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To request a change to regulations under the authority of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), you are required to submit this completed form to: California Fish and Game Commission, (physical address) 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, (mailing address) P.O. Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 or via email to FGC@fgc.ca.gov. Note: This form is not intended for listing petitions for threatened or endangered species (see Section 670.1 of Title 14).

Incomplete forms will not be accepted. A petition is incomplete if it is not submitted on this form or fails to contain necessary information in each of the required categories listed on this form (Section I). A petition will be rejected if it does not pertain to issues under the Commission's authority. A petition may be denied if any petition requesting a functionally equivalent regulation change was considered within the previous 12 months and no information or data is being submitted beyond what was previously submitted. If you need help with this form, please contact Commission staff at (916) 653-4899 or FGC@fgc.ca.gov.

SECTION I: Required Information.

Please be succinct. Responses for Section I should not exceed five pages

1. Person or organization requesting the change (Required)

Name of primary contact person: Harold Duchi: Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission

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2. Rulemaking Authority (Required) - Reference to the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested: Sections 200, 203, 265, 355, 3003.5, 3800 and 4150, Fish and Game Code.

3. Overview (Required) - Summarize the proposed changes to regulations: [

Amend Section 251(a), Title 14, CCR to prohibit the use of trail cameras that transmit, or are capable of transmitting, real-time data (cellular/wireless cameras) to locate wildlife during hunting seasons.]

4. Rationale (Required) - Describe the problem and the reason for the proposed change: [

Advances in motion activated trail cameras that include the ability to transmit images via cellular networks or satellite (wireless cameras) have allowed hunters to remotely locate, identify, and harvest big game mammals in near real time. This technology is inexpensive, readily available, and provides an unfair and unethical advantage to individuals pursuing big game species.

The Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission recognizes that cameras capable of capturing images of wildlife are a valuable tool used by the public to capture images of wildlife and by researchers to monitor wildlife populations. This includes the use of cameras and other devices to locate big game provided it is consistent with the principles of Fair Chase.



As defined by the Boone and Crockett Club and Pope and Young, Fair Chase refers to “the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals.”

Concerns about Fair Chase with respect to hunting game on public lands have led a number of states to promulgate regulations restricting the use of motion activated cameras or similar devices capable of transmitting, images, video or location data of wildlife. Currently, eight western states either restrict the use of these devices (Alaska, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming) or prohibit their use (Arizona).

In California, Section 251 (a), Title 14, CCR, prohibits the use of 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. Further, the use of any computer, telemetry device or other equipment to locate a big game mammal to which a tracking device is attached is prohibited without Department approval. With some exceptions, these provisions limit the use of real time information as an aid in taking big game. We believe that amending Section 251(a) to restrict the use of motion activated cameras on public land capable of transmitting data remotely is consistent with this section and necessary to maintain fair and ethical hunting opportunities for the public.]

SECTION II: Optional Information

5. Date of Petition: 2/6/2026

6. Category of Proposed Change

☐ Sport Fishing

☐ Commercial Fishing

X Hunting

☐ Other, please specify: [Click here to enter text.]

7. The proposal is to: (To determine section number(s), see current year regulation booklet or <https://govt.westlaw.com/calregs>)

X Amend Title 14 Section(s): [251]

☐ Add New Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.]

☐ Repeal Title 14 Section(s): [Click here to enter text.]

8. If the proposal is related to a previously submitted petition that was rejected, specify the tracking number of the previously submitted petition [Click here to enter text.]
Or X Not applicable.

9. Effective date: If applicable, identify the desired effective date of the regulation.
If the proposed change requires immediate implementation, explain the nature of the emergency: N/A

10. Supporting documentation: Identify and attach to the petition any information supporting the proposal including data, reports and other documents: [



See proposed changes to Section 251(a), Title 14, CCR with strikeout (delete) and additions (underlined) below:

(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 attitudes, hovering, circling or repeatedly flying over any area where big game may be found. Exceptions to this subsection are:~~

On public land, no person shall use any imaging device capable of transmitting data using satellite or cellular networks on public land 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 attitudes, 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) Imaging devices capable of transmitting data using satellite or cellular networks may be used by employees or authorized agents of any Federal, State, or County government acting within the scope of their official duties. Any camera used shall be visibly marked to identify ownership on an external portion of its housing.
- (4) Livestock permittees or their agents may use imaging devices capable of transmitting data using satellite or cellular networks to monitor livestock within their authorized grazing allotments on public lands. Any camera used shall be visibly marked to identify ownership on an external portion of its housing.
- (5) 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 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.
- (3) License Fee: A license fee of \$25.00, as adjusted annually pursuant to Section 713 of the Fish and Game Code, shall be charged for processing and issuing the Mobility Impaired Disabled Person Motor Vehicle Hunting License. Licenses shall be issued only by the Director or his/her designee. Licenses shall be permanent and have no expiration date.]



- 11. Economic or Fiscal Impacts:** Identify any known impacts of the proposed regulation change on revenues to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, individuals, businesses, jobs, other state agencies, local agencies, schools, or housing:

[If adopted, this proposal may decrease sales of motion activated cameras capable of transmitting real time images sought by hunters to enhance their ability to locate and kill big game. It may decrease revenues for some hunting guides that may use this information to sell access to specific “trophy class” big game mammals to clients in near real time. Minor increases in Department costs may occur to enforce game violations related to this proposed amendment.]

- 12. Forms:** If applicable, list any forms to be created, amended or repealed:

[N/A]

SECTION 3: FGC Staff Only

Date received: [Click here to enter text.]

FGC staff action:

- ☐ Accept - complete
☐ Reject - incomplete
☐ Reject - outside scope of FGC authority

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Date petitioner was notified of receipt of petition and pending action: [_____]

Meeting date for FGC consideration: [_____]

FGC action:

- ☐ Denied by FGC
☐ Denied - same as petition [_____]
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☐ Granted for consideration of regulation change