of the season	Triple the daily bag
Pheasant: Archery only	Oct 14-Nov 5 Dec 25-Jan 21	2 pheasants per day for first two days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after the first two days of the season. The daily archery bag may contain not more than 1 female pheasant.	
Pheasant: Falconry	Aug 19-Feb 29	2 pheasants per day for first two days of the season; 3 pheasants per day after the first two days of the season. The daily falconry bag may contain birds of either sex. Hawking hours are Sunrise to Sunset.	
Quail: Zone Q1 (Mountain Quail Only)	Sep 9-Oct 20	10	Triple the daily bag
Quail: Zone Q1 (All Quail)	Oct 21-Jan 28		
Quail: Zone Q2 (All Quail)	Sep 30-Jan 28		
Quail: Zone Q3 (All Quail)	Oct 21-Jan 28		
Quail: Early Season for Hunters with Junior Hunting Licenses in Mojave National Preserve	Oct 7-8	10	Triple the daily bag
Quail: Archery only	Aug 19-Sep 8	10	Triple the daily bag
Quail: Falconry	Aug 19-Feb 29		
Chukar	Oct 21-Jan 28	6	Triple the daily bag
Chukar: Archery only	Aug 19-Sep		
Chukar: Falconry	Aug 19-Feb 29		
Sage Grouse	Closed	0 permits adopted for all four zones	Closed for 2023-2024 season
Sage Grouse: Falconry	Closed		
Sooty (Blue)/Ruffed Grouse	Sep 9-Oct 9	2; All of one species or mixed	Triple the daily bag
Sooty (Blue)/Ruffed Grouse: Archery only	Aug 19-Sep 8		
Sooty (Blue)/Ruffed Grouse: Falconry	Aug 19-Feb 29		
Ptarmigan	Sep 9-17	2 per day or season	
Ptarmigan: Falconry	Aug 19-Feb 29		
Wild Turkey (Spring)	Mar 30-May 5	1 bearded	3 per season, combined
Wild Turkey (Spring): Archery only	Mar 30-May 19		
Wild Turkey (Spring): Additional Junior	Mar 23-24 May 6-19		

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## UPLAND GAME BIRD, SMALL GAME MAMMAL, AND CROW SEASONS

Species	Season Dates (Area)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Wild Turkey (Fall)	Nov 11-Dec 10	1 either sex	2 per season
Mourning Dove and White-winged Dove	Sep 1-15 Nov 11-Dec 25	15 doves per day in aggregate of which no more than 10 may be white-winged doves	Triple the daily bag
Spotted Dove and Ringed Turtle Dove	Sep 1-15 Nov 11-Dec 25 (Statewide)	No Limit	No Limit
Eurasian Collared Dove	All Year (Statewide)	No Limit	No Limit
Band-tailed Pigeon	Sep 16-24 (North) Dec 16-24 (South)	2	Triple the daily bag
American Crow	Dec 2-Apr 3	24	48
Snipe	Oct 21-Feb 4	8	Triple the daily bag
Tree Squirrel	Sep 9-Jan 28	4	4
Tree Squirrel: Falconry/ Archery only	Aug 5-Sep 8		
Rabbit and Varying Hare	Jul 1-Jan 28	5	10
Rabbit and Varying Hare: Falconry	Jan 29-Mar 17		
Jackrabbit	Open all year	No limit	No limit



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## QUAIL AND SOOTY (BLUE) RUFFED GROUSE HUNT ZONE





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## BAND-TAILED PIGEON AND AMERICAN CROW HUNT ZONES



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## TREE SQUIRREL HUNT ZONES



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## PUBLIC USES ON STATE AND FEDERAL LANDS

Find a full description of all lands at <http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands>

### Lands Pass Program

Since the 1990s, a lands pass has been required on certain CDFW lands for each visitor, 16 years or older, who is not carrying a valid hunting or fishing license.

Currently lands passes are required on

- Ash Creek Wildlife Area
- Bass Hill Wildlife Area
- Battle Creek Wildlife Area
- Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve
- Butte Valley Wildlife Area
- Canebrake Ecological Reserve
- Gray Lodge Wildlife Area
- Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area
- Hope Valley Wildlife Area
- Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area
- Los Banos Wildlife Area
- Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area
- North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve
- San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area
- San Jacinto Wildlife Area
- Shasta Valley Wildlife Area
- Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area
- Volta Wildlife Area
- Willow Creek Wildlife Area
- Woodbridge Ecological Reserve

In the future, additional properties listed in subsections 551(w) and 630(c) may be added to the lands pass requirement. An up-to-date list of properties that require a lands pass is maintained at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/licensing/lands-pass). Lands passes can be obtained on-line at <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass> and printed at home, by phone at (800) 565-1458, or in-person (sales agent and CDFW sales office locations at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing)).

Purchase lands passes in advance of your visit as they are not sold on-site and cell/Wi-Fi may be unavailable.

### Plan Ahead Before Visiting a Wildlife Area

**IMPORTANT:** Check stations do not sell any license items, permits or passes. Be sure to purchase any needed licenses, passes and validations from a CDFW license sales office, a license agent or online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Online-Sales).

### Mobility Impaired Hunter Requirements and Information

A number of State Wildlife Areas and National Wildlife Refuges have hunting blinds designated for use by mobility impaired hunters. A "mobility impaired hunter" is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles "Disabled License Plate"; "Permanent Parking Placard Identification Card"; "Disabled Veteran License Plate"; or valid "Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License" (DFW 1460). The blue plastic "Disabled Parking Placard" may not be substituted for the required "Identification Card" which bears the

name of the mobility impaired person. Disabled hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV issued disabled license plates.

### Disabled Accessible Blind Sites Exist at the Following Areas

#### *National Wildlife Refuges:*

Sacramento (4), Colusa(2), Sutter (1) , Delevan (3), Merced (1), Kesterson (2), Sonny Bono Salton Sea (2), Kern (2)

#### *State Wildlife Areas:*

Gray Lodge (5), Grizzly Island (2), Imperial (4), North Grasslands (2), Mendota (7), Los Banos (2), San Jacinto (2), Upper Butte Basin (7), Yolo Bypass (2).

#### *Additional areas with Disabled access to assigned ponds:*

Colusa and Sutter.

#### *Area with disabled access to an island (no blind):*

Yolo Bypass.

Details regarding facilities at each location can be obtained by phoning the information number listed in this booklet for each area. Disabled accessible blind sites not filled through the reservation draw conducted by the department's License and Revenue Branch, will be filled through an on-site lottery draw or by a disabled only first-come, first-served waiting list or line. Disabled hunters, who enter the first-come,first-served waiting list or line, may not enter any other first-come, first-served list or line, on the wildlife area or refuge for that hunt day.

### Reservation System

Reservations to hunt on specified State-controlled hunting areas during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons are issued by drawing. Resident, junior and nonresident hunters with annual hunting licenses may apply. Hunters may apply as many times per season as desired but no more than once for each area for each shoot day. Season-long and multiple choice reservation applications may be submitted through the Automated License Data System online, at CDFW license sales offices and license agents. Each reservation assures entry to the area selected for the date issued. Reservations may not be transferred to another person. Refunds will not be issued for emergency area closures due to unforeseen weather or other conditions. Reservations for areas that are closed due to flooding will not be accepted at other areas. Numbered reservations will be honored in numerical order, at the time the check station starts issuing permits for the hunt day, except for Grizzly Island and Mendota Wildlife Area, where reservations are processed in order of vehicle position. Reservation holders must be present at the time their reservation number is called.



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### How to Apply

Starting on September 1st, hunters may purchase season-long, multiple choice, active military, and veteran reservation applications through the Automated License Data System online, at department license sales offices, license agents, or on the Internet for any or every available Saturday, Sunday and/or Wednesday. The fee is \$1.34 per hunt choice. To be included in the drawing, completed applications must be submitted at least 17 days before the hunt date requested.

Disabled hunters may apply for a drawing to hunt at disabled accessible hunting sites by entering the hunt code for the desired disabled accessible hunting site on their reservation application. To apply, hunters must meet the requirements to hunt at a disabled accessible hunting site (see page 10). Hunters who apply for a disabled accessible hunting site at a given area may not apply for any other reservation draw for that area on that date.



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### General Regulations for Public Use on All Department of Fish and Wildlife Lands (T14 CCR §550)

(a) All department land, except for fishing access and public access lands, is closed to visitor access and use until and unless the land is opened for a use or uses through regulations adopted by the commission in sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, 630, and 702 of these regulations. The commission determines whether proposed designations and uses are consistent with the authorizing and reference statutes listed at the end of this section and the purposes for which the lands were acquired. Each proposed designation or use is subject to review pursuant to state and federal regulatory requirements prior to being authorized.

#### (b) Definitions.

##### (1) “Department land” is defined as:

- (A) any state-owned real property over which the department has jurisdiction and management authority;
- (B) real property over which the department has management authority through a current lease, memorandum of understanding, management agreement, or similar document;
- (C) real property designated by the commission as a wildlife area (Section 551 of these regulations);
- (D) real property designated by the commission as an ecological reserve (Section 630 of these regulations);
- (E) real property held or administered by the department as a fishing access;
- (F) real property held or administered by the department as a public access;
- (G) real property designated by the commission as a public shooting area.

##### (2) “Compatible uses” is defined as:

uses that are consistent with the purposes and management of a particular department land. Predominant compatible uses on department lands are hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, wildlife photography, environmental education and/or environmental research.

##### (3) “Environmental education” is defined as:

- (A) department administered or sponsored interpretive programs offered to the public; or
- (B) activities to increase the understanding and appreciation of wildlife and the natural environment conducted by organized youth or school groups.

##### (4) “Environmental research” is defined as:

the field study of biological, physical, or cultural processes or values with the primary purpose of improving the understanding of the natural environment.

##### (5) “Visitor” is defined as:

any person, other than a department employee or designee performing official duties, who enters department land.

##### (6) “Entry permit” is defined as:

a permit which allows entry to specified department land for department-authorized activities where general access is restricted per subsection 550(c)(2)(D). Entry permits may require payment of a fee to the department.

##### (7) “Hunting Pass” is defined as:

a proof of payment of a fee that must be presented by a visitor in order to obtain an entry permit to hunt on specified department lands.

##### (8) “Lands Pass” is defined as:

a proof of payment of a fee for entry for authorized uses other than hunting that is required of visitors who are not carrying a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license on department lands listed in subsections 551(w) and 630(c).

##### (9) “Special use” is defined as:

an activity, use, event or gathering on department land that is not authorized in sections 550, 551 or 630 of these regulations but which may be allowed with written authorization from the department; typically in the form of a Special Use Permit. When allowed, special uses occur on a limited basis as defined in the Special Use Permit or other authorizing document. An authorized special use on department land shall not conflict with the normal uses, purposes or management of the department land.

##### (10) “Reservation” is defined as:

a randomly drawn application that assures entry onto a wildlife area, when presented with the appropriate entry pass as specified in Section 550.5(c), if applicable.

##### (11) “Non-shooter” is defined as:

a visitor who accompanies a hunter in the field or remains at a designated parking area.

##### (12) “Fishing” for the purposes of department land is defined as:

angling as defined in Section 1.05 of these regulations, or as taking fish on department wildlife areas using bow and arrow fishing tackle as defined in Section 1.23 of these regulations.

##### (13) “Hunting” for the purposes of department land is defined as:

the legal take (as take is defined in Fish and Game Code Section 86) of wildlife species pursuant to sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations, in addition to the general hunting regulations for seasons and method of take. The provisions of sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 shall have precedence over general hunting regulations on department land where there may be differences between them.

##### (14) “Camping” for the purposes of department land is defined as:

an overnight or after-hours visitor stay which may include a vehicle, trailer, motor home, boat, tent, or any other type of vehicle or shelter.

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### **(15) “Wildlife viewing” for the purposes of department land is defined as:**

pedestrian use of roads or designated trails when and where authorized by the department.

### **(16) “Dog training” for the purposes of department land is defined as:**

the noncommercial act of training a hunting dog to improve the dog’s performance in hunting migratory or upland game birds and retrieval of downed game, and to enhance the hunting experience.

### **(17) “Dog trial” for the purposes of department land is defined as:**

an organized competitive or scored event for testing hunting dog performance.

### **(18) “Upland game birds” for the purpose of department land is defined as:**

the upland game bird species listed in Fish and Game Code Section 3683.

### **(c) Visitor Entry and Responsibilities.**

(1) Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all regulations pertaining to fishing, hunting, and use of department land.

These regulations are incorporated by reference into and become a condition of all visitor entry, passes, entry permits, and special use permits. Failure to comply with any such regulations is a violation of this section.

(2) Visitor entry onto department land is at the discretion of the department, which may limit entry as it deems appropriate, to manage and protect fish, wildlife, native plants, habitats and other natural resources.

Entry may require payment of a fee, a pass and/or an entry permit as provided in subsection 550.5(c).

(A) Visitor entry, where authorized or designated, is for activities authorized according to sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, or 630 of these regulations. It shall be unlawful to enter or use department land without complying with the applicable sections of these regulations.

(B) All visitors shall present and show valid entry permits; day season or annual passes, licenses; and all fish and game taken on department land at the checking station or upon the request of any department employee. Visitors shall return all entry permits to the checking station or point of entry upon leaving department land.

(C) Visitor entry is authorized only from sunrise to sunset except during department-authorized hunting or fishing opportunities when access to hunting and fishing sites at other times may be permitted.

(D) The department may close all or portions of department land to visitors entirely, seasonally, or to specific activities or uses, and may limit the number of visitors entering an area for safety reasons, to reduce crowding, to avoid or reduce environmental disturbance, to limit the take of species, or to protect natural or cultural resources. Designated closures and use restrictions for specific properties are provided in sections

551 (for wildlife areas) and 630 (for ecological reserves) of these regulations.

1. The department may close any department land, or portion thereof, to any or all visitor use or access, without notice, by posting closed signs.

2. No visitor(s), other than those possessing written authorization from the department, shall enter or access any department land or portion thereof which is closed to visitors, including areas posted with closed signs and seasonally closed areas. This restriction does not apply to department employees or designees in the performance of official duties.

(E) On department land where entry and exit sites are designated by the department, no visitor shall enter or leave the land except at those designated sites.

(F) It shall be unlawful for a visitor to enter any department land or portion thereof where the department has restricted visitor entry without a valid entry permit or pass. Subsection 550.5(c) specifies how to obtain an entry permit or pass.

1. Where a fee is required for entry, a pass must be purchased in advance through the department’s Automated License Data System. Passes are sold by license agents, department license sales offices, or online at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

2. Where an entry permit is required for hunting, a hunting pass must be presented with photo identification at the time of entry for issuance of an entry permit. Entry permits are available and issued by the department only at the area checking station, point of entry, or by mail for successful special drawing applicants.

3. Rules regarding entry and reservation fees required for hunting on certain wildlife areas are in subsection 550.5(c) and Section 702 of these regulations.

4. Where a fee is required for entry for authorized uses other than hunting, a Lands Pass must be purchased in advance. Additional rules for Lands Passes are in subsection 550.5(c) of these regulations.

### **(3) Daily Entry Permit Revocations, Refusals, and Ejections.**

Employees of the department are authorized to refuse entry or issuance of entry permits, revoke permits and/or eject any visitor from department land for violation of any regulations, drug or alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, or for any reason when it appears that the general safety or welfare of the property or persons thereon is threatened. The decision and duration of revocation, in such respect, of any department employee assigned management or enforcement responsibilities for the area shall be final.

(A) Visitors found to violate any such refusal, revocation or ejection may be cited and fined.

(B) Visitors affected by this subsection may appeal such actions to the commission.

### **(4) Penalties.**

(A) A visitor’s failure to comply with sections 550, 551, 552 or 630 of these regulations may result in any or all of the following:

1. denial of permission to enter department lands;
2. revocation of any pass and/or permit already issued;
3. ejection from department lands for up to one calendar year

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from the date of discovery; and

4. citation or arrest under applicable provisions of the Fish and Game Code or these regulations.

(B) proceeding under any of the above provisions shall not preclude the exercise of any other remedy.

### **(d) Special Use Permits.**

Any person, group, organization, agency or company wishing to request approval of a special use, as defined in subsection 550(b)(9), on any department land shall submit a Permit Application for Special Use of Department Lands and the permit fee as specified in Section 702 of these regulations to the department. Additional regulations that apply to Special Use Permits are located in Section 550.5 of these regulations. Department review and issuance is dependent upon staffing availability. If the department determines that the requested special use can be conducted in a manner that is not in conflict with current uses, management, or purposes of the department land on which the special use is proposed, the department may issue a special use permit.

(1) The department will charge fees to recover the department's reasonable costs to review and issue Special Use Permits.

(2) Conditions of issuance of the Special Use Permit may include a requirement to reimburse the department for any staff time or other costs related to the special use.

(3) All permittees shall observe and comply with all local, state and federal laws, regulations, requirements, terms, and conditions applicable to the special use.

(4) The Special Use Permit must be approved in writing by the department and in possession of the permittee prior to entering, and during the use of, department land.

### **(e) Environmental Education.**

Environmental education activities on department land shall be conducted only under written authorization from the regional manager or designee and coordinated with the area manager.

(1) If a purpose of the environmental education activity is to generate revenue for a person, entity or organization, the written authorization shall be in the form of a Special Use Permit.

### **(f) Research.**

Environmental research on department land shall be conducted only under written authorization from the regional manager or designee. Authorization may be given if the department determines that the environmental research and associated activities are compatible with current uses, management and purposes of the property. Conditions of approval may include, but are not limited to:

(1) proof of all necessary collecting permits;

(2) submission of written progress reports to the department;

(3) a schedule of activities and deliverables;

(4) provision of electronic copies of geospatial and all other field data and reports in a digital format specified by the department; and

(5) submission of copies of Natural Diversity Database field data forms for species tracked by the department.

### **(g) Protection of Resources.**

Except for the take of fish and/or wildlife in compliance with general and site-specific hunting and fishing regulations, or under written authorization from the department to conduct environmental research or environmental education, no visitor shall:

(1) mine or disturb geological formations, archeological, cultural or anthropological artifacts, structures, or resources;

(2) take or disturb any bird nest, or eggs thereof;

(3) cut, saw, trim, remove, or disturb any plant, mammal, fish, mollusk, crustacean, amphibian, reptile, soil, sand, gravel, rock, mineral, or any other form of plant or animal life on department land, except that non-woody vegetation may be cut and used for temporary hunting blinds; or

(4) construct or build any type of structure, including those made of vegetation (except as provided in subsection 550(g)(3)) or any other type of material, on department land except as may be specifically authorized by a Special Use Permit.

### **(h) Fishing.**

Fishing (as defined in subsection 550(b)(11)) on department land shall be allowed except as otherwise stated in subsections 551(o), 551(y) or 630(e) of these regulations, or when the area is closed according to these regulations or posted by the department with signs that prohibit entry or fishing.

(1) Fishing shall be conducted in accordance with general fishing regulations, except that it shall be limited to fishing from the shore unless boating facilities and/or areas for boats or other floating devices are designated or as allowed in subsections 551(o), 551(y) or 630(e) of these regulations.

(2) No visitor shall take fish (as defined in Fish and Game Code Section 45) from department land for commercial purposes.

### **(i) Regional Manager's Authority.**

(1) The regional manager or his designee shall have the authority to place temporary restrictions on visitor use of department land for the purposes of protecting public health and safety or natural resources when circumstances warrant additional restrictions, and where such restrictions are not provided in sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations.

(2) On state wildlife areas, the regional manager may authorize junior pheasant hunts during or outside the general pheasant season and may authorize junior turkey hunts during the regular season.

(3) For Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area only, the Regional Manager may determine whether decoys may be left in the field.

(j) Wildlife viewing, hiking, and photography are allowed on department land except when the property or portion of the property is specifically closed.

(1) Photography, videography, or filming of any type for commercial (profit or sale) purposes on or of department land requires a Special Use Permit from the department and a permit from the California Film Commission, pursuant to Government Code section 14998.8, et seq. The department shall not authorize or issue a Special Use Permit for any commercial photography, videography, or filming of any type without a valid permit



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from the California Film Commission.

