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Dogs Harassing Big Game Animals PROCEDURE NO.: ENF-1.0

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Regional Supervisors are responsible for seeing that the following procedures are adhered to in dealing with dogs which are running at large and which are actively tracking, pursuing, harassing, attacking, or killing big game animals.

- A. If a dog is running at large and is actively attacking or killing big game it may be necessary to destroy the dog.
- B. If the dog is running at large and is actively tracking, pursuing, or harassing big game and if the dog does not cease its actions following a reasonable attempt to cause it to cease, and no other reasonable course of action is available to protect the big game animal from physical harm, it may be necessary to destroy the dog.
- C. Applicable law does not authorize destroying a dog running at large in big game country, unless it is actively tracking, pursuing, harassing, attacking, or killing a big game animal at the time of its destruction.

This policy does not authorize destruction of a dog which is being used to trail, pursue, hunt, or kill black bear or mountain lions when such use of dogs is in conformance with current regulations adopted by the Commission.