

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Elk Hunting

Lead Agency: California State Fish and Game Commission

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Project Location: Statewide  
*City* *County*

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

The proposed project involves modifications to the current elk hunting regulations for the 2019-2020 elk hunting season and subsequent seasons until the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) adopts new regulations modifying tag limits. Specifically, the Commission proposes to:

- Increase the tag quota range (by 20 tags) in the Northwestern Elk Zone.
- Increase the individual quotas in the other zones, but within previously analyzed quota ranges
- Modify season dates for Fort Hunter Liggett consistent with section 3453 of the Fish and Game Code (FGC). No changes in tag quotas are proposed.

The analysis in the 2018 Draft Supplemental Environmental Document (DSED) focuses on the potential for any new significant or substantially more severe environmental impacts from the increase in tag quota range in the Northwestern Elk Zone. Impacts from any tag modifications within other zones in the state are analyzed within the 2010 Environmental Document (incorporated by reference, April, 2010 Final Environmental Document, SCH#200912083, available at 1812 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95811). The Commission finds the analysis in the 2010 Environmental Document still contains informational value and is appropriate to use as a basis for the proposed quota changes in zones other than the Northwestern Elk Zone.

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

Table summarizes the Commission findings of no significant long-term adverse impacts associated with the proposed project or any of the project alternatives considered for the 2019-20 elk hunting regulations.

Alternative	Description	Significant Impact	Mitigation
Proposed Project	Increase the tag quota range for the Northwestern Elk Zone by 20 tags	No	N/A
Alternative 1. No Project	No change from the 2018-19 hunting regulations	No	N/A
Alternative 2. Increase Tag Quota (3 x proposed project)	Increase the tag quota range for the Northwestern Elk Zone by up to 60 tags	No	N/A

Based on success rates from previous years, the Department expects that the actual harvest will range from 80-95 percent of the elk tags allocated for 2019 (CDFW, 2018).

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 (NOP) for the proposed project was prepared and circulated on November 13, 2018. The Department presented information on potential changes to elk hunting regulations at the September 20, 2018 Wildlife Resources Committee (WRC) meeting held in Sacramento. One scoping meeting, held from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday November 30, 2018 was also conducted at the Department's Wildlife Branch located at 1812 9th Street, Sacramento CA 95811.

The WRC meeting provided information to the Committee, public and Commission staff about potential changes being considered and evaluated. The scoping meeting solicited input from the public and interested public agencies regarding the nature and scope of the environmental impacts to be addressed in the DSED. At the beginning of the meeting, staff presented an overview of the existing program, the objectives of the proposed project, the legal background leading to this DSED, and the CEQA process generally. During the scoping meeting, participants also were encouraged to submit written comments, or to submit additional comments by mail or email before close of the comment period on December 14, 2018. Three members of the public attended the meeting. No areas of controversy regarding the proposed project were identified at the meeting.

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

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