### **(k) Introduction of Species.**

Visitors are prohibited from releasing, introducing, or transplanting animal or plant species, including domestic or domesticated species, onto or within department land or waters without a valid permit issued by the department or except as authorized for dog training in a designated area.

### **(l) Feeding of Wildlife.**

Visitors are prohibited from feeding fish or wildlife except as part of an otherwise legal activity, such as fishing in compliance with general fishing regulations, and Section 550(h).

### **(m) Pets.**

Visitors are prohibited from bringing pets, including but not limited to dogs and cats, onto department land except on a leash of less than ten feet or inside a motor vehicle, unless otherwise prohibited or restricted in subsections 551(o) or 630(h) of these regulations, or by prohibitions posted on the department land. Visitors may use dogs for hunting during an open season for an authorized species pursuant to subsection (n) of this section, unless otherwise prohibited.

### **(n) Use of Dogs for Hunting, Training and Dog Trials.**

The department may prohibit or restrict dog training, dog trials, or the use of dogs for any purpose on any department land. While in parking lots or checking stations, dogs must be leashed. While engaged in authorized hunting, training or dog trials, dogs may be off leash. On wildlife areas, while in transit between parking lots or check stations and the areas where authorized hunting, training or dog trials take place, dogs may be off leash but must be kept within ten feet of their owner or handler. On ecological reserves, when not engaged in authorized hunting, training or dog trials, dogs must be controlled per subsection (m) of this section.

(1) Dog training is allowed only on department lands with designated dog training areas as identified in subsections 551(i) and 630(i) of these regulations and, pursuant to those subsections, may require written authorization.

(2) Dog trials are authorized on department land identified in subsection 551(i) of these regulations and require a Special Use Permit pursuant to subsection 550.5(d) of these regulations.

(3) The use of dogs for hunting mammals or training or trialing to prepare for or simulate hunting mammals on department land is subject to the provisions of Section 265 of these regulations.

(4) Additional site-specific regulations pertaining to dogs apply as specified in subsection 551(o) of these regulations.

### **(o) Horses, Pack Stock, and Horseback Riding.**

Recreational use of horses is allowed on department lands designated as wildlife areas except when the area is specifically closed or as specified in subsection 551(l) of these regulations. The recreational use of horses is prohibited on all other department lands except lands with department-designated horse trails or areas identified in subsection 630(g) of these regula-

tions.

### **(p) Camping, Motorhomes, and Camp Trailers.**

(1) No visitor shall camp, including on a boat, on any department land except on those wildlife areas where the department has designated campsites or camping areas, as provided in subsection 551(m) and Section 552 of these regulations. Within these wildlife areas, camping shall occur only in the department-designated campsites or areas. Camping, where authorized, may be conducted for up to seven consecutive nights and for a total of no more than fourteen nights per calendar year.

(2) The department may provide written authorization to camp outside of designated camping areas for authorized research, monitoring or management purposes. Such written authorization shall be in the immediate possession of the authorized person(s) at all times while on department land.

(3) Campers, camp trailers and motorhomes are prohibited on department lands except on those lands with department-designated camp trailer or motorhome accessible camping or parking areas.

(A) Visitors who wish to camp must register their camper, camp trailer or motorhome at the checking station or appropriate office and are limited to one camper, camp trailer or motorhome per registrant in the parking area. Utility trailers and cargo trailers are prohibited in designated camper, camp trailer and motorhome accessible camping and parking areas unless specifically authorized under a Special Use Permit.

(B) Parking areas are for visitor use only. The visitor responsible for the registered camper, camp trailer or motorhome shall show proof of use of the area within the previous seven days upon request. Failure to do so may result in citation and removal of the truck and camper, camp trailer or motorhome at the owner's expense.

(C) Campers, camp trailers and motorhomes over 30 feet in length are prohibited on all department lands.

(D) Tow vehicles for camp trailers must be stowed in designated vehicle parking lots.

(4) Camping is prohibited on all department lands designated as ecological reserves.

### **(q) Fires.**

(1) Except as further restricted in subsection 551(n) of these regulations, fires are restricted to portable gas stoves, charcoal briquette barbeques, or fireplaces or pits developed by the department for visitor use, within department-designated campsites or camping areas on those lands designated as wildlife areas.

(2) Visitors are prohibited from using any form of fire on other department lands, including but not limited to wildlife areas that do not include designated campsites or camping areas and those lands designated as ecological reserves.

(3) No fire shall be left unattended and all fires shall be completely extinguished by the visitor before leaving the site.



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### **(r) Hazardous Substances.**

No visitor shall apply, leave, dump, bury, release or dispose of any pesticide, herbicide, or hazardous substance, material or waste in, on, or from department land.

### **(s) Farming or Grazing.**

Unauthorized farming or grazing (including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and hogs) and associated activities on department land are prohibited.

### **(t) Vandalism.**

No visitor shall tamper with, deface, damage, destroy or remove any property not their own when such property is located within any department land.

### **(u) Signs and Markers.**

No visitor shall tamper with, deface, damage, destroy or remove any barrier, sign, signpost, trail marker, or signboard on any department land. No visitor shall place any sign, flagging, or marking of any kind on any department land without prior written authorization from the department.

### **(v) Litter.**

It shall be unlawful to leave, deposit, drop, dump, bury, or scatter any bottles, cans, glass (including broken glass), feathers, hides, carcasses, targets, shells, casings, vegetation, earth, rock, waste, sewage, cigarettes, cigars, or other debris or trash ("refuse") on any department land except in a receptacle or area designated for that purpose. Where no designated receptacles are provided, visitors must remove all refuse from the area.

(1) Visitors shall remove all of their personal equipment and belongings from department land daily. Failure to do so may result in unremoved items being deemed litter and disposed of.

### **(w) Fireworks/Explosives.**

No visitor shall import, possess or use fireworks, explosives or incendiary devices of any type on any department land unless authorized under permit by the department for management purposes.

### **(x) Possession and Use of Alcohol, Marijuana, and Controlled Substances.**

(1) No visitor shall possess, use, or be under the influence of alcohol while in the field hunting. For the purpose of this section, "in the field" is defined as all areas of department land except designated parking and camping areas. Visitors under the influence of alcohol to a level determined to be unsafe may be cited and ejected per section 550(c)(3).

(2) No visitor shall possess, use, or be under the influence of marijuana on any department land. Visitors in possession of medical marijuana cards and/or other legal authorization to possess marijuana for medical purposes (per Health and Safety Code sections 11362.7 through 11362.83) may only possess marijuana in that visitor's transport vehicle. Visitors with authorization to possess marijuana may not use it or be under its influence on department land. Visitors using or determined to be under the influence of marijuana on department land, or in possession of marijuana in violation of this section, may be

cited and ejected per section 550(c)(3).

(3) No visitor shall possess, use, or be under the influence of any illicit controlled substance on any department land. Visitors possessing, using or under the influence of any illicit controlled substance on any department land may be cited and ejected per section 550(c)(3). Illicit controlled substances for purposes of this regulation are those substances where no medical authorization exists and no legal authorization allows possession for legitimate use of the substance.

### **(y) Motor Vehicles.**

(1) Visitors are prohibited from driving or operating any motor vehicle or trailer on department lands except on designated roads.

(2) Visitors are prohibited from stopping any motor vehicle between designated parking areas to drop off passengers or hunting equipment.

(3) On department lands where auto tour routes are provided, visitors shall use any pullouts or wide spots along the route to stop and view wildlife rather than block the road for other visitors.

(4) Designated parking areas are for visitor use only. Parking motor vehicles and trailers outside of designated parking areas is prohibited except for special use or research permittees who may be authorized otherwise. Utility, flatbed, cargo, or similar trailers are prohibited on department lands except as authorized under a Special Use Permit.

(5) No visitor shall operate a motor vehicle carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution, or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, natural resources, or wildlife on department lands.

(6) Operators of motor vehicles shall not exceed 15 mph, unless otherwise posted, and shall comply with traffic and other signs posted on department lands.

(7) The use of off highway vehicles (OHV's), all-terrain vehicles (ATV's), motorcycles, and snowmobiles is prohibited on all department land, except where authorized and designated in subsection 551(k) of these regulations.

### **(z) Boats and Swimming.**

(1) The department may restrict the use and operation of boats, boat motors, and floating devices ("boating") on department lands to protect natural resources or provide for the orderly operation of compatible uses on these areas. Boating restrictions may include but are not limited to, prohibitions on use and operation or, if boating is allowed, limiting boat speeds and/or motor size and type. During the times waterfowl are present, the provisions of Section 251 of these regulations, which prohibits pursuit or shooting of birds or mammals from a motor driven vehicle (including but not limited to motorboats, airboats, or sailboats) also apply.

(2) Boats and floating devices are generally allowed on wildlife areas, except as restricted or prohibited in subsection 551(l) and Section 552 of these regulations. Boats are generally prohibited on ecological reserves except as provided in subsection 630(f) of these regulations. Where boats and/or floating devices are allowed on department land, they shall be used subject to

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the following regulations:

- (A) no visitor shall operate a vessel carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution, or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, or wildlife;
  - (B) where launch sites are designated by the department, all boats must be launched and removed from those sites;
  - (C) any boat trailer shall remain attached to the tow vehicle and be stowed in a designated parking area;
  - (D) all visitors shall remove their boats or floating devices from the water or beach when instructed to do so by an employee of the department. Any peace officer may remove the boat or floating device of any visitor who has been instructed to remove it from the water or beach and fails to comply with that instruction;
  - (E) the use of boats or other floating devices may be restricted to certain zones designated by the department;
  - (F) boat speed shall not exceed five miles per hour unless otherwise posted; and
  - (G) any peace officer may remove any boat or floating device that is left unattended on department land or in the water in excess of 72 hours.
- (3) Swimming is prohibited on department lands except where designated and authorized in subsection 630(f) of these regulations.

### **(aa) Aircraft.**

No visitor shall operate any aircraft, hovercraft, or hot air balloon within department lands except as authorized by a Special Use Permit issued by the department.

### **(bb) Bicycles and bike riding**

are prohibited on department lands except where authorized and designated in subsection 551(j), Section 552, and subsection 630(g) of these regulations.

- (1) On department lands where trails or roads have been designated for bicycles, no visitor shall ride, operate, leave, or park a bicycle except on those designated areas.

### **(cc) Firearms, Archery, and Other Propulsive Equipment.**

(1) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm by an active peace officer listed in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the Penal Code or a retired peace officer in lawful possession of an identification certificate issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 25455 authorizing the retired officer to carry a concealed firearm. Nor shall this section prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm pursuant to a concealed carry permit issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 26150 or 26155.

(2) Possession, discharge, and use of firearms or archery equipment is prohibited on department lands except within department-designated hunting areas or shooting sites, or with a permit issued by the department, or as authorized for dog training in a designated area, or when fishing with bow and arrow tackle as defined in subsection 550(b)(11) and allowed in subsection 550(h). This prohibition includes air or gas operated devices or guns and all other propulsive devices.

### **(3) General (Non Hunting) Uses**

(A) The use of glass or porcelain targets is prohibited on all department lands. Clay targets shall be used only at designated shooting sites where their use is allowed.

(B) Designated shooting sites are open daily from sunrise to sunset unless otherwise listed in subsections 551(v) or 630(j) of these regulations.

(C) Except as otherwise provided, an adult supervised youth may possess and discharge a BB gun on any wildlife area. A BB gun is not an authorized method of take and may not be used to take wildlife on any wildlife area. A BB gun is defined as an air and/or spring- actuated rifle similar to Daisy BB gun models 96 (Timberwolf ), 105 (Buck), or 1938 (Red Ryder), firing a spherical BB no larger than 0.177 inches in diameter (4.5 mm) at a muzzle velocity no greater than 350 feet per second. For the purpose of this section a youth is defined as a visitor under the age of 16.

### **(4) Hunting Method of Take.**

Where hunting is allowed, it shall be conducted in accordance with general hunting regulations and subject to sections 550, 550.5, 551, 552, and 630 of these regulations.

(A) Possession or discharge of shotguns larger than twelve gauge is prohibited on all department lands designated as Type A or Type B wildlife areas.

(B) Except for bow and arrow tackle as defined subsection 550(b)(11) and allowed in subsection 550(h), or as otherwise provided, no rifles, pellet or BB guns, combination rifle- shotguns, pistols, archery equipment, or revolvers shall be possessed in the field or discharged on any Type A or Type B wildlife areas. All legal firearms and archery equipment may be used on Type C wildlife areas unless prohibited in subsection 551(r) of these regulations. Firearms and archery equipment may be used on ecological reserves where hunting is authorized in subsection 630(d) of these regulations, subject to any restrictions therein.

(C) The use or possession of shot size larger than T in steel or BB in non-toxic (other than steel) shot is prohibited on all department lands and national wildlife refuges. On those department lands where big game species may be hunted, shotguns with slugs may be used.

(D) A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field on Type A wildlife areas during the waterfowl season unless otherwise provided for in subsection 551(o) of these regulations. Subsection 551(o) also specifies additional wildlife areas where a hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells in the field during the waterfowl season. Only those visitors possessing a valid hunting permit for that day may possess ammunition in the field.

(E) It shall be unlawful to take wildlife except in compliance with the non- toxic shot and certified nonlead projectile requirements of Section 250.1 of these regulations.

(F) Except for bow and arrow tackle defined in subsection 550(b)(11) and allowed in subsection 550(h), archery equipment shall not be used during the waterfowl and pheasant seasons on Type A or Type B wildlife areas, unless provided in

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subsection 551(u) of these regulations.

(G) Loaded firearms, as defined in Fish and Game Code Section 2006 or Section 25850 of the Penal Code, are prohibited in parking lots, visitor areas, checking stations, and any other facility on department lands.

### **(dd) Falconry.**

(1) On ecological reserves, falconry is prohibited.

(2) On Type C wildlife areas, raptors may be used to take legal game in accordance with general hunting and falconry regulations.

(3) On Type A and Type B wildlife areas, raptors may be used to take legal game only from the first Saturday following the end of the waterfowl season through the end of the falconry pheasant season. Raptors may be used only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

## **Reservations, Entry Permits, Fees, Passes, and Special Use Permits (T14 CCR §550.5)**

### **(a) Reservations for Hunting Activities.**

(1) Reservations for waterfowl and pheasant hunting are available for Type A wildlife areas for all authorized shoot days of the season. On Type B wildlife areas, reservations are required for the opening weekend of waterfowl season and may be required for the opening of pheasant season.

(A) Reservations shall be issued by random drawing. Applications are available through the Automated License Data System at license agents, department license offices and online. To find the locations of department license agents, department license offices or to apply for a reservation online, go to the department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov). Applicants must possess an annual or lifetime hunting license valid for the hunting season for which they are applying. Two-day nonresident hunting licenses shall not be used to apply for reservation drawings. To be included in a reservation drawing, applications must be received by the department through the Automated License Data System at least 17 days prior to the hunt date. Late, incomplete, or incorrect applications will not be included in the drawing. The fee to apply for a reservation is specified in Section 702 of these regulations. The application fee is non-refundable.

(B) Unless otherwise provided in Section 551 of these regulations, the reservation system only serves to assure entry onto a wildlife area and does not necessarily constitute a method for prioritization over other users.

(C) Multiple Applications.

1. An applicant is limited to one application for each wildlife area for each authorized shoot day. Shoot days are specified under subsections 551(e), 551(o), 551(p), 551(q), 551(s), and 552(a) of these regulations.

2. The department may eliminate applications that are not in compliance with these regulations from any reservation drawing. Persons who submit more than one application for the same shoot day for the same wildlife area may be barred from hunting on department-operated areas for a period of one year

following the date the department discovers the violation. Any reservation issued as a result of such improper submission, or to any person currently barred from the department-operated areas, shall be void (not valid).

(D) Unless otherwise stated on the hunting reservation or on information mailed with the reservation, each successful reservation applicant shall be granted a one-day entry permit during the waterfowl or pheasant season. The entry permit shall be issued to the successful applicant for the date and wildlife area stated on the hunting reservation upon the applicant presenting a one-day, two-day, or season pass. Verification of the successful applicant/reservation holder shall require identification per subsection 700.4(c) of these regulations. Unless otherwise provided, the reservation will expire one and one-half hours before shoot time for the date stated on the reservation. For some wildlife areas, the department will number reservations in the order in which they are drawn. These reservations will be accepted at checking stations in numerical order. The reservation holder must be present at the time the number is called in order to have priority over other, lower-priority reservations.

(E) Except as provided in subsection 550.5(a)(1)(F) or subsection 551(x) of these regulations, a reservation shall be valid for entry for up to six visitors who must hunt as a party. No more than two visitors in a hunting party may be adult hunters (18 years of age or older as of July 1 of the licensing year). Each adult may be accompanied by up to two hunters holding junior hunting licenses or two non-shooters irrespective of age, or one of each. All hunters must be in possession of a valid hunting license. Non-shooters (as defined in subsection 550(b)(11)) shall not discharge or possess ammunition or a firearm on the wildlife area.

(F) When hunting a designated hunting zone, assigned pond, or blind area, a reservation will assure entry only for the number of visitors (adult hunters, junior hunters, and/or non-shooters) that does not exceed the capacity of the designated zone, assigned pond or blind area.

### **(b) Reservations for Wildlife Viewing.**

Reservations for wildlife viewing may be available for certain department lands during peak viewing periods or when guided tours are offered. The department may limit the number of reservations available for each of these opportunities.

### **(c) Entry Permits, Fees, and Passes.**

(1) Where the department has determined that entry permits are required per subsection 550(c)(2) of these regulations and/or that fees are necessary to offset the department's costs of providing public recreational opportunities, an appropriate pass must first be purchased for a fee through the department's Automated License Data System at a license agent, department license office or on the department's website at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov). An entry permit will be issued only when an appropriate hunting pass is presented at the checking station or point of entry.

(2) Passes for hunting during the waterfowl season are sold as one day, two day, or Type A or Type B season hunting passes. Applicable fees are listed in subsection 702(b) of these regulations.



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(3) Entry permits and hunting passes are required for waterfowl hunting on all Type A wildlife areas.

(4) Entry permits and proof of either a Type A or Type B season hunting pass are required for waterfowl hunting on all Type B wildlife areas. One or two day passes are not accepted at Type B wildlife areas.

(5) Entry permits and/or passes or special drawings may be required for hunting on Type C wildlife areas where the department has determined that restricted access is necessary per subsection 550(c) of these regulations (see subsection 551(q) of these regulations).

(6) Each visitor must have a valid entry permit in their immediate possession while on department lands that require an entry permit.

(7) Any visitor with a valid junior hunting license in their own name is exempt from purchasing a daily or annual hunting pass. A visitor who is under the age of 16 will only be issued an entry permit and allowed to hunt when carrying a valid hunting license in their own name and is accompanied by an adult. An adult is defined as a person 18 years old or older. An adult hunter or non-shooter may accompany up to two junior hunters on department lands.

(8) Any visitor 16 or 17 years of age, in possession of a valid hunting license in that visitor's own name and an valid entry permit, may hunt independently. Hunters 16 or 17 years of age who hunt without an adult shall not be accompanied by any visitor under the age of 16.

(9) Any required entry permits will be issued on a first-come, first served basis and/or by a reservation drawing to be held at a designated department office. The department shall inform the commission in writing and the public via the news media when limits imposed under this section differ substantially for a specific area from the prior year. Such notification shall include: the land affected; the time period; the reason for the limitation or closure; the number of entry permits to be issued; and the method of issuance.

(10) Entry permits are non-transferable. Forgery, duplication, alteration or fraudulent use of entry permits, passes, or processes for obtaining them, is prohibited. Any person who violates these regulations may be barred from department lands for one calendar year from the date the department discovers the violation.

