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Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge Proposing Expanded Hunting Opportunities

In an effort to work with adjacent landowners, animal control agencies, sportsmen, and the CDFW, the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (SRNWR) is proposing to add feral pigs to the list of authorized species that are open to hunting. The purpose of the minor changes proposed to the hunt program of the SRNWR's Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and the Refuge Hunting Plan is to reduce/control feral pig populations and their impacts on riparian habitat and adjacent agricultural lands and improve consistency of the refuge hunt plan with regulation on adjacent State managed wildlife area.

The proposed change will be a limited season (concurrent with existing hunt seasons on the refuge September 15 through March 15) and a restriction on the use of dogs (not allowed) for feral pig hunting. The CDFW was consulted and has provided a letter supporting this program change. Regulation changes will be published in the Federal Register and updated in the CDFW Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

The proposed changes will be open for a 30 day public comment period beginning April 1 through April 30, 2014. Comments can be submitted to the refuge, email site, or c/o Daniel W. Frisk at Sacramento NWRC, 752 County Road 99W, Willows, CA 95988.

For a complete list of all units open to public uses, brochures, maps and refuge-specific hunting regulations, visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento_River.

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