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Re: Commission General Regulation 522, Electronic Tagging

Dear Commissioners and Director Jenne:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Commission General Regulation 522, regarding Electronic Tagging.

SCI commends the Commission and the Department on the proposed amendments to Commission General Regulation 522, regarding Electronic Tagging. The proposed changes should greatly benefit hunters by easing paper management but still allowing enforceability. Many other states have already moved toward electronic tagging and the use of validation codes or a tagging application itself available through mobile devices with virtually little to no verifiable evidence of fraud. Additionally, there could be some long-term cost savings by reducing mailing costs, money that could otherwise go to furthering on the ground conservation.

Further, SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to Commission General Regulation 522, regarding Electronic Tagging. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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CEO

Safari Club International