(11) A Daily or Annual Lands Pass for Authorized Uses Other than Hunting (Lands Pass) is required for visitor entry on department lands listed in subsections 551(w) and 630(c) of these regulations. A Lands Pass must be purchased in advance and carried by each visitor, on their person, while on the subject property. Information about how to purchase a Lands Pass is explained in 550.5(c)(1) of these regulations. Exceptions to the Lands Pass requirements are as follows:

(A) Visitors carrying a valid California sportfishing, hunting, or trapping license issued in the visitor's own name are not required to purchase a Lands Pass.

(B) Participants in school or organized youth group field trips, or visitors who are under 16 years of age are not required to obtain a Lands Pass.

(12) In addition to the sources listed for purchasing passes in

subsection 550.5(c) (1), Lands Passes may be purchased at the Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve Visitor Center at the time of entry during business hours.

### **(d) Special Use Permits.**

Special uses, as defined in subsection 550(b)(9) of these regulations, on department lands require written authorization from the department. Such authorization will typically be in the form of a Special Use Permit (per subsections 550(d) and 550(n)(2) of these regulations). The department shall not issue Special Use Permits for activities or uses that conflict with the current uses, management or purposes of a department land, would have a significant environmental effect, or would constitute an unlawful use of state resources under Government Code Section 8314.

### **(1) Types of Special Use.**

(A) Type 1 Special Use. A Type 1 special use is an activity that meets all of the following criteria:

1. involves 30 or fewer visitors on site;
2. involves ten or fewer (0-10) animals (such as dogs or horses) or bicycles (or other pedaled vehicles) in total;
3. does not require the use of animals, bicycles, vehicles, or large equipment outside of designated parking areas, roads, trails, or other areas authorized for visitor use; and
4. does not require use of the site for more than one calendar day during normal operating hours of the department land.

(B) Type 2 Special Use. A Type 2 special use is a hunting dog trial or testing event or activity.

(C) Type 3 Special Use. A Type 3 special use is an activity that meets any one of the following criteria:

1. involves more than 30 visitors on site;
2. involves more than ten animals or bicycles in total;
3. requires the use of animals, bicycles, vehicles, or large equipment outside of designated parking areas, roads, trails, or other areas authorized for visitor use; or
4. requires use of the site for more than one calendar day or outside of normal operating hours of the department land.

### **(2) Application Process for Special Use Permits.**

(A) Application for a Special Use Permit shall be made on the "Permit Application for Special Use of Department Lands", as specified in Section 702 of these regulations. Failure to disclose fund-raising or commercial activities or other information per the instructions on the application may result in a citation and fine.

(B) Applications and Special Use Permit fees shall be submitted at least 45 days prior to the date of the requested activity or event to the appropriate regional office. The permit fees for Type 1, Type 2, and Type 3 Special Uses are specified in Section 702 of these regulations. Applications will not be processed unless they are complete, and the entire permit fee is paid.

1. After a Special Use Permit is approved, the permit fees are refundable only if none of the permitted activities have taken place and all of the activities and dates covered by the permit are cancelled in writing, in an email or hardcopy, submitted to the area manager or their designee.

2. Type 3 permit fees are only refundable until 10 calendar days



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prior to the scheduled start of any of the permitted activities, after which the permit fee will be forfeited if the permittee cancels the special use. Cancellations prior to 10 calendar days before the start of a Type 3 special use must be provided to the area manager or designee in writing as an email or hardcopy.

3. All Special Use Permit fees are refundable if the department does not approve a special use permit application or does not have adequate staff available to review an application.

### (3) Special Use Permit Application Review Process

(A) Evaluation Criteria. Criteria used to evaluate Special Use Permit applications shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Will the proposed special use create a greater potential hazard or liability to the State, resources, or the public than typical operations within the department land on which the special use is proposed?;
2. Is the special use a compatible use as defined in subsection 550(b)(2)?;
3. Can the use be conducted so as not to conflict with the current uses, management or purposes of the property?;
4. Will the special use require the exclusive use of part or all of a property?;
5. Will the special use interfere with other visitors' use of the property?;
6. Will additional department staffing or staff time be required to prepare for, monitor or assist with, or return department land to its previous condition following the special use?;
7. Will the permittee charge any fees and, if so, will the proposed fees exceed those the department charges for licenses, day use fees, or passes?;
8. Will any items, products, or services be sold?; and,
9. Has the applicant complied with the terms and conditions of any prior Special Use Permit issued by the department?.

(B) Notification of Approval of Special Use Permit. If the department intends to issue a Special Use Permit, it will provide written notification to the applicant. The notification will provide an itemized explanation of any fees, charges or deposits that need to be paid, as well as terms and conditions that need to be accepted by the applicant/permittee, in order for a Special Use Permit to be finalized and valid. Payment instructions will be included with the notification.

(C) Notification of Denial of Special Use Permit. If the department intends to deny issuance of a Special Use Permit, it shall provide written notification to the applicant that the application for a Special Use Permit is denied and include the reason(s) for the denial in the notification.

### (4) Possible Costs In Addition to the Special Use Permit Fee.

(A) For department lands that normally require a fee for a Lands Pass or entry permit, the Lands Pass or entry fee will be required in addition to the Special Use Permit fee. Whether the Lands Pass or entry fee for each special use participant will be paid directly to the department by the participants or by the permittee will be determined as part of the development of the Special Use Permit

(B) Additional Anticipated Costs. If the regional manager or his

designee determines in advance that department staff will need to conduct work outside of normal duties or hours to prepare for the special use, monitor or assist with the special use, or return department land to its previous condition following the special use, payment of the additional anticipated cost to the department will be added to the Special Use Permit fee specified in Section 702 of these regulations and required to be paid as a condition of the department issuing a Special Use Permit. The additional cost shall be based on the estimated number of hours, the job classification of state personnel required to conduct the work, and the department's costs for employee benefits, overhead, mileage, and use of department equipment and supplies.

(C) Cleaning or Damage Deposit. Depending on the anticipated need for cleaning or repair to department property, including land, infrastructure and/or equipment, the department may charge the applicant a cleaning or damage deposit in an amount determined by the regional manager or his designee. Costs to return department property to its previous condition following the special use shall be deducted from this deposit. The regional manager or his designee shall determine whether all, a portion or none of the deposit is refunded based on department costs to clean up or repair damage.

(D) For-Profit or Fund Raising Activities. Any person, entity, or organization is prohibited from holding, sponsoring, leading, or otherwise conducting a recreational, educational, or other activity occurring wholly or partially within or on any department land for the purpose of generating revenue or fund raising without adequate compensation for the use of State resources. Applications for such events or activities are incomplete and will not be processed unless Attachment C of Form 730 (incorporated by reference in subsection 702) is complete and included with the application. Unless an event is sponsored or co-sponsored by the department, payment to the department of a guaranteed minimum fee or percentage of the gross revenue of the event shall be a condition of any Special Use Permit that authorizes activities on department land that are intended to generate revenue or raise funds. The rate or amount of compensation shall be specified in the draft Special Use Permit. The criteria used to determine the rate or amount of compensation shall include, without limitation:

1. the extent of the department land to be used;
2. the duration, size and scope of the event;
3. the anticipated impact on department resources and facilities;
4. prevailing fees for comparable facilities in the locality;
5. amount and type of permittee's equipment and materials to be used on the department land;
6. the number of people, vehicles, bicycles, and/or domestic animals on the department land because of the special use;
7. the amount of gross revenue the permittee expects to generate from the event;
8. the cost of services or time required of or by the department;
9. whether the applicant is a non-profit organization with tax-exempt status under section 501(c), Subtitle A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; and
10. any other considerations as appropriate.

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### **(5) Terms and Conditions of Special Use Permits.**

(A) To protect human health and safety, natural or cultural resources, or department facilities, the regional manager or his designee may impose special conditions in addition to the standard terms and conditions included in the Permit Application for Special Use of Department Lands as specified in Section 702. The department must provide notice of any special conditions as part of the notification of approval referenced in subsection 550.5(d)(3)(B) of these regulations.

### **(6) Acceptance of the Terms and Conditions of Special Use Permits and Payment of Fees.**

(A) Type 1 or Type 2 Special Use Permit. The notification of approval for a Type 1 or Type 2 Special Use Permit will include a Special Use Permit signed by the wildlife area or ecological reserve manager and the regional manager or his designee. The Special Use Permit will include an attachment titled: Attachment B: Applicant Acceptance of Terms, Conditions and Costs as specified in Section 702. The Special Use Permit is not valid unless the permittee accepts the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit by signing and submitting the signed original of Attachment B and the full payment of any additional costs or deposits indicated on the permit to the appropriate regional office at least five calendar days before the beginning of the event or activity. The permittee should make and keep a copy of the signed Attachment B with the Special Use Permit. Conducting a special use event or activity without a valid permit is a violation of subsections 550(c)(2)(A) and 550.5(d)(8) of these regulations.

(B) Type 3 Special Use Permit. The notification of approval for a Type 3 Special Use Permit will include a draft permit (not valid). The draft Special Use Permit will include an attachment titled: Attachment B: Applicant Acceptance of Terms, Conditions and Costs as specified in Section 702. In order to receive a final, valid Special Use Permit, the applicant must accept the terms and conditions of the Special Use Permit by signing Attachment B, and sending the signed original draft permit and the full payment of any additional costs or deposits indicated on the permit to the appropriate regional office at least ten calendar days before the beginning of the event or activity. After the Special Use Permit is signed by the wildlife area or ecological reserve manager and the regional manager or his designee, it will be mailed back to the permittee as the valid permit. Conducting a special use event or activity without a valid permit is a violation of subsections 550(c)(2)(A) and 550.5(d)(8) of these regulations.

### **(7) Valid Special Use Permit.**

A valid Special Use Permit includes the completed application, including the permit section of the form signed by the wildlife area or ecological reserve manager and the regional manager or his designee, and any and all attachments referenced in the Special Use Permit. In order for a Special Use Permit to be valid, all costs that are required to be paid in advance, as indicated on the permit, must be paid-in-full by the permittee.

### **(8) Possession of Special Use Permit.**

The permittee or their representative shall have the valid Special Use Permit in his immediate possession and on-site during the special use and shall present it to any department employee upon request.

### **(9) Authorized Activities.**

Only the activities or uses specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit are permitted. Issuance of a Special Use Permit does not grant visitors any right to conduct activities not covered by the Special Use Permit. Conducting activities or uses not covered by the Special Use Permit shall result in revocation of the Special Use Permit, and may result in a citation and fine.

### **(10) Termination of Special Use Permit.**

The regional manager or his designee may terminate any Special Use Permit when the department deems termination necessary for human health and safety, protection of natural or cultural resources or department facilities. In addition, any Special Use Permit may be cancelled without notice in the event of a disaster or unforeseen emergency.

### **(11) Revocation of Special Use Permit.**

The regional manager or his designee may revoke a Special Use Permit and deny future Special Use Permit applications for violation of any rules or regulations of the department or conditions of a Special Use Permit.

## **Additional Visitor Use Regulations on Department Lands Designated as Wildlife Areas (T14 CCR §551)**

(a) The areas listed in Section 551 have been designated by the commission as wildlife areas. All wildlife areas are maintained for the primary purposes of developing a statewide program of ecological conservation, restoration, preservation, development and management of wildlife and wildlife habitat and hunting. A legal description of the boundaries of each wildlife area is on file at the department's headquarters, 1416 9th Street, Sacramento. Visitor use is subject to the regulations below and in sections 550 and 550.5, as well as any other sections of Title 14, CCR, and the Fish and Game Code that may apply. These regulations are incorporated by reference into and become a condition of entry and/or permits. Visitors are responsible for knowing and understanding these regulations prior to entry.

### **(b) Wildlife areas owned and operated by the department**

(Types A, B and C as defined in Section 551(e)) are as follows:

- (1) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);
- (2) Ash Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen and Modoc counties) (Type B);
- (3) Bass Hill Wildlife Area (Lassen County), including the Egan Management Unit (Type C);
- (4) Battle Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties) (Type C);
- (5) Big Lagoon Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (6) Big Sandy Wildlife Area (Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties) (Type C);

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- (7) Biscar Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
- (8) Burcham and Wheeler Flats Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (9) Buttermilk Country Wildlife Area (Inyo County) (Type C);
- (10) Butte Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);
- (11) Cache Creek Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the North Fork Cache Creek and Harley Gulch management units (Type C);
- (12) Camp Cady Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
- (13) Cantara/Ney Springs Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (14) Cartago Wildlife Area (Inyo County) (Type C);
- (15) Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
- (16) Cinder Flats Wildlife Area (Shasta County) (Type C);
- (17) Clear Lake Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the Rodman Slough Unit (Type C);
- (18) Collins Eddy Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yolo counties) (Type C);
- (19) Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (Colusa County) (Type C);
- (20) Coon Hollow Wildlife Area (Butte County) (Type C);
- (21) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Merced County), including the Upper Cottonwood and Lower Cottonwood management units (Type C);
- (22) Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
- (23) Crocker Meadow Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);
- (24) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (Yuba County) (Type C);
- (25) Decker Island Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (26) Doyle Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
- (27) Dutch Flat Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (28) East Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (29) Eel River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (30) Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
- (31) Elk River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (32) Fay Canyon Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (33) Fay Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (34) Feather River Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yuba counties), including the Abbott Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marysville, Morse Road, Nelson Slough, O'Connor Lakes, Shanghai Bend, and Star Bend management units (Type C);
- (35) Fitzhugh Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (36) Fremont Weir Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);
- (37) French Valley Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);
- (38) Grass Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (39) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (Butte and Sutter counties) (Type A);
- (40) Green Creek Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (41) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Solano County), including the Crescent (Type A), Crescent Family (Type A), Goodyear Slough (Type B), Grey Goose (Type C), Grizzly Island (Type A), Island Slough (Type B), Joice Island (Type A), West Family (Type B) management units;
- (42) Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area (Lassen and Sierra counties) (Type C);
- (43) Heenan Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (44) Hill Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (45) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);
- (46) Honey Lake Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);
- (47) Hope Valley Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (48) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (49) Imperial Wildlife Area (Imperial County), including the Wester (Type A) and Finney Ramer (Type C) Management Units;
- (50) Indian Valley Wildlife Area (Lake County) (Type C);
- (51) Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
- (52) Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area (Madera County) (Type C);
- (53) Knoxville Wildlife Area (Napa and Yolo counties) (Type C);
- (54) Laguna Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);
- (55) Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
- (56) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type C);
- (57) Los Banos Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);
- (58) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area (Sacramento County) (Type C);
- (59) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- (60) Marble Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
- (61) Mendota Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type A);
- (62) Merrill's Landing Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);
- (63) Miner Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (64) Monache Meadows Wildlife Area (Tulare County) (Type C);
- (65) Morro Bay Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County) (Type C);
- (66) Moss Landing Wildlife Area (Monterey County) (Type C);
- (67) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties) (Type C);
- (68) Mud Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
- (69) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (Solano, Napa, and Sonoma counties), including the American Canyon, Dutchman Slough, Huichica Creek, Napa River, Ringstrom Bay, Sonoma Creek, Tolay Creek, and Wingo management units (Type C); and Green Island, Southern Crossing, and White Slough management units;
- (70) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties), including the China Island, Gadwall, and Salt Slough management units (Type A);
- (71) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);
- (72) Oroville Wildlife Area (Butte County), including the Thermalito Afterbay Management Unit (Type C);
- (73) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties), including the Black John Slough, Burdell, and Petaluma River management units (Type C); and Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek management units;
- (74) Pickel Meadow Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (75) Pine Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (76) Point Edith Wildlife Area (Contra Costa County) (Type C);
- (77) Putah Creek Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
- (78) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
- (79) Red Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
- (80) Rhode Island Wildlife Area (Contra Costa County) (Type C);
- (81) Round Valley Wildlife Area (Inyo and Mono counties) (Type C);
- (82) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);
- (83) Sacramento River Wildlife Area (Butte, Colusa, and Glenn counties) (Type C);
- (84) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);
- (85) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Riverside County), including the



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Davis Road Unit and the Potrero Unit (Type A);  
(86) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County) (Type C);  
(87) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);  
(88) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties) (Type C);  
(89) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);  
(90) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);  
(91) Sheepy Ridge Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);  
(92) Silver Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);  
(93) Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);  
(94) Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);  
(95) South Spit Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);  
(96) Spenceville Wildlife Area (Yuba and Nevada counties) (Type C);  
(97) Surprise Valley Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);  
(98) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (Sutter County) (Type C);  
(99) Tehama Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);  
(100) Truckee River Wildlife Area (Nevada, Placer and Sierra counties), including the Boca, Canyon, Grey Creek Canyon, Polaris, Union Ice, and West River management units (Type C);  
(101) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Butte and Glenn counties), including the Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek, and Llano Seco management units (Type A);  
(102) Volta Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);  
(103) Waukell Creek Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);  
(104) Warner Valley Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);  
(105) West Hilmar Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties) (Type C);  
(106) West Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);  
(107) Willow Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B); and  
(108) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type A).

### ***(c) Areas owned and operated by federal agencies where public hunting opportunities are administered by the department are listed in this subsection.***

Additional regulations for the areas listed in this subsection are in Section 552 of these regulations.

(1) Baldwin Lake (San Bernardino County) (Type C);  
(2) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge (Colusa County) (Type A);  
(3) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge (Colusa County) (Type A);  
(4) Kern National Wildlife Refuge (Kern County) (Type A);  
(5) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);  
(6) Merced National Wildlife Refuge (Merced County) (Type A);  
(7) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge (Glenn and Colusa counties) (Type A);  
(8) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Merced County) (Type A), including the San Luis, Kesterson, West Bear Creek, Freitas, and Blue Goose Units;  
(9) Sonny Bono Salton Sea National Wildlife Refuge (Imperial County) (Type A) (operated with the Imperial Wildlife Area); and  
(10) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge (Sutter County) (Type A).

### ***(d) Areas operated by the department in cooperation with other state or federal agencies are:***

(1) Clifton Court Forebay (Contra Costa County) (Type C);  
(2) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type C);  
(3) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);  
(4) Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area, area day use fee (Riverside County);  
(5) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);  
(6) Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge, including the La BARRanca Unit, Blackberry Island Unit, Mooney Unit, Ohm Unit, Flynn Unit, Heron Island Unit, and Rio Vista Unit (Tehama County); Pine Creek Unit, Dead Man's Reach Unit, North Llano Seco Island 1 & 2 Units, and Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary Unit (Butte County); and McIntosh Landing North and South Units, Capay Unit, Phelan Island Unit, Jacinto Unit, Ord Unit, Ord Bend Unit, South Ord Unit, Hartley Island Unit, Sul Norte Unit, Codora Unit, Packer Unit, Afton Unit, North Drumheller Slough Unit, and Drumheller Slough Unit (Glenn County); Bogg's Bend Unit (Colusa County) (Type C).  
(A) Additional regulations for the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge are in Section 552 of these regulations.  
(7) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area (Merced and Santa Clara counties) (Type C); and  
(8) Volta Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A), US Bureau of Reclamation

### ***(e) Types of Wildlife Areas:***

(1) "Type A" wildlife areas are defined as wildlife areas which have restricted hunter access during waterfowl season, and require a hunting pass to be purchased in advance and exchanged for an entry permit at the wildlife area, per subsections 550.5(c) and 702(b) of these regulations. Reservations are available per subsection 550.5(a) of these regulations during waterfowl season. Species open for hunting are waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, pheasant, and dove, unless otherwise specified in subsection 551(s). Except as provided in subsection 551(p) and Section 552 of these regulations, shoot days are Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season, youth waterfowl hunt days authorized in Section 502 of these regulations, and daily during the September dove season only. All Type A wildlife areas are closed to hunting on Christmas Day.

(2) "Type B" wildlife areas are defined as wildlife areas which have restricted hunter access during waterfowl season and require a Type A or Type B season hunting pass to be purchased in advance and presented for an entry permit at the wildlife area, per subsection 550.5(c) and Section 702 of these regulations. Reservations are required for opening weekend per subsection 550.5(a) of these regulations. Species open for hunting include waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, pheasant, and dove, unless otherwise specified in subsection 551(s). Except as provided in subsection 551(p), shoot days are Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season and daily during the September dove season only. All Type B wildlife areas are closed to hunting on Christmas Day, except as provided in subsection 551(o).

