

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: **2018112036**

Project Title: Bighorn Sheep Hunting

Lead Agency: California State Fish and Game Commission

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Project Location: Statewide (The project occurs in areas in Mono, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties.)
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project would modify bighorn sheep hunting tag quotas, establish a new hunt zone, and reallocate a fund-raising tag.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

It is found that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Commission findings that there are no significant long-term adverse impacts associated with the proposed project or any of the project alternatives considered for the 2019 Nelson bighorn sheep hunting regulations.

	Alternative Impact	Significant Nature of Impact	Mitigation Available	Nature of Mitigation
Proposed Project: Modify number of tags, Establish a new hunt zone, And reallocate a fundraising Tag.	No	None	N/A	N/A
Alternative 1: No Change	No	None	N/A	N/A

Alternative 2 (increased harvest) involves increasing tag quotas in the existing hunt zones by 50 percent. Current and proposed harvest strategies generally allow for continued population growth through time while remaining consistent with the statutory limitations. The Increased Harvest alternative may not affect population growth over time but would likely exceed the statutory limit of mature ram harvest in most hunt zones.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

A Notice of Preparation was filed with the State Clearinghouse on November 13, 2018. Pursuant to Section 21080.3.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in a joint letter, the Commission and Department informed Tribal Representatives of the proposed project. One Tribe has requested to review the Draft Environmental Document (DED).

Both the Commission and the Department have encouraged public input regarding the nature and scope of the environmental impacts to be addressed in the DED. The Department presented information on potential changes to bighorn sheep hunting regulations at the September 20, 2018 Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) meeting held in Sacramento. A scoping session to discuss documents prepared in support of mammal hunting and trapping regulations was held in Sacramento, CA on November 30, 2018. No areas of controversy regarding nelson bighorn sheep hunting were identified at either meeting. Written comments have been submitted regarding specific hunting regulation changes (Appendix 3); no comments were received related to the scope of the analysis on environmental impacts under the CEQA.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife