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Fish and Game Commission



15 Day Notice of California Notice Register 2015, No.1-Z, Z2014-1223-01

Re: Mammal Hunting Regulations for 2015-2016

February 17, 2015

This is to provide you with a 15 day continuation notice of proposed regulatory action relative to amending section 708.5 "Deer Tagging and Reporting Requirements," Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to the proposed 2015 Sport Fishing regulations, which was published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 2, 2015, Register 2011, No. 1-Z; OAL Notice File No. Z2014-1223-01. The proposed additional language is in response to public comment and will permit the change to be adopted without applying a non-reporting fee until the 2016-2017 deer season.

Please note proposed amendments for sections 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 702, 708.11 and 713, the dates of the public hearings related to this matter, and associated deadlines for receipt of written comments have not changed from the original notice.

Additional information and all associated documents may be found on the Fish and Game Commission website at www.fgc.ca.gov.

Karen Mitchell, Senior Environmental Scientist, Fisheries Branch, phone (916) 445-0826, has been designated to respond to questions on the substance of the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

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Section 708.5 is amended to read:

§ 708.5. Deer Tagging and Reporting Requirements.

(a) Upon the killing of any deer the tag holder shall immediately fill out all portions of the tag including the report card completely, legibly, and permanently, and cut out or punch out and completely remove notches or punch holes for the month and date of the kill. The deer license tag shall be attached to the antlers of an antlered deer or to the ear of any other deer and kept attached during the open season and for 15 days thereafter. Except as otherwise provided, possession of any untagged deer shall be a violation. (Refer to Fish and Game Code, Section 4336).

(b) Every person to whom a deer license tag is issued shall ~~return the completed report card portion to the department within thirty days of taking a deer, report to the Department their deer harvest.~~

(1) Successful deer tag holders are required to report deer harvested within 30 days of the date of harvest or by January 31, whichever date is first.

(2) Unsuccessful deer tag holders, whether they hunted or not, are required to report no harvest by January 31 annually.

(c) Harvest Report Card Return and Reporting Mechanisms.

(1) By mail or in person at the address specified on the harvest report card. A harvest report card returned by mail shall be postmarked by the date applicable to that card as specified in this section.

(2) Online through the department's internet license sales service website by the date specified in the section. Tag holders reporting online will be provided a confirmation number upon successful submission. The tag holder must record the provided confirmation number in the space provided on the harvest report card and retain the harvest report card until March 1 annually. Tags reported online must be surrendered to the department upon demand.

(d) ~~Beginning July 1, 2016,~~ deer tag holders, whether successful or unsuccessful, who fail to report by the date specified in this section shall be subject to a Deer Harvest Non-reporting Fee. The fee specified in Section 702 shall be charged prior to the issuance of a deer tag or deer tag drawing application in the following year.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 215, 219, 220, 1050, 1572, 4336, 4340 and 10502, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, ~~201,~~ 202, 203, 203.1, 207, 210, 215, 219, 220, 1050, 1570, 1571, 1572, 3950, 4336, 10500 and 10502, Fish and Game Code.