(3) "Type C" wildlife areas are defined as wildlife areas that, except as provided in subsections 551(q) and 551(t), are open



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daily for hunting all legal species and do not require the purchase of a hunting pass for entry.

(4) For Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area, the fee to obtain an entry permit for hunting shall be the day-use fee determined by the California Department of Parks and Recreation ([www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov)).

### **(f) Shooting Hours:**

(1) Water fowl: Except as provided in subsections 551(p) and 551(q), waterfowl shooting hours on all wildlife areas shall be from one half-hour before sunrise to sunset (pursuant to Section 506 of these regulations).

(2) Other Species: Except as provided in subsections 551(p), 551(q), and 551(s), species other than waterfowl may be taken where authorized only during the legal shooting hours for the taking of each species as specified in sections 250.5, 310, 310.5, 352, and 474 of these regulations.

### **(g) Deferred Openings:**

When the department considers such deferral desirable to protect agricultural crops from waterfowl, it may defer opening a

wildlife area to visitor access until, in the opinion of the department, the danger of crop damage in the immediate region is abated.

### **(h) Assigned Hunting Zones:**

In order to assure proper hunter dispersal and promote safety, the department may subdivide the open hunting portion of any wildlife area into zones, assign hunters to zones and/or designate where hunters shall park.

NOTE: The remainder of Section 551 includes regulations for wildlife areas organized by type of public use. To see the same regulations organized by wildlife area, go to: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Regulations).

### **(i) Wildlife Areas Authorized for Dog Training and/or Dog Trials:**

Dog training and/or dog trials are authorized as specified below. Dog trials require a Special Use Permit. Site-specific dog training and/or trial prohibitions are identified in subsection 551(o). General rules regarding the use of dogs for hunting, training or trials are located in subsection 550(n) of these regulations.

Area	Dog Training	Dog Trials
(1) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Allowed with written authorization from the area manager.	Allowed.
(2) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	Allowed on the area but prohibited from March 1 through June 30, August 1 through the end of the tule elk season in September, and October 1 through the end of waterfowl season.	Allowed on the area but prohibited from March 1 through June 30, August 1 through the end of the tule elk season in September, and October 1 through the end of waterfowl season.
(3) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from September 1 through February. Only male ring-necked pheasants, male bobwhite quail, either sex feral pigeons, and male mallard ducks may be used for dog training purposes. Release or possession of female ring-necked pheasant, female bobwhite quail, female mallard, or any other bird species is prohibited. It is unlawful to release or possess a male mallard duck without at least one wing clipped.	Not authorized.
(4) Imperial Wildlife Area	Allowed with written authorization from the area manager.	Allowed only in designated areas on the Finney-Ramer Unit.
(5) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area	Prohibited.	Allowed.
(6) Los Banos Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from the end of waterfowl season to March 31 and July 1 through September 15.	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from the end of
(7) Mendota Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from the end of waterfowl season to March 31.	Allowed.

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Area	Dog Training	Dog Trials
(8) North Grasslands Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from the end of waterfowl season to March 31 and July 1 through September 15.	Allowed on the area but prohibited from April 1-June 30.
(9) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed.
(10) Oroville Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from July 1 through March 15.	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from July 1 through March 15.
(11) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from September 1 through the end of February.	Not authorized.
(12) San Jacinto Wildlife Area	Allowed only on the Davis Road Unit and requires written authorization from the area manager.	Allowed only on the Davis Road Unit.
(13) Spenceville Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from July 1 through March 15.	Allowed only in the designated portion of the area from July 1 through March 15.
(14) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	Allowed with written authorization from the area manager.	Not authorized.

### (j) Bicycles

Except for their use on roads or levees for transportation between parking lots and hunting areas during the waterfowl season on Type A or B wildlife areas, or as provided in this subsection, the use of bicycles by visitors is prohibited on wildlife areas (also see subsection 550(bb) of these regulations).

Area	Bicycles
(1) Cache Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed only on the Harley Gulch Unit from the third Saturday in April through the third Saturday in November.
(2) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area	Allowed only on the Daugherty Hill Unit from May 10 through September 15. Prohibited on other units.
(3) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area	Allowed only on designated trails or routes.
(4) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area	Allowed only on the designated Bay Trail (designated trail and road) on the Green Island Unit, and the posted public access easement on the Southern Crossing Unit.
(5) Oroville Wildlife Area	Allowed only on roads open to vehicles.
(6) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area	Allowed only on designated trails or routes.
(7) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Potrero Unit)	Allowed only on designated trails.
(8) Spenceville Wildlife Area	Allowed only on designated trails and roads.
(9) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area	Allowed only from one week after the end of waterfowl season until two weeks prior to opening of waterfowl season.
(10) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	Allowed only in designated areas.

### (k) Off-Highway Vehicles:

Except as provided in this subsection, off-highway vehicles are prohibited on wildlife areas.

- (1) Eel River Wildlife Area. Off-highway vehicles are allowed only for commercially licensed anglers who are utilizing the wave-slope for fishing access.
- (2) South Spit Wildlife Area. Off-highway vehicles are allowed only on the west side of South Jetty on designated access corridors and wave-slope.
- (3) Tehama Wildlife Area. Off-highway vehicles are allowed only on roads open to vehicles.

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### *(I) Wildlife Areas with Boat and/or Horse and Pack Stock Restrictions:*

Per subsections 550(z) and 550(o), the use of boats or horses is allowed on wildlife areas except as restricted in this subsection.

See subsection 550(z) of these regulations for additional regulations about the use of boats.

Area	Boats	Horses and Pack Stock
(1) Battle Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(2) Big Lagoon Wildlife Area	Speed restricted to 5 mph for motorized vessels.	Allowed.
(3) Butte Valley Wildlife Area	Prohibited from March 1 through September 1. Motors are prohibited.	Allowed.
(4) Cache Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on the Harley Gulch Unit from the third Saturday in April through the third Saturday in November.
(5) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(6) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on the Daugherty Hill unit from May 10 through September 15.
(7) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on the east side from July 1 through August 31.
(8) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	The use of boats is prohibited on all management units, except the Grey Goose Unit and the portion of the Goodyear Slough Unit to the south of Lake Herman Road and east of the eastern-most railroad tracks. Access to those two areas is by boat only. There is no foot access. Launching of boats at the Montezuma Slough unit for access to Montezuma Slough is allowed. Boats less than eight feet in length may be used to transport decoys and/or blind materials.	Allowed only during department- authorized dog trials.
(9) Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(10) Heenan Lake Wildlife Area	Prohibited except during controlled entry fishing events (see subsection 551(y)).	Allowed.
(11) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on designated trails or routes. Horse trailers are permitted within the designated parking area if space is available.
(12) Imperial Wildlife Area (Finney-Ramer Unit)	Required for waterfowl hunting. Only non-motor driven boats or boats with electric motors may be used.	Allowed.
(13) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister Unit)	Only hand-portable boats that are non-motorized or use an electric motor are allowed.	Allowed.
(14) Laguna Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(15) Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Motors prohibited during waterfowl season.	Allowed.
(16) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area	Only non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors may be used.	Allowed only during department- authorized dog trials.
(17) Mendota Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only during department- authorized dog trials.

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Area	Boats	Horses and Pack Stock
(18) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(19) North Grasslands Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Horseback riding is allowed only during department-authorized dog trials.
(20) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only during department- authorized dog trials.
(21) Oroville Wildlife Area	Motorized boats are subject to 5 mph speed limit except on the southern portion of the Thermalito Afterbay Unit (those portions of the water surface south of Highway 162), where motorized boat speeds may exceed 5 mph.	Allowed only on roads open to vehicles or within 25 feet of the exterior boundary fences. Horse drawn carriages are only allowed on roads open to vehicles.
(22) Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area	Only motorized boats may be used.	Allowed.
(23) Sacramento River Wildlife Area	Boat-in Only Access Units: Colusa South, Colusa North, Moulton South, Moulton North, Stegeman, Princeton South, Beehive Bend, Oxbow, Jacinto, Ord Bend, Shannon Slough, Pine Creek North, Wilson Landing, Dicus Slough, and Merrills Landing. Walk-In or Boat-In Access Units: Princeton Southeast, Princeton East, Princeton North, Site 21, Pine Creek West, Pine Creek East.	Prohibited.
(24) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on designated trails or routes.
(25) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(26) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	Only non-motorized boats or boats with electric motors may be used.	Allowed.
(27) South Spit Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on west side of South Jetty Road.
(28) Spenceville Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Allowed only on designated trails and roads.
(29) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(30) Volta Wildlife Area (US Bureau of Reclamation Lands)	Boat trailers allowed beyond the checking station only to launch boats. Vehicles may be driven past Parking Lot 1 to launch boats.	Allowed.
(31) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	No boats or flotation devices allowed.	Prohibited.

### **(m) Wildlife Areas with Camping,**

Camp Trailers and Motorhomes as a Designated Use: Unless permitted in this subsection, camping and the use of camp trailers and motorhomes are prohibited on wildlife areas. For additional rules about camping on department lands, see subsection 550(p) of these regulations.

Area	Camping
(1) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area	No motorhomes or camp trailers permitted. Camping allowed only from May 1 through October 31.
(2) Ash Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed.
(3) Butte Valley Wildlife Area	Allowed.
(4) Cache Creek Wildlife Area	No motorhomes or camp trailers permitted. No camping within 1/4 mile of designated parking areas.
(5) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the Upper Cottonwood Creek Unit parking lot.



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Area	Camping
(6) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area	No tent camping. Overnight parking with camp trailers allowed only in designated parking lots.
(7) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Allowed only during waterfowl season. Camp trailers or motorhomes may be placed in the designated camp trailer area no sooner than one week before the opening of waterfowl season and must be removed from the wildlife area no later than one week after the end of the regular waterfowl season. All campers, defined as a shell or shelter made to be mounted on a pickup truck must remain attached to a registered vehicle when on the area. All camp trailers and motorhomes must be registered at the checking station within one week of placement.
(8) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	Not allowed except with prior written authorization from the area manager during the tule elk season.
(9) Honey Lake Wildlife Area (Fleming and Dakin Units)	Allowed.
(10) Hope Valley Wildlife Area	Backpack camping allowed east of Highway 89 only.
(11) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area	Allowed.
(12) Imperial Wildlife Area (Finney-Ramer Unit)	Allowed only in designated area at Finney Lake.
(13) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister Unit)	Allowed only in designated area. Campers must obtain an entry permit pursuant to subsection 551(w)(3). No unattached trailers or tents allowed in the checking station parking lot.
(14) Indian Valley Wildlife Area	Camping allowed, but camp trailers and motorhomes are prohibited.
(15) Knoxville Wildlife Area	Primitive camping is allowed beyond 1/4 mile from Berryessa- Knoxville Road.
(16) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area	Allowed only in Army Corps of Engineers-designated campgrounds.
(17) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area	Allowed only in parking lot, except during authorized dog trials when participants must adhere to conditions of Special Use Permit issued per subsection 550(n)(2) of these regulations.
(18) Los Banos Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the main office parking area, and only during waterfowl season.
(19) Mendota Wildlife Area	Allowed only in checking station parking lot, and only during waterfowl season.
(20) North Grasslands Wildlife Area	Allowed only in checking station parking lot, and only during waterfowl season.
(21) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Allowed only in parking lot, except during authorized dog trials when participants must adhere to conditions of Special Use Permit issued per subsection 550(n)(2) of these regulations.
(22) Oroville Wildlife Area	Allowed only in designated camping sites by permit issued from the Oroville CHP office at (530) 538-2700.
(23) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the parking lot and no more than 30 vehicles are allowed without a Special Use Permit (see subsection 550(d) of these regulations).
(24) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area	Allowed only in parking lot.
(25) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	Allowed.
(26) Spenceville Wildlife Area	Allowed in designated campsites from September 1 through the end of spring turkey season.
(27) Surprise Valley Wildlife Area	Allowed only in south parking area, except from April 1 through August 15 when camping is prohibited.
(28) Tehama Wildlife Area	Allowed.
(29) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area	Allowed only in the checking station parking lots on the night before a shoot day during the waterfowl season.
(30) Volta Wildlife Area (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Lands)	Allowed only in checking station parking lot.

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### **(n) Additional Fire Restrictions on Wildlife Areas:**

The fire restrictions included below are in addition to the regulations regarding fire on department lands included in subsection 550(q) of these regulations.

(1) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area

(A) Fires are prohibited except for the use of portable gas stoves in designated parking areas and sites.

(2) Hope Valley Wildlife Area

(A) Fires are prohibited except for the use of portable gas stoves.

(3) Knoxville Wildlife Area

(A) Fires are prohibited except for the use of portable gas stoves.

(4) Oroville Wildlife Area

(A) Fires are prohibited except for the use of portable gas stoves within designated campsites.

(5) Spenceville Wildlife Area

(A) Fires are prohibited except for portable gas stoves within designated campsites.

### **(o) Designated Closures and Restrictions on Wildlife Areas:**

Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm as provided in subsection 550(cc)(1) of these regulations.

Area	Description of Closure or Restriction
(1) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting from February 1 through June 30.
(2) Ash Creek Wildlife Area	Portions of the area may be closed to all visitor entry from March 1 through August 15.
(3) Baldwin Lake Wildlife Area	A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.
(4) Battle Creek Wildlife Area	No hunting or possession of firearms or archery equipment. Dog training and trials are prohibited.
(5) Butte Valley Wildlife Area	Closed to boating and water-related activity from March 1 through September 1.
(6) Cache Creek Wildlife Area	The use of dogs for wild pig hunting is prohibited.
(7) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting after the last Sunday in January to the opening of Zone A archery deer season. Dog training and trials are prohibited. The use of dogs for wild pig hunting is prohibited.
(8) Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area	No hunting or possession of firearms or archery equipment.
(9) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through June 30 except for the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted. Closed to all visitor entry during the first nine days of the spring turkey season except for special turkey permit holders.
(10) Eel River Wildlife Area	Portions of the area are closed to vehicle entry from March 1 through September 15. Cannibal Island Unit is closed to all visitor use from the Monday following the end of youth hunting day (subsection 502(e)(1)(B)(5) of these regulations) through April 1.
(11) Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area	No hunting or possession of firearms or archery equipment.
(12) Elk River Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use from the Monday following the end of youth hunting day (subsection 502(e)(1)(B)(5) of these regulations) through April 1.
(13) Fay Slough Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use from the Monday following the end of youth hunting day (subsection 502(e)(1)(B)(5) of these regulations) through April 1.
(14) Feather River Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through June 30 except for the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted. The Shanghai Bend Unit is closed to hunting. No person shall enter that portion of the O'Connor Lakes Management Unit marked as closed to entry from March 1 through June 30.
(15) Fremont Weir Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through June 30 except for the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted.

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Area	Description of Closure or Restriction
(16) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Closed to all non-hunting uses from two weeks prior to opening of waterfowl season through one week after end of waterfowl season except those areas designated for wildlife viewing purposes. The west side of the area is closed to falconry. Dove hunting allowed only in designated areas.
(18) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Joice Island Unit)	Closed to public use except when permits are issued for waterfowl hunting, special wild pig hunts, and during the special season open to fishing from mid-May to mid-August (contact area headquarters for details).
(19) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Grizzly Island Unit)	Dogs are prohibited from March 1 to June 30, all of August, and during the tule elk hunting season in September. Dogs may be used to assist in the take of game which is in season, authorized by area regulations and in portions of the area open to such take. Dogs are otherwise prohibited during October and through the end of waterfowl season. Closed to uses other than hunting from the last Monday in July to the end of the Grizzly Island tule elk season and from October 1 through the end of waterfowl season.
(20) Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use from February 1 through June 30. Dogs are prohibited except for hunting.
(21) Hill Slough Wildlife Area	No hunting or possession of firearms or archery equipment.
(22) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area	Hunting is allowed in designated areas only. Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31, except for crow hunting, which is allowed after January 31 until the end of the crow season in designated area(s) only.
(23) Honey Lake Wildlife Area (Fleming and Dakin Units)	Portions of the area may be closed to all visitor use from March 1 through August 15.
(24) Hope Valley Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting from February 1 until the opening of archery deer season.
(25) Imperial Wildlife Area (Finney Ramer Unit)	A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting allowed only from boats and islands. Closed to hunting from February 1 through June 30.
(26) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister Unit)	Closed to all non-hunting public uses from one week before the opening of waterfowl season through the end of waterfowl season, except for designated wildlife viewing sites and designated fishing areas.
(27) Laguna Wildlife Area	The Timber Hill, Blucher Creek, and Cooper Road units are closed to hunting. Only the wetland portions of the Occidental Road Unit associated with the Laguna de Santa Rosa are open to hunting, and hunting is allowed only when the Laguna de Santa Rosa is navigable and the wetlands are accessible by boat. Foot or terrestrial access to the Occidental Road Unit is prohibited because there is no visitor right-of-way. Dogs are prohibited from March 2 through June 30.
(28) Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Bush Creek public access is closed to all visitor use from the Monday following the end of youth waterfowl hunting days (subsection 502(e)(1)(B)(5) of these regulations) through April 1. Dogs are prohibited except for hunting.
(29) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting except through special drawings. The portion of the area posted as "Critical Habitat" is closed to all visitor use and entry from February 1 through August 1. Dogs are prohibited.
(30) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area	The use of dogs for wild pig hunting is prohibited.

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Area	Description of Closure or Restriction
(31) Los Banos Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use from September 15 until the opening of waterfowl season. Closed to non-hunting uses during the waterfowl season on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during waterfowl season, except on days when only upland game may be taken, and on special "youth only" waterfowl hunt days when there shall be no restrictions on the number of shot shells taken into the field. Dogs are prohibited in the interpretive viewing area.
(32) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use from the Monday following the end of youth hunting days (subsection 502(e)(1)(B)(5) of these regulations) through April 1. Dogs are prohibited except for hunting.
(33) Mendota Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use from September 16 until the opening of waterfowl season except for the designated tour route and fishing site. Closed to non-hunting uses during the waterfowl season.
(34) Morro Bay Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting from the day after the end of waterfowl season until the opening day of brant season. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.
(35) Moss Landing Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting on New Year's Day. The Salt Ponds are closed to hunting.
(36) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area	The following units are closed to all hunting, firearms and archery use: The White Slough Unit, the Green Island Unit, the Southern Crossing Unit and the portion of the American Canyon Unit south of the PG&E lines. Dogs are prohibited from March 2 through June 30.
(37) North Grasslands Wildlife Area	A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during waterfowl season, except on days when only upland game may be taken and on special "youth only" waterfowl hunt days when there shall be no restrictions on the number of shot shells taken into the field.
(38) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor use the day of and day after designated special apprentice pheasant hunts except for special apprentice pheasant hunt permit holders.
(39) Oroville Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31 except during the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted through a special drawing. Dogs are prohibited from March 2 through June 30.
(40) Perris Reservoir State Recreation Area	Shore hunting for waterfowl, coots, and moorhens is prohibited. Upland game may be taken only in designated areas. Fishing is permitted in the designated waterfowl hunting area only on non-shoot days.
(41) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area	The Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek units are closed to hunting, firearms, and archery use. Dogs are prohibited on all units from March 2 through June 30.
(42) Putah Creek Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 until the opening weekend of Zone A deer archery season which is defined in Section 360 of these regulations.
(43) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting from the day after spring turkey season closes to the opening of archery deer season.
(44) Red Lake Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31 except during archery deer season.
(45) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31.
(46) Sacramento River Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31 except during the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted. Boat-in Only Access Units: Colusa South, Colusa North, Moulton South, Moulton North, Stegeman, Princeton South, Beehive Bend, Oxbow, Jacinto, Ord Bend, Shannon Slough, Pine Creek North, Wilson Landing, Dicus Slough, Merrills Landing.



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Area	Description of Closure or Restriction
(47) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31 except during the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted. D-16 general deer zone tags may not be used west of Highway S-2.
(48) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Davis Road Unit)	Upland game (doves, pheasants, quail, snipe, and rabbits) may be taken only in designated areas. A self-issued permit, acquired on-site, is required to enter the upland game hunting area.
(49) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Potrero Unit)	Only upland game birds and resident small game within designated areas may be taken, unless otherwise restricted or limited within the unit.
(50) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area	Closed to all visitor uses except for the shooting area/range.
(51) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area	The use of dogs for wild pig hunting is prohibited. Motor vehicles are allowed in the parking lot only.
(52) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting on the portion of the area that lies within Fish and Game Refuge 4D (see Fish and Game Code Section 10837).
(53) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	Only individuals possessing a "Type A" or "Type B" season pass and their guests (nonhunting guests or junior hunters) may enter the wildlife area on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the waterfowl season.
(54) Spenceville Wildlife Area	Closed to hunting February 1 through August 31 except during the spring turkey season when only turkeys may be hunted. Closed to all visitor entry during the first nine days of the spring turkey season except for special turkey permit holders. The posted area around the Spenceville Mine is closed to visitor entry.
(55) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area	Those portions of the east and west levees of the area adjacent to the Sutter National Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) are closed to hunting. The west levee of the area is closed to hunting from the northern boundary of the SNWR south to Oswald/Hughes Road. The east levee of the area is closed to hunting from the northern boundary of the SNWR south to the SNWR checking station parking lot. The remaining portion of the east levee from the SNWR parking lot south to the southern boundary of the SNWR is closed to hunting pursuant to Section 625 of these regulations.
(56) Tehama Wildlife Area	The portion of the area south of Antelope Creek is closed to all visitor use and entry from the first Monday in December through the last Friday in March. The use of dogs for wild pig hunting is prohibited.
(57) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area	Closed to all non-hunting uses from two weeks prior to opening of waterfowl season through one week after the end of waterfowl season. Dogs are prohibited except for hunting.
(58) Volta Wildlife Area (U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Lands)	Closed to all visitor uses from August 15 until the opening of waterfowl season except that fishing in the Volta Wasteway Channel is allowed. Fishing is restricted to the Volta Wasteway Channel for a distance of one mile downstream from the Ingomar Grade from September 15 until the end of waterfowl season. Closed to non-hunting uses during the waterfowl season. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field during waterfowl season, except on days when only upland game may be taken and on special "youth only" waterfowl hunt days when there shall be no restrictions on the number of shot shells taken into the field.
(59) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	Closed to all non-hunting uses from two weeks prior to opening of waterfowl season through one week after the end of waterfowl season except those areas designated for wildlife viewing purposes. Pheasant hunting is prohibited in assigned blind areas.

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### *(p) Type A or Type B Wildlife Areas with Shoot Day or Shooting Hours Restrictions During the Waterfowl Season:*

Area	Description of Restriction
(1) Butte Valley Wildlife Area	Pheasant hunting is allowed only on Sundays during pheasant season. Dove may be taken daily during the September dove season, and only on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.
(2) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Joice Island Unit)	After the department determines fall flight forecast and/or numbers in the Suisun Marsh warrant opening this unit to hunting, it will be open only on Sundays.
(3) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister Unit)	Pheasant, quail and rabbit hunting is allowed only on Mondays and Thursdays. Dove may be taken daily during the September dove season. After the September dove season, dove may be taken only on pheasant hunt days. Snipe may be taken only on waterfowl and pheasant hunt days.
(4) Kern National Wildlife Refuge	Hunting of waterfowl, coots, moorhens and pheasants is allowed only on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Pheasant hunting is only allowed during the pheasant season. Snipe hunting is prohibited.
(5) Merced National Wildlife Refuge	Hunting for waterfowl, coots, and moorhens is allowed only on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
(6) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Davis Road Unit)	Hunting for waterfowl, coots and moorhens is allowed only on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Pheasant hunting is allowed only on Mondays during pheasant season. All other upland game hunting is allowed only in designated areas from July 1 through January 31. A self-issued permit, acquired on-site, is required to enter the upland game hunting area.
(7) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Potrero Unit)	Unless otherwise restricted by the department, hunting is allowed daily only for upland game birds and resident small game in designated areas. A self-issued permit, acquired on-site, is required to enter the designated hunting area.
(8) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Bear Creek Unit)	Entry permits must be returned to the checking station by 3:00 p.m. Hunting on the West Bear Creek portion is prohibited until the third Saturday in November.
(9) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	Pheasant hunting is allowed only on Sundays during the pheasant season. Quail and snipe may be taken only on waterfowl hunt days. Dove may be taken daily during the September dove season, and only on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.

### *(q) Type C Wildlife Areas with Shoot Day Restrictions and/or Special Drawing Requirements:*

Unless identified with specific shoot days, seasonal closures or special drawing requirements below, or with closures identified in subsection 551(o), Type C wildlife areas are open daily. Information about special drawings is available at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

Area	Description of Restriction or Requirement
(1) Baldwin Lake	Hunting is allowed only during waterfowl season and only on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Hunting is allowed only from a boat. Special draw entry permits are required for the first seven hunt days of waterfowl season.
(2) Clifton Court Forebay	Hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays and only during waterfowl season. Self-registration is required.
(3) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area	Special draw entry permits are required for all visitor entry during the opening weekend of the Zone A general deer season. Self-registration required all other times of year.
(4) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area	Special draw entry permits are required for the first nine days of the spring turkey season.
(5) Fay Slough Wildlife Area	Hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays and only during waterfowl season.
(6) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Gray Goose Unit)	Hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays and only during waterfowl season.

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Area	Description of Restriction or Requirement
(7) Imperial Wildlife Area (Finney Ramer Unit)	A daily entry permit and self-registration are required. Entry permits are available at self-registration booths at Finney and Ramer lakes on a first-come, first-served basis.
(8) Laguna Wildlife Area (Occidental Road Unit)	Hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays and only during waterfowl season.
(9) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area	Hunting is only allowed during department-authorized special hunts for deer, turkey and wild pigs. Deer hunting is only allowed with a J-1 or A-25 deer tag available through the big game drawing.
(10) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area	Self-registration is required on site.
(11) Morro Bay Wildlife Area	Shooting hours are from 7:00 a.m. until sunset.
(12) Moss Landing Wildlife Area	Hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays and only during waterfowl season. Closed to hunting on New Year's Day.
(13) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area	Hunting is allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open season for authorized species except that dove and rabbits may be hunted daily during the September dove season.
(14) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Self-registration is required at the parking lot except for junior pheasant hunts and the day following junior hunts when entry is controlled through special drawings.
(15) Oroville Wildlife Area	Special draw entry permits are required for the spring turkey season.
(16) Perris Reservoir	Hunting for waterfowl is allowed until noon on Saturdays and Wednesdays. Hunting is allowed daily for upland game from the first Saturday after Labor Day through January 31.
(17) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area	Special draw entry permits are required for all visitor entry during the opening week-end of the Zone A deer season. Self-registration is required at the parking lot on Dinosaur Point Road at all other times of year.
(18) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area	Blinds shall be available on a first come-first served basis.
(19) Spenceville Wildlife Area	Special draw entry permits are required for the first nine days of the spring turkey season.

### **(r) Firearm Restrictions on Type C Wildlife Areas:**

The regulations in this subsection are in addition to the regulations regarding firearms in subsection 550(cc) of these regulations. The restrictions in this subsection do not prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm as provided in subsection 550(cc) (1) of these regulations.

Area	Description of Restriction
(1) Baldwin Lake	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(2) Bass Hill Wildlife Area	Only shotguns, archery equipment, or muzzle loaders may be used on the Egan Management Unit.
(3) Battle Creek Wildlife Area	All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited.
(4) Big Sandy Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(5) Clifton Court Forebay	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(6) Collins Eddy Wildlife Area	Rifles, pistols, and archery equipment are prohibited.
(7) Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(8) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Lower Cottonwood Creek Unit)	Only shotguns and archery equipment may be used. Only archery equipment may be used from the start of the Zone A archery deer season until the start of Zone A general deer season.
(9) Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Upper Cottonwood Creek Unit)	Firearms may be used or possessed only from the opening of the Zone A general deer season through the last Sunday in January. Only archery equipment may be used from the start of the Zone A archery deer season until the start of the Zone A general deer season.

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Area	Description of Restriction
(10) Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area	All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited.
(11) Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area	During spring turkey season, only shotguns, archery equipment, and air rifles firing pellets of a minimum 0.177 caliber and powered by compressed air or gas may be used.
(12) Decker Island Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(13) Eel River Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(14) Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area	All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited.
(15) Elk River Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(16) Fay Slough Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(17) Feather River Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(18) Fremont Weir Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(19) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Grey Goose Unit)	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(20) Hill Slough Wildlife Area	All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited.
(21) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(22) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area	During spring turkey season only shotguns and archery equipment may be used.
(23) Imperial Wildlife Area (Finney- Ramer Unit)	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(24) Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area	During spring turkey season only shotguns and archery equipment may be used.
(25) Laguna Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(26) Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited. Possession of firearms or archery equipment for waterfowl hunting is permitted only during waterfowl season and only within the first 100 feet inland from the shoreline and on the water surface of Lake Earl and Lake Tolowa.
(27) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area	Firearms are allowed only for special hunts.
(28) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(29) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(30) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(31) Miner Slough Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(32) Morro Bay Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(33) Moss Landing Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(34) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(35) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited. All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the White Slough Unit, the Southern Crossing Unit, the Green Island Unit and the portion of the American Canyon Unit that is south of the PG&E lines.
(36) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Rifles, pistols, and shotgun slugs are prohibited.
(37) Oroville Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited except at the portion of the area designated as a shooting range.
(38) Perris Reservoir	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(39) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited. All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek units.



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Area	Description of Restriction
(40) Point Edith Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(41) Rhode Island Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(42) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area	Rifles, pistols, and archery equipment are prohibited. Buckshot and slugs are prohibited.
(43) Sacramento River Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(44) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited in designated areas.
(45) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(46) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(47) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area	All firearms, archery equipment, air and gas guns, spear guns, and other propulsive devices are prohibited on the portion of the area that lies within Fish and Game Refuge 4D (see Fish and Game Code Section 10837).
(48) South Spit Wildlife Area	Rifles, pistols, and archery equipment are prohibited.
(49) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(50) Truckee River Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited. All firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the Boca, Polaris and West River units.
(51) West Hilmar Wildlife Area	Rifles and pistols are prohibited.

### **(s) Additional Hunter Opportunities on Type A and Type B Wildlife Areas:**

Information about the special drawings and big game drawings referred to in this subsection is available at [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).

Area	Species	Hunt Requirements
(1) Ash Creek Wildlife Area	Pronghorn antelope	Allowed only with an Apprentice Zone 5 - Big Valley tag available through the big game drawing.
(2) Butte Valley Wildlife Area	Pronghorn antelope	Allowed only with an apprentice tag available through the big game drawing.
(3) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Deer	Allowed only with a G-12 deer tag available through the big game drawing.
(4) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Quail and Rabbit	Allowed only on waterfowl shoot days during the pheasant season.
(5) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Turkey	Allowed only through a special drawing during the spring season.
(6) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	Tule elk	Allowed only with an elk tag available through the big game drawing. Methods of take for big game are authorized per Section 353 of these regulations.
(7) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Crescent and Grizzly Island units)	Rabbits	Allowed daily in July and on waterfowl shoot days during the pheasant season.
(8) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	Wild Pigs	Allowed only with a tag obtained through a special drawing. Only shotguns with slugs and archery equipment are authorized. Rifles and pistols are prohibited.
(9) Honey Lake Wildlife Area	Quail and rabbit	Allowed only on waterfowl shoot days that occur during the pheasant season.
(10) Imperial Wildlife Area	Quail	Allowed only on pheasant hunt days.
(11) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister Unit)	Rabbits	Allowed daily during the rabbit season except during the waterfowl season, when rabbits may be taken only on pheasant hunt days.
(12) Imperial Wildlife Area(Wister Unit)	Raccoons	Allowed daily from August 1 through one week before opening of waterfowl season.

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Area	Species	Hunt Requirements
(13) Los Banos Wildlife Area	Raccoons and rabbits	Self-registration is required. Raccoons may not be taken during waterfowl season.
(14) Mendota Wildlife Area	Raccoons, rabbits, and crows	Self-registration is required. Raccoons may not be taken during waterfowl season.
(15) North Grasslands Wildlife Area	Raccoons and rabbits	Self-registration required. Raccoons may not be taken during waterfowl season. Rabbits may be hunted daily from July 1 through September 15 and from the day after the end of waterfowl season until the end of the rabbit season. During the waterfowl season, rabbit hunting is allowed only on waterfowl and pheasant hunt days.
(16) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	Quail	Self-register at area. Quail shoot days are limited to waterfowl shoot days only.
(17) Tehama Wildlife Area	Deer	During the G-1 deer season, only persons with department issued entry permits may enter.
(18) Tehama Wildlife Area	Deer	Allowed only with a J-3 apprentice tag available through the big game drawing
(19) Tehama Wildlife Area	Wild Pigs	Allowed only with a tag obtained through a special drawing. No dogs permitted.
(20) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area	Rabbits	Allowed only during the September dove season, and on waterfowl hunt days during the late dove season.
(21) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Little Dry Creek Unit)	Deer	Allowed only with a J-9 apprentice tag available through the big game drawing
(22) Volta Wildlife Area	Rabbits	Allowed except during waterfowl season. Self- registration required.

### (t) Species Restrictions for Hunting on Type C Wildlife Areas:

Only the species listed for each of the wildlife areas in the table below may be hunted on those areas.

Area	Species
(1) Baldwin Lake Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(2) Clifton Court Forebay	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(3) Collins Eddy Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and upland game only.
(4) Eel River Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, snipe, and pheasant only.
(5) Elk River Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and snipe only.
(6) Fay Slough Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and snipe only.
(7) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Grey Goose Unit)	Waterfowl, snipe, coots, moorhens, and pheasants only on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays and only during open seasons.
(8) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area	Crow, coyote, upland game birds, and resident small game only.
(9) Laguna Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(10) Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, snipe, and moorhens only.
(11) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area	Deer, wild pigs, and turkeys only. May require a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
(12) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, pheasant, dove, and rabbits only.
(13) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and snipe only.
(14) Miner Slough Wildlife Area	Waterfowl only.
(15) Moss Landing Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(16) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, rabbits, quail, pheasants, and dove only.
(17) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, pheasants, quail, dove, rabbits, and crows only.

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Area	Species
(18) Perris Reservoir	Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, dove, pheasants, quail, and rabbits only.
(19) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and rabbits only.
(20) Point Edith Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(21) Rhode Island Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(22) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area	All legal species except big game.
(23) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens only.
(24) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area	Deer, rabbits, and quail only.
(25) South Spit Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, coots, and snipe only.
(26) West Hilmar Wildlife Area	Waterfowl, quail, doves, pheasants, and rabbits only.

### ***(u) Type A Wildlife Areas Which Allow Archery Equipment During Waterfowl per subsection 550(cc)(4):***

#### **(1) Los Banos Wildlife Area**

#### ***(v) Shooting Areas.***

This subsection identifies wildlife areas, pursuant to subsection 550(cc) of these regulations, with designated shooting areas (i.e., ranges) and additional regulations for each designated shooting area:

(1) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the lawful possession of a concealed firearm as provided in subsection 550(cc)(1) of these regulations.

#### **(2) Oroville Wildlife Area**

(A) All legal firearms and archery equipment may be possessed and discharged at the target practice area, which is open year-round. Only paper and clay targets may be used and must be removed by the user when leaving the area.

#### **(3) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area**

(A) No person shall enter the San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area except that portion of the area designated as a public shooting facility under supervision of the authorized rangemaster or with written authorization from the department.

(B) No firearms or other propulsive devices of any kind may be possessed or discharged except at the designated public shooting facility under the direction and control of the authorized rangemaster.

(C) The public shooting facility is open Wednesday through Monday, from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset, except for the lighted ranges which are open from one-half hour before sunrise until 10:00 p.m.

(D) Daily range fees are required and to be paid at the facility.

(E) Alcoholic beverages may not be possessed or consumed on any part of the San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area by any any authorized rangemaster, or by any person who discharges or attempts to discharge a firearm or propulsive device, or shoot an arrow.

(F) Full metal jacket bullets are not allowed.

#### **(4) Spenceville Wildlife Area**

(A) All legal firearms and archery equipment may be possessed and discharged at the target practice area, which is open year-round. Only paper and clay targets may be used and must be removed by the user when leaving the area.

### ***(w) Wildlife Areas That Require a Daily or Annual Lands Pass for Authorized Uses Other than Hunting (Lands Pass):***

Pursuant to subsection 550(c) and 550.5(c) of these regulations, it shall be unlawful for a visitor to enter any wildlife area, or portion thereof listed in this section, without carrying a valid Lands Pass or a valid hunting or fishing license on their person. A Lands Pass must be purchased in advance. Information on how to purchase a Lands Pass and exceptions to this requirement are provided in subsection 550.5(c).

NOTE: The wildlife areas without an asterisk require a lands pass. The wildlife areas marked with an asterisk (\*) and gray text do NOT require a Lands Pass at this time.

(1) Ash Creek Wildlife Area

(2) Bass Hill Wildlife Area

(3) Battle Creek Wildlife Area

(4) Butte Valley Wildlife Area

(5) Cache Creek Wildlife Area\*

(6) Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area\*

(7) Eel River Wildlife Area\*

(8) Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area\*

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| (9) Elk River Wildlife Area*                                 | (22) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area                |
| (10) Fay Slough Wildlife Area*                               | (23) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (Green Island Unit)* |
| (11) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area                                | (24) North Grasslands Wildlife Area*                        |
| (12) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area*                           | (25) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area                        |
| (13) Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area                         | (26) San Jacinto Wildlife Area                              |
| (14) Honey Lake Wildlife Area*                               | (27) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area                            |
| (15) Hope Valley Wildlife Area                               | (28) South Spit Wildlife Area*                              |
| (16) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area                           | (29) Tehama Wildlife Area*                                  |
| (17) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister and Finney-Ramer units)* | (30) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area                        |
| (18) Lake Earl Wildlife Area*                                | (31) Volta Wildlife Area                                    |
| (19) Los Banos Wildlife Area                                 | (32) Willow Creek Wildlife Area                             |
| (20) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area*                         | (33) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area*                             |
| (21) Mendota Wildlife Area*                                  |   |

### (x) Additional Waterfowl Reservation Regulations:

Area	Number of Hunters Per Reservation	Reservation Expires
(1) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge	Four persons, but not more than two junior hunters or non-shooters.	One hour before shoot time.
(2) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge	Four persons, but not more than two junior hunters or non-shooters.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(3) Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(4) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each. Reservation numbers are not used at Grizzly Island to determine the order in which entry permits are issued.	One hour before shoot time.
(5) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Joice Island Unit)	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each	One hour before shoot time.
(6) Imperial Wildlife Area (Wister Unit)	Six people, but no more than four adults. Blinds at the Union Tract and Hazard Unit are limited to four individuals. Waterfowl hunters must hunt from within 100 yards of assigned blind sites.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(7) Kern National Wildlife Refuge	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each but may not exceed capacity of spaced blinds.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(8) Los Banos Wildlife Area	Blinds - Two persons. Free roam - Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each.	One hour before shoot time.
(9) Mendota Wildlife Area	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each.	One hour before shoot time.
(10) Merced National Wildlife Refuge	Two persons in the two-person blinds, three persons in the three-person blinds (from 1 to 3 three-person blinds available).	One and one-half hours before shoot time.



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Area	Number of Hunters Per Reservation	Reservation Expires
(11) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (China Island Unit)	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each. Check in at the Kesterson Unit.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(12) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (Gadwall Unit)	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each. Check in at the Salt Slough Unit.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(13) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (Salt Slough Unit)	Free roam - two adults; each adult may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each. Zone 13 - Four blinds; up to four persons per blind. Field 50 - One disabled access blind; up to three persons. One general blind - up to three persons.	One hour before shoot time.
(14) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge	Four persons, but not more than two junior hunters or non-shooters.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(15) San Jacinto Wildlife Area	Two adults and two junior hunters.	3:00 a.m. or until last reservation is called.
(16) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Bear Creek Unit)	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each. For East Bear Creek, three persons per reservation. Check in at the Salt Slough Unit	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(17) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Blue Goose Unit)	Three persons in the three-person blinds. Two persons in the two-person blinds.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(18) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Freitas North Unit)	One boat with up to four people. Check in at Kesterson Unit.	3:00 a.m.
(19) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Freitas South Unit)	One boat with up to four people. Check in at Salt Slough Unit.	3:00 a.m.
(20) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (Kesterson Unit)	Three persons in the three-person blinds (16 blinds). Two persons in the two-person blinds (15 blinds).	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(21) San Luis National Wildlife Refuge (San Luis Unit)	Blinds - Two persons in the two person blinds, three persons in the three person blinds. Free roam - two adults; each adult hunter may bring up two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each.	One hour before shoot time.
(22) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge	Four persons, but not more than two junior hunters or non-shooters.	One hour before shoot time.
(23) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Howard Slough Unit)	Up to three hunters.	One hour before shoot time.
(24) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Little Dry Creek Unit)	Up to three persons.	One hour before shoot time.
(25) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Llano Seco Unit)	Up to three persons.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.
(26) Volta Wildlife Area	Two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each.	One hour before shoot time.
(27) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	Blinds - up to four hunters. Free roam - two adults; each adult hunter may bring up to two junior hunters or two non-shooters or one of each.	One and one-half hours before shoot time.

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### **(y) Fishing Regulations on Wildlife Areas pursuant to subsections 550(c)(2)(C) and 550(h) of these regulations:**

The property-specific fishing regulations in this subsection are in addition to the general regulations regarding fishing and the hours of operation of department lands located in Section 550 of these regulations.

(1) Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Montezuma Slough Unit)

(A) Fishing access along Montezuma Slough is open all year, no hour restrictions.

(2) Heenan Lake Wildlife Area

(A) Only boats propelled by oars or electric motors may be used.

### **(z) Woodcutting.**

Woodcutting is prohibited on all department lands except as provided in this subsection. Where permitted, woodcutting requires written authorization from the regional manager or his designee and may occur only between September 16 and February 28 on the following areas:

(1) Eel River Wildlife Area

(2) South Spit Wildlife Area

### **Public Use Regulations for National Wildlife Refuges that are also Designated as Wildlife Areas by the Commission (T14 CCR §552)**

NOTE: Please check the webpage for each refuge and the signage on each refuge to be sure you have the most up-to-date information on refuge regulations. The website for the National Wildlife Refuges is: [http:// www.fws.gov/refuges](http://www.fws.gov/refuges)

(a) The power to control entry on the National Wildlife Refuges that are also designated as wildlife areas in subsections 551(c) and (d) is at the discretion of the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The hunting programs for the "Type A" areas listed below are administered by the department.

#### **(1) Colusa National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.**

NOTE: On Saturday January 6, 2024, all assigned ponds and blinds at Colusa NWR will be reserved for disabled veterans.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. It shall be unlawful to possess a loaded firearm, defined as a firearm with an unexpended shell in the firing chamber until hunters are in designated free roam or assigned pond areas.

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

(C) Authorized Species to be Hunted: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, turkey, and pheasants.

(D) It shall be unlawful to retain an entry permit or remain on the wildlife refuge later than one and one half hours after sunset, unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(1)(E).



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

(F) Bicycles: Allowed from May 15 through August 15 on the designated auto tour road.

(G) Special Restrictions: When hunting from assigned hunting sites, it shall be unlawful to hunt outside the assigned pond boundary or to hunt from levee roads. Pheasant, turkey and snipe hunting are not permitted in the assigned pond area with the exception of pheasant hunting on the first Monday of pheasant season.

(H) Day Use Hours: Day use hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, except for those participating in authorized hunting and camping opportunities.

(I) Fishing: Prohibited.

#### **(2) Delevan National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.**

NOTE: On the second Saturday in December, all hunting sites are reserved for junior hunters. Adult hunters may use the free roam areas. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 934-2801 for additional information.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. It shall be unlawful to possess a loaded firearm, defined as a firearm with an unexpended shell in the firing chamber, until hunters are in designated free roam or assigned pond/spaced blind areas.

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

(C) Authorized Species to be Hunted: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, turkey, and pheasants.

(D) It shall be unlawful to retain an entry permit or remain on the wildlife refuge later than one and one half hours after sunset, unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(2)(E).

(E) Camping is prohibited, except on the night before each waterfowl shoot day, when camping in a vehicle, motorhome

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or trailer within the check station parking area is allowed. Tents are prohibited. No person may build or maintain fires, except in portable gas stoves.

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

(G) Fishing: Prohibited.

### **(3) Kern National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.**

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

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

(C) Authorized Species to be Hunted: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, and pheasants.

(D) Special Restrictions: Hunters assigned to the spaced blind unit must remain within 100 feet of the numbered steel post (blind site) except when pursuing crippled birds, placing decoys, or traveling to and from the parking area. Pheasant hunting is only permitted in the free roam unit.

### **(4) Merced National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.**

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

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

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

(D) Authorized Species to be Hunted: Waterfowl, coots, and moorhens.

(E) Bicycles: Allowed.

(F) Special Restrictions: Hunters must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds, place decoys, and traveling to and from the parking area. Shooting from outside of the blind is prohibited.

(G) Day Use Hours: Day use hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, except for those participating in authorized hunting opportunities.

(H) Fishing: Prohibited.

### **(5) Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.**

NOTE: On the third Saturday in December, all hunting sites are reserved for junior hunters. Adult hunters may use the free roam areas. Contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (530) 934-2801 for additional information.

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. It shall be unlawful to possess a loaded firearm, defined as a firearm with an unexpended shell in the firing chamber, until hunters are in designated free roam or assigned pond/spaced blind areas.

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

hunt days during the pheasant season. Turkey: Waterfowl hunt days during the fall turkey season.

(C) Authorized Species to be Hunted: Waterfowl, coots, moorhens, snipe, turkey, and pheasants.

(D) It shall be unlawful to retain an entry permit or remain on the wildlife refuge later than one and one half hours after sunset, unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(5)(E).

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

(F) Bicycles: Allowed May 15 through August 15 on the designated auto tour road.

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

(H) Day Use Hours: Day use hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, except for those participating in authorized hunting and camping opportunities.

(I) Fishing: Prohibited.

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

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

(B) Area Firearm Restrictions:

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

2. Target shooting is prohibited.

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

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

(C) Public Access:

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

2. Access is allowed by boat only on the following units: La Burrenca, Blackberry Island, Todd Island, Mooney, Flynn, Heron Island, Foster Island, Phelan Island, Jacinto, Dead Man's Reach,



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South Ord, Lano Seco Island 1 & 2, and Afton.

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

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

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

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

(E) Bicycles: Bicycles are allowed May 15 through August 15 on designated routes. Other conveyances are prohibited. Mobility-impaired hunters should contact the refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

(F) Dogs: Dogs are prohibited for the take and pursuit of wild pigs and deer.

(G) Camping: Camping is allowed only on gravel bars up to 7 days during a 30 day period. Individuals camping on the refuge must remain on the gravel bars from one and one half hours after sunset to 2 hours before sunrise.

(H) Fires are prohibited except for portable gas stoves on gravel bars.

(I) Falconry is prohibited.

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

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

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

3. The Ohm Unit is closed to hunting except for the designated area in the northern portion of the unit where all authorized species except for waterfowl may be taken.

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

a. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Codora Unit

5. All other units are closed to hunting.

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

7. Hunting is allowed from August 15 to May 31.

(K) Authorized Species to be Hunted: (unless otherwise stated in subsection (J) or restricted in this subsection): goose, duck, coot, moorhen, dove, snipe, turkey, pheasant, quail, deer, and wild pig.

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

(L) Commercial Guiding: Commercial guiding is prohibited.

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

half hours after sunset.

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

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field.

(B) Hunt Days: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the West Bear Creek Unit prior to the third Saturday in November. Hunting is allowed on the Freitas Unit 7 days per week; however, a department- issued permit is required on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays.

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

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

(E) Bicycles: Allowed.

(F) Special Restrictions: Hunters in the Kesterson and Blue Goose units must hunt from assigned blinds, except to retrieve downed birds. Hunters in free roam areas are not restricted to blinds. Access to the Freitas units is by boat only after 2 a.m., the unit and its parking lot is closed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m. Maximum boat speed may not exceed 5 mph. Inboard water thrust and air-thrust boats are prohibited. Construction of permanent blinds is prohibited. Cutting or breaking of woody vegetation is prohibited. All blinds and equipment must be removed following each day's hunt.

(G) Fishing:

1. Fishing is permitted in designated areas.

2. Fish may only be taken by rod and reel.

(H) Day Use Hours: Day use hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset, except for those participating in authorized hunting and camping opportunities.

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

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. Firearms must be unloaded when being transported between parking areas and blind sites.

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

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

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



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

(F) Fishing:

1. Fishing from boats is permitted from April 1 to September 30.
2. Fishing from the bank is prohibited year round.

### **(9) Sutter National Wildlife Refuge, Type A.**

(A) Area Firearms Restrictions: Only shotguns are permitted. A hunter shall not possess more than 25 shot shells while in the field. It shall be unlawful to possess a loaded firearm, defined as a firearm with an unexpended shell in the firing chamber, until hunters are in designated free roam or assigned pond areas.

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

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

(D) It shall be unlawful to retain an entry permit or remain on the wildlife refuge later than one and one half hours after sunset, unless participating in overnight stay in accordance with subsection (a)(9)(E).

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

(F) Special Restrictions: When hunting from assigned hunting sites, it shall be unlawful to hunt outside the assigned pond boundary or to hunt from levee roads. Pheasant, turkey, and snipe hunting are not permitted in the assigned pond area.

(G) Day Use Hours: Day use hours are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, except for those participating in authorized hunting and camping opportunities.

(H) Fishing: Prohibited.

### **Additional Visitor Use Regulations on Department Lands Designated as Ecological Reserves (T14 CCR §630)**

#### ***(a) The areas listed in this section have been designated by the commission as ecological reserves.***

A legal description of the boundaries of each ecological reserve is on file at the department's headquarters. All ecological reserves are maintained for the primary purpose of developing a statewide program for protection of rare, threatened, or endangered native plants, wildlife, aquatic organisms, and specialized terrestrial or aquatic habitat types. Visitor uses are dependent upon the provisions of applicable laws and upon a determination by the commission that opening an area to such visitor use is compatible with the purposes of the property. Visitor use is subject to the regulations below, in sections 550 and 550.5 of these regulations, as well as any other commission regulations that may apply. These regulations are incorporated by reference into and become a condition of entry, passes, and/ or permits. It is the responsibility of all visitors to

know and understand these regulations prior to entry. Ecological reserves that are marked with an asterisk (\*) in subsection 630(b) are adjacent to or share sensitive marine environments with Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Marine Managed Areas (MMAs), and/or Special Closures that are defined in Section 632 of these regulations. The general regulations for MPAs, MMAs, and Special Closures are in subsection 632(a) of these regulations, and site-specific regulations for each area are in subsection 632(b) of these regulations. The designated names of the MPAs in subsection 632(b) of these regulations generally correspond with the names of adjacent or overlapping ecological reserves. For example, Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve shares marine waters with the Fagan Marsh State Marine Park and Moro Cojo Ecological Reserve is adjacent to the Moro Cojo State Marine Reserve.

#### ***(b) Ecological Reserves owned and operated by the department:***

- (1) Agua Hedionda Lagoon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County\*;
- (2) Albany Mudflats Ecological Reserve, Alameda County\*;
- (3) Alkali Sink Ecological Reserve, Fresno County;
- (4) Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Kern and Tulare counties;
- (5) Apricum Hill Ecological Reserve, Amador County;
- (6) Atascadero Creek Marsh Ecological Reserve, Sonoma County;
- (7) Bair Island Ecological Reserve, San Mateo County\*;
- (8) Bakersfield Cactus Ecological Reserve, Kern County;
- (9) Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve, San Bernardino County;
- (10) Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve, Los Angeles County;
- (11) Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County\*;
- (12) Big Table Mountain Ecological Reserve, Fresno County;
- (13) Blue Ridge Ecological Reserve, Tulare County;
- (14) Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (15) Bobelaine Ecological Reserve, Sutter County;
- (16) Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (17) Boggs Lake Ecological Reserve, Lake County;
- (18) Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Orange County\*;
- (19) Bonny Doon Ecological Reserve, Santa Cruz County;
- (20) Boulder Creek/Rutherford Ranch Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (21) Buena Vista Creek Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (22) Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County\*;
- (23) Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve, Santa Barbara County;
- (24) Butler Slough Ecological Reserve, Tehama County;
- (25) Butte Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve, Butte County;
- (26) Butte Creek House Ecological Reserve, Butte County;
- (27) Buttonwillow Ecological Reserve, Kern County;
- (28) By-Day Creek Ecological Reserve, Mono County;
- (29) Calhoun Cut Ecological Reserve, Solano County;
- (30) Cambria Pines Ecological Reserve, San Luis Obispo County;
- (31) Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve, Santa Clara County;
- (32) Cañada de San Vicente Ecological Reserve, San Diego

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- (33) Canebrake Ecological Reserve, Kern County;
- (34) Carlsbad Highlands Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (35) Carrizo Canyon Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (36) Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve, San Luis Obispo County, including the American, Panorama, Elkhorn Plain, North Chimineas, and South Chimineas Units;
- (37) China Point Ecological Reserve, Siskiyou County;
- (38) Chorro Creek Ecological Reserve, San Luis Obispo County;
- (39) Cienega Springs Ecological Reserve, Ventura County;
- (40) Clover Creek Ecological Reserve, Shasta County;
- (41) Coachella Valley Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (42) Coal Canyon Ecological Reserve, Orange County;
- (43) Coldwater Canyon Ecological Reserve, Ventura County;
- (44) Corral Hollow Ecological Reserve, San Joaquin County;
- (45) Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve, Marin County\*;
- (46) Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve, Sacramento County;
- (47) Crestridge Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (48) Dales Lake Ecological Reserve, Tehama County;
- (49) Deep Springs Lake Ecological Reserve, Inyo County;
- (50) Del Mar Mesa/Lopez Ridge Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (51) Del Monte Dunes Ecological Reserve, Monterey County;
- (52) Eden Landing Ecological Reserve, Alameda County;
- (53) Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve (National Estuarine Research Reserve), Monterey County\*;
- (54) Estelle Mountain Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (55) Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve, Napa County\*;
- (56) Fall River Mills Ecological Reserve, Shasta County;
- (57) Fish Slough Ecological Reserve, Inyo and Mono counties;
- (58) Fremont Valley Ecological Reserve, Kern County;
- (59) Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve, Santa Barbara County\*;
- (60) Harrison Grade Ecological Reserve, Sonoma County;
- (61) Headwaters Forest Ecological Reserve, Humboldt County;
- (62) Hidden Palms Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (63) Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve, Inyo County;
- (64) Indian Wells Valley Ecological Reserve, Kern County;
- (65) Joshua Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve, Monterey County;
- (66) Kaweah Ecological Reserve, Tulare County;
- (67) Kerman Ecological Reserve, Fresno County;
- (68) King Clone Ecological Reserve, San Bernardino County;
- (69) Laguna Laurel Ecological Reserve, Orange County;
- (70) Lake Hodges Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (71) Lake Mathews Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (72) Leek Springs Ecological Reserve, El Dorado County;
- (73) Liberty Island Ecological Reserve, Solano County;
- (74) Limestone Salamander Ecological Reserve, Mariposa County;
- (75) Little Butte Ecological Reserve, Mendocino County;
- (76) Little Red Mountain Ecological Reserve, Mendocino County;
- (77) Loch Lomond Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve, Lake County;
- (78) Lokern Ecological Reserve, Kern County;
- (79) Macklin Creek Ecological Reserve, Nevada County;
- (80) Magnesia Spring Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (81) Marin Islands Ecological Reserve, Marin County\*;
- (82) Mattole River Ecological Reserve, Mendocino County;
- (83) McGinty Mountain Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (84) Meadowbrook Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (85) Moro Cojo Ecological Reserve, Monterey County\*;
- (86) Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve, including the Bayview Unit, San Luis Obispo County;
- (87) Morro Rock Ecological Reserve, San Luis Obispo County;
- (88) Napa River Ecological Reserve, Napa County;
- (89) North Carrizo Ecological Reserve, San Luis Obispo County;
- (90) North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve, Butte County;
- (91) Oasis Springs Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (92) Offshore Rocks and Pinnacles, coastal counties;
- (93) Otay Mountain Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (94) Owl Creek Ecological Reserve, Humboldt County;
- (95) Palo Verde Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (96) Panoche Hills Ecological Reserve, Fresno County;
- (97) Peninsular Ranges Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (98) Peytonia Slough Ecological Reserve, Solano County;
- (99) Phoenix Field Ecological Reserve, Sacramento County;
- (100) Pilgrim Creek Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (101) Pine Hill Ecological Reserve, including the Salmon Falls Unit, El Dorado County;
- (102) Piute Creek Ecological Reserve, San Bernardino County;
- (103) Plaisted Creek Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (104) Pleasant Valley Ecological Reserve, Fresno County;
- (105) Quail Hollow Ecological Reserve, Santa Cruz County;
- (106) Quail Ridge Ecological Reserve, Napa County;
- (107) Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, including the Headquarters Unit, San Diego County;
- (108) Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve, San Mateo County;
- (109) River Springs Lakes Ecological Reserve, Mono County;
- (110) Saline Valley Ecological Reserve, Inyo County;
- (111) San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve, Santa Clara County;
- (112) San Bruno Mountain Ecological Reserve, San Mateo County;
- (113) San Diego River Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (114) San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County\*;
- (115) San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County\*;
- (116) San Felipe Creek Ecological Reserve, Imperial County;
- (117) San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve, Fresno and Madera counties;
- (118) San Luis Rey River Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;
- (119) Sands Meadow Ecological Reserve, Tuolumne County;
- (120) Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Ecological Reserve, Santa Cruz County;
- (121) Santa Margarita River Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;
- (122) Santa Rosa Plain Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve, including the Hall Road, Todd Road, Wikiup and Yuba Drive units,

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Sonoma County;  
(123) Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;  
(124) Semitropic Ecological Reserve, Kern County;  
(125) Sky Valley Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;  
(126) Springville Ecological Reserve, Tulare County;  
(127) Stone Corral Ecological Reserve, Tulare County;  
(128) Stone Ridge Ecological Reserve, Butte County;  
(129) Sycamore Canyon Ecological Reserve, Riverside County;  
(130) Sycuan Peak Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;  
(131) Table Bluff Ecological Reserve, Humboldt County;  
(132) Tecopa Ecological Reserve, Inyo County  
(133) Theiller Sebastopol Meadowfoam Ecological Reserve, Sonoma County;  
(134) Thomes Creek Ecological Reserve, Tehama County;  
(135) Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve, Marin County;  
(136) Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, Orange County\*;  
(137) Vernalis Ecological Reserve, San Joaquin County;  
(138) Walker Canyon Ecological Reserve, San Diego County;  
(139) Watsonville Slough Ecological Reserve, Santa Cruz County;  
(140) West Mojave Desert Ecological Reserve, San Bernardino County;  
(141) Woodbridge Ecological Reserve, San Joaquin County;  
and (142) Yorkville Ecological Reserve, Mendocino County.

NOTE: The remainder of Section 630 includes regulations for ecological reserves organized by type of public use. To see the same regulations organized by ecological reserve, go to: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Regulations](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Regulations).

### *(c) Ecological Reserves That Require a Daily or Annual Lands Pass for Authorized Uses other than Hunting:*

Pursuant to subsection 550(c) and 550.5(c) of these regulations, it shall be unlawful for a visitor to enter any ecological reserve or portion thereof listed in this section without carrying a valid Lands Pass or a valid hunting or fishing license on their person. A Lands Pass must be purchased in advance. Information on how to purchase a Lands Pass and exceptions to this requirement are provided in subsection 550.5(c).

NOTE: The Ecological Reserves requiring a Lands Pass do not have an asterisk. Ecological Reserves marked with an asterisk (\*) and in gray text do NOT require a Lands Pass at this time.

- (1) Batiquitos Lagoon Ecological Reserve\*
- (2) Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve
- (3) Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve\*
- (4) Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve\*
- (5) Canebrake Ecological Reserve
- (6) Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve\*
- (7) North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve
- (8) San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve\*
- (9) Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve\*
- (10) Woodbridge Ecological Reserve

### *(d) Ecological Reserves with Hunting as a Designated Public Use:*

Unless listed and specified as allowed in the table below, hunting is prohibited on ecological reserves. Where hunting is allowed, it shall be subject to all applicable general hunting regulations and the area-specific regulations set forth in this subsection.

Area	Hunting Descriptions
(1) Allensworth Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(2) Bair Island Ecological Reserve	Waterfowl hunting only.
(3) Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve	Waterfowl and upland game only. Waterfowl hunting shall be from boats only.
(4) Blue Ridge Ecological Reserve	Allowed only as part of department special hunting opportunities at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(5) Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve	Upland game allowed but only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(6) Buttonwillow Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(7) By-Day Creek Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(8) Calhoun Cut Ecological Reserve	Waterfowl allowed only from a boat on the waters within the reserve that are accessible only from Lindsey Slough. There are no launch sites on the reserve.

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Area	Hunting Descriptions
(9) Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve	Allowed but only as part of department special opportunities at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(10) Cañada de San Vicente Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(11) Canebrake Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(12) Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department. Hunting of coyotes and ground squirrels is prohibited on the North and South Chimineas units.
(13) China Point Ecological Reserve	Allowed from August 1 through February 14.
(14) Cienega Springs Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(15) Coal Canyon Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department. Shotguns and archery equipment only.
(16) Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(17) Dales Lake Ecological Reserve	Waterfowl only.
(18) Eden Landing Ecological Reserve	Waterfowl allowed, but only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(19) Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(20) Estelle Mountain Ecological Reserve	Upland game only.
(21) Fish Slough Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(22) Indian Joe Springs Ecological Reserve	Upland game only.
(23) Indian Wells Valley Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(24) Kaweah Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(25) Kerman Ecological Reserve	Allowed from July 1 through January 31. Only licensed hunters are allowed to possess firearms. Shotguns only.
(26) Liberty Island Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(27) Lokern Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(28) North Carrizo Ecological Reserve	Allowed but only as part of department special opportunities at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(29) North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve	Deer and upland game allowed from the day after spring turkey season through November 15.
(30) Oasis Springs Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(31) Otay Mountain Ecological Reserve	Allowed in accordance with the Bureau of Land Management's Wilderness Area regulations (43 CFR 6300, Oct. 1, 2012).
(32) Palo Verde Ecological Reserve	Deer, rabbits, dove, quail, and waterfowl only and allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department. Deer hunting is by archery only. Rabbit, dove, quail, and waterfowl hunting is by shotgun only.
(33) Panoche Hills Ecological Reserve	Allowed from July 1 through January 31.
(34) Peninsular Ranges Ecological Reserve	Upland game only.
(35) Piute Creek Ecological Reserve	Allowed.



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Area	Hunting Descriptions
(36) Pleasant Valley Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(37) Quail Ridge Ecological Reserve	Allowed but only as part of department special opportunities at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(38) Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at the times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(39) River Springs Lakes Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(40) Saline Valley Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(41) San Antonio Valley Ecological Reserve	Allowed, but only as part of department special opportunities at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(42) San Felipe Creek Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(43) Sky Valley Ecological Reserve	Upland game only.
(44) Stone Corral Ecological Reserve	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(45) Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve	Waterfowl only.
(46) Vernalis Ecological Reserve	Upland game only and only on the Vernalis Unit at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(47) Walker Canyon Ecological Reserve	Allowed.
(48) West Mojave Desert Ecological Reserve	Allowed from July 1 through January 31.

### ***(e) Fishing Restrictions and Additional Regulations on Ecological Reserves Pursuant to Subsection 550(h) of These Regulations:***

Except as otherwise provided in the table below, fishing for non-commercial purposes is allowed in ecological reserves but is limited to angling from shore. Fishing for commercial purposes is prohibited on ecological reserves.

The terms “Prohibited” and “Allowed” in this table refer to whether fishing is prohibited or allowed on the subject ecological reserve.

Area	Fishing Descriptions
(1) Agua Hedionda Lagoon Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.
(2) Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.
(3) Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except from designated areas on the shore of the Ballona Creek flood control channel or from a boat within the channel. Barbless hooks only.
(4) Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except at a designated area at the north end of outer Bolsa Bay, and as provided in subsection 632(b) of these regulations for the marine waters shared with the Bolsa Bay and Bolsa Chica Basin State Marine Conservation Areas.
(5) Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except at designated fishing areas.
(6) Butte Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except by hand-carried boats or flotation devices in the main channel of Butte Creek from February 1 through April 30.
(7) By-Day Creek Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.
(8) Calhoun Cut Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except from a boat within the main channel of Calhoun Cut accessible only from Lindsey Slough. There are no launching sites on the reserve.
(9) Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except for special opportunities offered in specific areas at times designated by the department.
(10) Canebrake Ecological Reserve	Allowed only in specific areas designated by the department.
(11) China Point Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore.
(12) Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve	Allowed only from a boat in the main channel of the Cosumnes River and sloughs accessible from the Mokelumne River.

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Area	Fishing Descriptions
(13) Eden Landing Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore, but only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(14) Elkhorn Slough Ecological Reserve	Allowed only from specific areas designated by the department and as provided in subsection 632(b) of these regulations for the marine waters shared with the Elkhorn Slough State Marine Reserve. Fishing is prohibited in the Elkhorn Slough Marine Conservation Area (subsection 632(b) of these regulations).
(15) Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore.
(16) Fish Slough Ecological Reserve	Prohibited within the 20-acre fenced and posted plot of land encompassing two spring areas and an artificial impoundment of 5.6 acres located in the northwest corner of the area known as "Fish Slough," northern Inyo and southern Mono counties.
(17) Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.
(18) Leek Springs Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.
(19) Liberty Island Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and from shore.
(20) Morro Rock Ecological Reserve	Allowed but visitors may only enter upon that portion of Morro Rock between the low tide mark and a point ten feet in elevation above the mean high tide mark.
(21) Oasis Springs Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.
(22) Palo Verde Ecological Reserve	Allowed at night.
(23) Peytonia Slough Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore.
(24) Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore. Only lightweight, hand- carried boats may be launched and operated.
(25) San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore at times and in places designated by the department. Only lightweight, hand carried, non-gasoline powered boats or other floating devices are permitted, and they
(26) Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and the shore. Only lightweight, hand- carried boats may be launched and operated.
(27) Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and in designated shore areas and as provided in subsection 632(b) of these regulations for marine waters shared with the Upper Newport Bay State Marine Conservation Area. Clamming and wading are prohibited.
(28) Vernalis Ecological Reserve	Allowed from boats and from shore.

### (f) *Swimming and/or Boating:*

Unless listed and specified in the columns below, swimming and boating are prohibited on ecological reserves, per subsections 550(z)(2) and 550(z)(3) of these regulations.

Area	Swimming	Boating
(1) Baldwin Lake Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed only for waterfowl hunting.
(2) Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed only within the Ballona Creek flood control channel.
(3) Cañada de los Oros Ecological Reserve	Prohibited except when allowed as part of special hunting or fishing opportunities in specific areas at times designated by the department.	Prohibited except as part of special fishing opportunities in specific areas at times designated by the department. Only lightweight hand-carried boats or floating devices allowed. Gasoline-powered boats are prohibited.
(4) China Point Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Boats may be launched and operated in the Klamath River.

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Area	Swimming	Boating
(5) Corte Madera Marsh Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed but only lightweight hand-carried boats may be launched and operated within the reserve.
(6) Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed but only lightweight, hand carried, non-gasoline powered boats or other floating devices are permitted, and they may only be launched from designated launching sites.
(7) Eden Landing Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(8) Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve	Allowed.	Allowed but only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched and operated within the reserve.
(9) Liberty Island Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed.
(10) Napa River Ecological Reserve	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(11) Peytonia Slough Ecological Reserve	Allowed.	Allowed but only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched and operated within the reserve.
(12) Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve	Allowed.	Prohibited.
(13) San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed only at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(14) Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve	Allowed.	Allowed, but only lightweight, hand-carried boats may be launched and operated within the reserve.
(15) Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve	Allowed only in that area bayward from North Star Beach to mid-channel.	Allowed in designated areas only and limited to non-motorized craft.
(16) Vernalis Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed.



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### ***(g) Bicycles, Horses, Pack Stock, and/or Horseback Riding:***

Except as listed and specified in the columns below, bicycles and other pedaled vehicles, horses, pack stock and horseback riding are prohibited on ecological reserves, per subsections 550(bb) and 550(o) of these regulations.

Area	Bicycle Description	Horse/Pack-Stock Description
(1) Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve	Allowed only on the designated path on the north side of the Ballona Creek flood control channel.	Prohibited.
(2) Cañada de San Vicente Ecological Reserve	Prohibited	Allowed only on the trail from Holly Oaks Park and the Luelf Pond OSP trail to Southern Oak Road.
(3) Canebrake Ecological Reserve	Prohibited.	Allowed only on established trails in designated areas.
(4) Coal Canyon Ecological Reserve	Allowed on designated trails only, excluding dates within 72 hours after any weather event that produces 1/4 inch of precipitation in any 24 hour period, or any such event that produces 1/2 inch of precipitation in any 72 hour period.	Allowed only on designated trails, excluding dates within 72 hours after any weather event that produces 1/4 inch of precipitation in any 24 hour period, or any such event that produces 1/2 inch of precipitation in any 72 hour period.
(5) Crestridge Ecological Reserve	May be allowed on designated roads during designated seasons as determined by the department. Closures may be implemented at the discretion of the department.	Allowed only
(6) Eden Landing Ecological Reserve	Allowed only on designated trails.	Allowed only on designated trails.
(7) Headwaters Forest Ecological Reserve	Allowed only on the northern 3.5 mile designated corridor.	Prohibited.
(8) Magnesia Spring Ecological Reserve	Year round access is allowed only on that portion of the Mike Schuler Trail in the northeast corner of Section 24, and the Lower Mirage Trail where it enters Section 24 in the north and continues south until the trail becomes the Herb Jeffries Trail which continues south and then east and exits the Ecological Reserve at the eastern border of Section 24. Access is also allowed year round on the Hopalong Cassidy Trail in the eastern portion of Section 35. Those portions of the Art Smith Trail in Sections 35 and 27 are open from October 1 through June 30 and closed from July 1 through September 30.	Year round access is allowed only on that portion of the Mike Schuler Trail in the northeast corner of Section 24, and the Lower Mirage Trail where it enters Section 24 in the north and continues south until the trail becomes the Herb Jeffries Trail which continues south and then east and exits the Ecological Reserve at the eastern border of Section 24. Access is also allowed year round on the Hopalong Cassidy Trail in the eastern portion of Section 35. Those portions of the Art Smith Trail in Sections 35 and 27 are open from October 1 through June 30 and closed from July 1 through September 30.
(9) Redwood Shores Ecological Reserve	Allowed only along the levee-top road system.	Prohibited.
(10) Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve	Allowed only on paved Back Bay Drive.	Allowed only on established trails in designated areas.



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### *(h) Designated Closures and Restrictions on Ecological Reserves:*

No visitor(s), other than those possessing written authorization from the Department, shall enter or access an ecological reserve which is closed.

Area	Description of Closure or Restriction
(1) Apricum Hill Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(2) Bair Island Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access from February 15 through May 20.
(3) Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve	Pets, including dogs and cats, are prohibited. Unless the department determines that restoration or other uses in the following areas is more appropriate, existing recreational uses may be allowed under license agreement with Playa Vista Little League in that portion of Area C identified in the license agreement and existing parking areas may be allowed under leases to the County of Los Angeles.
(4) Bobelaine Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(5) Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve	Pets are prohibited, except when they remain inside a motor vehicle. Visitors must stay on established trails, paths or other designated areas. The reserve is closed to visitor access and use from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
(6) Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve	Motor vehicle use by visitors is prohibited.
(7) Butte Creek Canyon Ecological Reserve	Motor vehicle use by visitors is prohibited.
(8) Butte Creek House Ecological Reserve	Motor vehicle use by visitors is prohibited.
(9) Calhoun Cut Ecological Reserve	The land portions of the reserve are closed to all visitor use/ access. The navigable portions of Calhoun Cut and associated sloughs are accessible only by boat from Lindsey Slough.
(10) Cañada de los Osos Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for special opportunities as provided in subsections 630(d)(9) and 630(e)(9) of these regulations.
(11) Cañada de San Vicente Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for the trail from Holly Oaks Park and the Luelf Pond OSP trail to Southern Oak Road and for special hunting opportunities as provided in subsection 630(d) of these regulations.
(12) Canebrake Ecological Reserve	Pets are prohibited except for hunting dogs at such times and in the specific areas designated by the department.
(13) Carrizo Canyon Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access from January 1 through September 30. Pets are prohibited, except when they remain inside a motor vehicle.
(14) Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve	Access to the South Chimineas Unit requires an entry permit issued by the department. Permits must be filled out and returned to the department upon leaving the area.
(15) Coldwater Canyon Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for pedestrian use of the existing travel corridor through the reserve.
(16) Corral Hollow Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(17) Cosumnes River Ecological Reserve	Pets are prohibited, except when they remain inside a motor vehicle.
(18) Del Mar Mesa/Lopez Ridge Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(19) Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve	Visitors must stay on established trails, paths or other designated areas.
(20) Headwaters Forest Ecological Reserve	Pets are prohibited except for dogs on a leash on the northern 3.5 mile designated corridor.
(21) Hidden Palms Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(22) Indian Wells Valley Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for special hunting opportunities as provided in subsection 630(d) of these regulations.
(23) Lake Mathews Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(24) Leek Springs Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.

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Area	Description of Closure or Restriction
(25) Limestone Salamander Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(26) Macklin Creek Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(27) Magnesita Spring Ecological Reserve	Year round access is allowed only on that portion of the Mike Schuler Trail in the northeast corner of Section 24, and the Lower Mirage Trail where it enters Section 24 in the north and continues south until the trail becomes the Herb Jeffries Trail which continues south and then east and exits the Ecological Reserve at the eastern border of Section 24. Access is also allowed year round on the Hopalong Cassidy Trail in the eastern portion of Section 35. The Mirage Trail, located above the gate and west of the intersection with the Herb Jeffries trail, is open only for pedestrian use from May 1 through January 31, and is closed to all visitor use from February 1 through April 30. Those portions of the Art Smith Trail in Sections 35 and 27 are open from October 1 through June 30 and closed from July 1 through September 30.
(28) Morro Rock Ecological Reserve	Visitor access/use allowed only for that portion of Morro Rock between the low tide mark and a point ten (10) feet in elevation above the mean high tide mark.
(29) North Carrizo Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for special opportunities as provided in subsection 630(d) of these regulations.
(30) Phoenix Field Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(31) Pine Hill Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(32) Quail Ridge Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for special opportunities as provided in subsection 630(d)(33) of these regulations
(33) San Dieguito Lagoon Ecological Reserve	The California least tern nesting island is closed to all visitor use/access.
(34) San Joaquin River Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for special opportunities as provided in subsection 630(e)(25) of these regulations.
(35) Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(36) Santa Margarita River Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access
(37) Santa Rosa Plain Vernal Pool Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(38) Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve	Pets are prohibited. Smoking is prohibited, except inside a motor vehicle.
(39) Stone Ridge Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access.
(40) Table Bluff Ecological Reserve	The fenced western lily area is closed to all visitor use/access.
(41) Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve	The land area of the reserve is closed to all visitor use/access from March 1 through June 30.
(42) Woodbridge Ecological Reserve	Closed to all visitor use/access except for the viewing area.

### **(i) Ecological Reserves Authorized for Dog Training:**

(1) Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve.

(A) Retriever training allowed in the designated area only, and only with written authorization from the area manager.

### **(j) Shooting Areas:**

Ecological Reserve, pursuant to subsection 550(cc) of these regulations, with designated shooting area (i.e., range) and additional regulations:

(1) Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve.

(A) Target shooting is allowed in designated areas only.

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### Safety

#### It is always unlawful to:

- Hunt while intoxicated (FGC 3001)
- Shoot at any game bird or mammal from a powerboat, sailboat, motor vehicle, or aircraft while under power or still moving from use of sail or motor vehicle, or airplane (FGC 3002.) except when the motor of such motorboat, airboat, or sailboat has been shut off and its progress has ceased and the vessel is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor or being propelled by paddle, oar, or pole. (CCR T14-251.(a)(1))
- Shoot any firearm from or upon a public road or highway (PC 374(c)).

### Discharging Firearms or Other Deadly Weapons

It is unlawful for any person, other than the owner, person in possession of the premises, or a person having the express permission of the owner or person in possession of the premises, to hunt or to discharge while hunting, any firearm or other deadly weapon within 150 yards of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or other building or any barn or other out-building used in connection therewith. The 150-yard area is a "safety zone." (FGC 3004.(a))

### Public Road or Way Open to the Public

Public road or way open to the public includes any roads or established way open to public access, even if they are not paved. (FGC 3004.(b))

### Firearms

#### It is always unlawful to:

- Fail to send a complete written report to the Department within 48 hours after killing or wounding while hunting, any human being, or domestic animal belonging to another, or after witnessing such killing or wounding.
- Use a shotgun larger than 10 gauge
- Use, for the taking of any game bird or game mammal, a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined
- Use or possess shotshells containing shot size larger than No. BB in lead or No. T in steel when hunting migratory game birds
- Use shot that is not loose in the shell for taking resident small game and migratory game birds
- Possess a machine gun, silencer, shotgun with barrel less than 18 inches in length, or rifle with barrel less than 16 inches in length

### Parks and Refuges

#### It is unlawful to:

- Hunt in some National Park or Monument, in State of California Beaches and Parks or Monument areas, or in any State Game Refuge, or to shoot into such an area any weapon capable of taking any bird.
- Possess in any State Game Refuge any bird or mammal or part thereof, or any weapon capable of taking any bird.

However, possession of fire- arms 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.

*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.*

### Respect for Property

It is always unlawful to cause damage to other's real property through carelessness or negligence while hunting.(FGC 2004.)

### Trespassing

If the land you hunt on is not your own, it belongs to someone else. Make sure you have a legal right to be there. Contact the owner or person who administers the property, and secure written permission to hunt. A hunting license does not entitle you to enter private property. It is unlawful to enter any lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence, belonging to, or occupied by, another, or to enter any uncultivated or unenclosed lands, including lands temporarily inundated by waters flowing outside the established banks of a river, stream, slough, or other waterway, where signs forbidding trespass or hunting, or both, are displayed at intervals not less than three to the mile along all exterior boundaries and at all roads and trails entering those lands, for the purpose of discharging any firearm or taking or destroying any mammal or bird, including any waterfowl, on those lands without having first obtained written permission from the owner, or his or her agent, or the person in lawful possession of, those lands. Signs may be of any size and wording that will fairly advise persons about to enter the land that the use of the land is so restricted. (FGC 2016.)

### Hunting and ATVs

#### Rider Licensing

A driver's license is not required for adult riders, but a person with a suspended or revoked license may not operate any motor vehicle, including an ATV (VC 14601(a)). Riders under 18 years old must have completed an ATV safety course and have a certificate of completion in their possession while riding (VC 38503) or be supervised by an adult with an ATV safety certificate. Riders under 14 must also have direct supervision by an adult (VC 38504). Parents of youth riders who permit them to ride without a safety certificate may also be cited (VC 38504.1). ATV safety courses may be obtained by calling ASI at 800-887-2887, and motorcycle safety courses may be obtained through the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Dirt Bike School at 877-288-7093.

#### Vehicle Registration

All OHV's that are transported on the highway or parked or operated on public land must be registered through DMV (VC 38020). Vehicles may be issued either a "green sticker" or a "red sticker." Red sticker vehicles may only be operated during certain times of the year in some locations (CCR T13-2412(f)).

## OTHER LAWS RELATED TO HUNTING

Current Red Sticker riding seasons can be found on the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division website at [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov). You will need to purchase a special "Non-Resident OHV Permit" if you are not a California resident AND your off-highway vehicle or snowmobile is not registered in your home state. For more information and to find out where these Non-Resident OHV Permits can be purchased and to get more information on the program, please see the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR Division) website at [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov).

### Equipment

No person shall use, operate, or allow to be used or operated, any off highway motor vehicle on any forest-covered land, brush-covered land, or grass-covered land unless the vehicle is equipped with a spark arrester maintained in effective working order (VC 38335(a)).

OHV's also must have a working muffler (VC 38365(a)) and brake system (VC 38335(a)). A headlight and taillight are required for night time operation (VC 38335/38345).

### Operation

The operator of an off-highway motor vehicle shall be able to reach and operate all controls necessary to safely operate the vehicle (VC 38304). No person shall operate, ride, or be otherwise propelled on an all-terrain vehicle on public lands unless the person wears a safety helmet meeting requirements established for motorcycles and motorized bicycles (VC 38505). No operator of an all-terrain vehicle may carry a passenger when operating on public lands, unless the ATV is designed to carry

a passenger (VC 38506). It is also unlawful to ride in the bed of a pickup truck, unless the bed is equipped with seats and safety belts (VC 21712). The speed limit is 15 mph for ATV's and motorcycles when operated within 50 feet of a campground, campsite, or congregation of people or animals (VC 38305). ATV's may not be ridden at any speed that is unsafe for the conditions. It is illegal to operate an ATV in a wilderness area (FGC 10740 or VC 38301.3) or any other closed area (VC 38301), or in a manner likely to cause damage to land, wildlife habitat, or vegetation (VC 38319).

### Alcohol

Laws concerning alcohol and ATV's reflect alcohol laws for regular motor vehicles. The same standard for driving under the influence of alcohol applies when riding an ATV (VC 23152). Also, open containers of alcohol are not permitted on ATV's and alcohol must be transported in a locked container (VC 23225(a) (3)).

### Firearms

It is illegal to possess a loaded firearm on an ATV while on a public road or other way open to the public (FGC 2006). It is illegal to shoot at game from an ATV (FGC 3002) or to shoot from a public roadway (PC 374c).

Information about off-highway motor vehicle laws and riding opportunities can be found online at [www.ohv.parks.ca.gov](http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov) or at 916-324-4442.

## Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) is an agreement between 48 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.



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## SPECIAL CLOSURES

### **Humboldt Bay (FGC §3681)**

This section applies the Humboldt Bay area on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. See game warden before shooting on these days:

"In Districts 8 and 9, it is unlawful to take ducks or geese in any manner below the incoming or outgoing tidewater's edge or from any blind, boat, floating device, island, islet, or exposed tidal flat except on Saturdays, Sundays, Wednesdays, holidays and the opening and closing days during the prescribed open season except that the use of boats is permitted to retrieve crippled or dead birds."

In addition, hunters should be aware that there is a special waterfowl closure for south Humboldt Bay.

### **Fish and Game District 8 (FGC §11016)**

The following constitutes Fish and Game District 8: The waters and tidelands to high-water mark of Humboldt Bay lying north of a straight line running east from the center of apron at the approach of the south jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay to the east shore line of the bay including the entrance of Humboldt Bay not included in District 7, and excluding all rivers, streams and sloughs emptying into the bay.

### **Fish and Game District 9 (FGC §11017)**

The following constitutes Fish and Game District 9: The waters and tidelands to high-water mark of Humboldt Bay lying south of a straight line running east from the center of apron at the approach to the south jetty at the entrance of Humboldt Bay to the east shore line of the bay, excluding all rivers, streams and sloughs emptying into the bay. The following is a synopsis of Federal Regulations that pertain to the hunting of migratory game birds. Persons requiring more information should go to <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/hunting>, where they will find a complete version of 50 CFR Part 20. When State law is different from the following Federal law the hunter must comply with the most restrictive law.

Migratory Birds are birds protected by federal law as a result of treaties signed with other countries. Protected migratory birds are listed in Title 50 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 10.13. This list includes almost all birds found in the United States with the exception of the house sparrow, feral pigeon (commonly called rock dove), European starling, Eurasian collared-dove, mute swan, and upland game birds (which are protected by state laws).

## OTHER PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

**The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service offers public hunting on other national wildlife refuges including:**

### ***Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges***

4009 Hill Road, Tulelake, CA 96134  
(530) 667-2231

### ***Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge***

1020 Ranch Road, Loleta, CA 95551  
(707) 733-5406

### ***Modoc National Wildlife Refuge***

5364 County Road 115, Alturas, CA 96101  
(530) 233-3572

### ***Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge***

1 Marshlands Road, Fremont, CA 94555  
(510) 792-0222

### ***Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge***

162 Hood-Franklin Road, Elk Grove, CA 95757  
(916) 775-4421

### ***Havasu National Wildlife Refuge***

317 Mesquite Avenue  
Needles, CA 92363  
(760) 326-3853

### ***Cibola National Wildlife Refuge***

66600 Cibola Lake Road  
Cibola, AZ 85328

### ***Imperial National Wildlife Refuge***

12812 N. Wildlife Way  
Yuma, AZ 85365  
(928) 783-3371

For additional information about National Wildlife Refuges, please go to:

<http://www.fws.gov/refuges>

**California State Parks allows hunting at the following sites:**

### ***San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area***

(For in-season waterfowl hunting only.)  
31426 Gonzaga Road, Gustine CA 95322  
(209) 826-1197

### ***Picacho State Recreation Area***

Located along the Colorado River in Imperial County about 20 miles north of Winterhaven  
(760) 996-2963

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## FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS RELATED TO HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

### Protected Status

All migratory birds are protected. However, a subset of migratory birds classified as migratory game birds and may be hunted in accordance with State and Federal regulations. The list of migratory game birds includes species of ducks, geese (including brant), swans, doves and pigeons, cranes, rails, coots, gallinules and moorhens, woodcock and snipe, if there is an open season.

### Daily Bag Limit

Daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

### Aggregate Daily Bag Limit

Aggregate daily bag limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season when such person hunts in more than one specified geographic area and/or for more than one species for which a combined daily bag limit is prescribed. The aggregate daily bag limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest daily bag limit prescribed for any one species or for any one specified geographic area in which taking occurs.

### Possession Limit

Possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

### Aggregate Possession Limit

Aggregate possession limit means the maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination of species taken in the United States permitted to be possessed by any one person when taking and possession occurs in more than one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed. The aggregate possession limit is equal to, but shall not exceed, the largest possession limit prescribed for any one of the species or specified geographic areas in which taking and possession occurs.

### Personal Abode

Personal abode means one's principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one's temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

### Migratory Bird Preservation Facility

Migratory bird preservation facility means:

(1) Any person who, at their residence or place of business and for hire or other consideration; or

(2) Any taxidermist, cold-storage facility or locker plant which, for hire or other consideration; or  
(3) Any hunting club which, in the normal course of operations; receives, possesses, or has in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person for purposes of picking, cleaning, freezing, processing, storage or shipment.

### Normal Agricultural Planting, Harvesting, or Post-Harvest Manipulation

Normal agricultural planting, harvesting, or post-harvest manipulation means a planting or harvesting undertaken for the purpose of producing and gathering a crop, or manipulation after such harvest and removal of grain, that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### Normal Agricultural Operation

Normal agricultural operation means a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation, or agricultural practice that is conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### Normal Soil Stabilization Practice

Normal soil stabilization practice means a planting for agricultural soil erosion control or post-mining land reclamation conducted in accordance with official recommendations of State Extension Specialists of the Cooperative Extension Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agricultural soil erosion control.

### Baited Area

Baited area means any area on which salt, grain, or other feed has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered, if that salt, grain, or other feed could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them. Any such area will remain a baited area for ten days following the complete removal of all such salt, grain, or other feed.

### Baiting

Baiting means the direct or indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them.

### Manipulation

Manipulation means the alteration of natural vegetation or agricultural crops by activities that include but are not limited to mowing, shredding, discing, rolling, chopping, trampling, flattening, burning, or herbicide treatments. The term manipulation does not include the distributing or scattering of grain, seed, or other feed after removal from or storage on the field where grown.

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### Natural Vegetation

Natural vegetation means any non-agricultural, native, or naturalized plant species that grows at a site in response to planting or from existing seeds or other propagules. The term natural vegetation does not include planted millet. However, planted millet that grows on its own in subsequent years after the year of planting is considered natural vegetation.

### No Persons Shall Take Migratory Game Birds:

- With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machinegun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance;
- With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells.
- From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water;
- From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance;
- From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress therefrom has ceased;
- By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl;
- By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
- By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird;
- By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. **It is legal to take migratory game birds including waterfowl and coots, on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas:**
  - Standing crops or flooded standing crops (including aquatics);
  - Standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered solely as the result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice;
  - From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation;

- From a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed; or
- Standing or flooded standing agricultural crops where grain is inadvertently scattered solely as a result of a hunter entering or exiting a hunting area, placing decoys, or retrieving downed birds.

It is legal to take migratory game birds, except waterfowl, coots and cranes, on or over lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas, and where grain or other feed has been distributed or scattered solely as the result of manipulation of an agricultural crop or other feed on the land where grown, or solely as the result of a normal agricultural operation.

### Wanton Waste of Migratory Game Birds

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

Non-toxic Shot No person may take ducks, geese (including brant), or coots while possessing shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see [FWS Approved Shot Types](#).

### Opening Day of a Season

No person on the opening day of the season shall possess any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit, or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

### Field Possession Limit

No person shall possess, have in custody, or transport more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, of migratory game birds, tagged or not tagged, at or between the place where taken and either (a) his automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

### Tagging Requirement

No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at his personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were killed. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage. Custody of birds of another No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

## FEDERAL REGULATIONS RELATED TO HUNTING MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

### Termination of Possession

Subject to all other requirements of this part, the possession of birds taken by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a migratory bird preservation facility and consigned for transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

### Gift of Migratory Game Birds

No person may receive, possess, or give to another, any freshly killed migratory game birds as a gift, except at the personal abodes of the donor or donee, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter who took the birds, stating such hunter's address, the total number and species of birds and the date such birds were taken.

### Transportation of Birds of Another

No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.  
**Species identification requirement** No person shall transport within the United States any migratory game birds, except doves and band-tailed pigeons, unless the head or one fully feathered wing remains attached to each such bird at all times while being transported from the place where taken until they have arrived at the personal abode of the possessor or a migratory bird preservation facility.

### Marking Package or Container

No person shall transport by the Postal Service or a common carrier migratory game birds unless the package or container in which such birds are transported has the name and address of the shipper and the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers of each species of birds therein contained clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

### Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp

The law requires that each waterfowl hunter 16 years of age and older must carry on his person a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Federal Duck Stamp) that is validated by the hunter signing the stamp in ink across the face of the stamp.

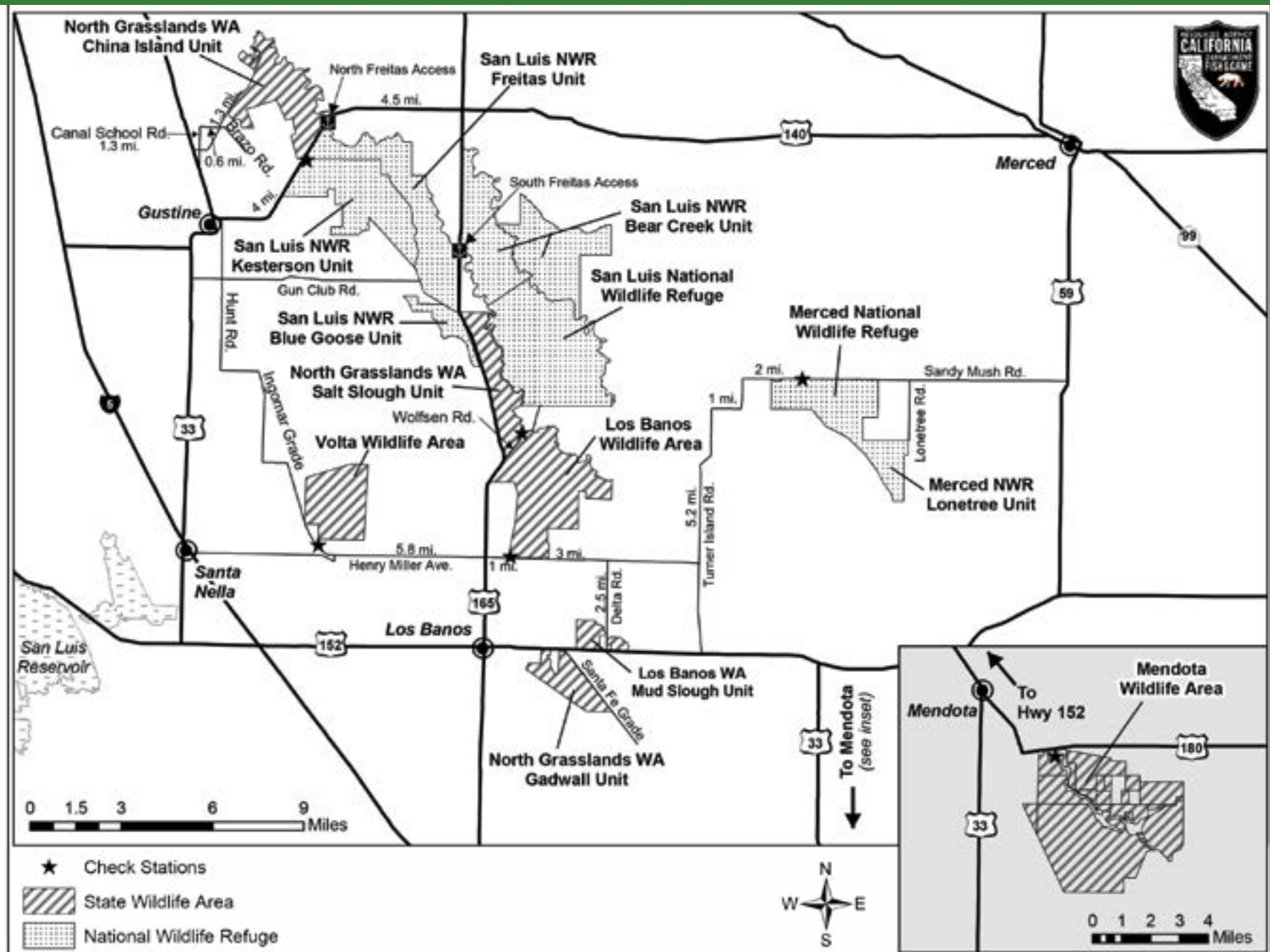
***More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges opened to public hunting.***

For additional information on refuge specific regulations see <http://www.fws.gov/refuges/>



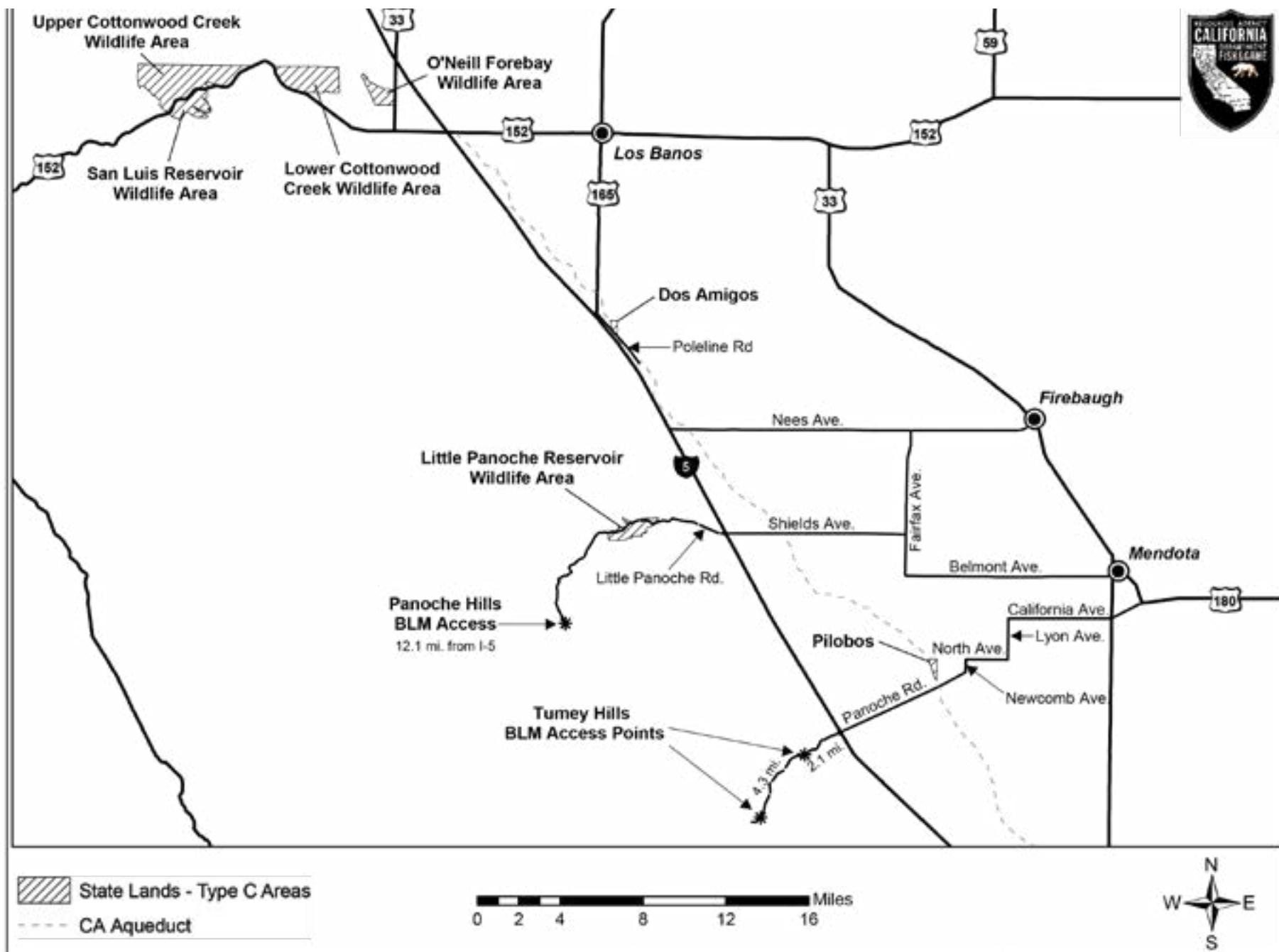
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## NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY WATERFOWL HUNT AREAS



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## NORTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY TYPE C AND OTHER PUBLIC HUNT AREAS





# NUTRIA:

Eating and destroying the wetlands needed by waterfowl and other native species.

**Invasive nutria also threaten California's levees, flood control, irrigation and other water infrastructure through their extensive burrowing and rapid reproduction.**

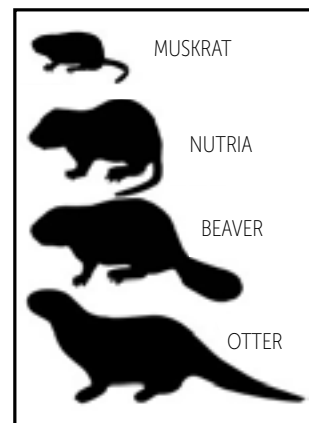
## **HOW HUNTERS CAN HELP:**

Report nutria sightings, preferably accompanied by a photo or video and the animals' location, to CDFW at [invasives@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:invasives@wildlife.ca.gov) or by phone at (855) 440-9530.

## **HOW TO DISTINGUISH NUTRIA:**

Often confused with beaver and muskrat, nutria have the following distinguishing characteristics:

- White whiskers (in addition to white muzzle)
- Round, rat-like tail
- Dark black ears with golden-colored fur below
- Body length up to 2 feet
- Weighs up to 25 pounds
- Partially webbed hind feet



[www.wildlife.ca.gov/nutria](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/nutria)