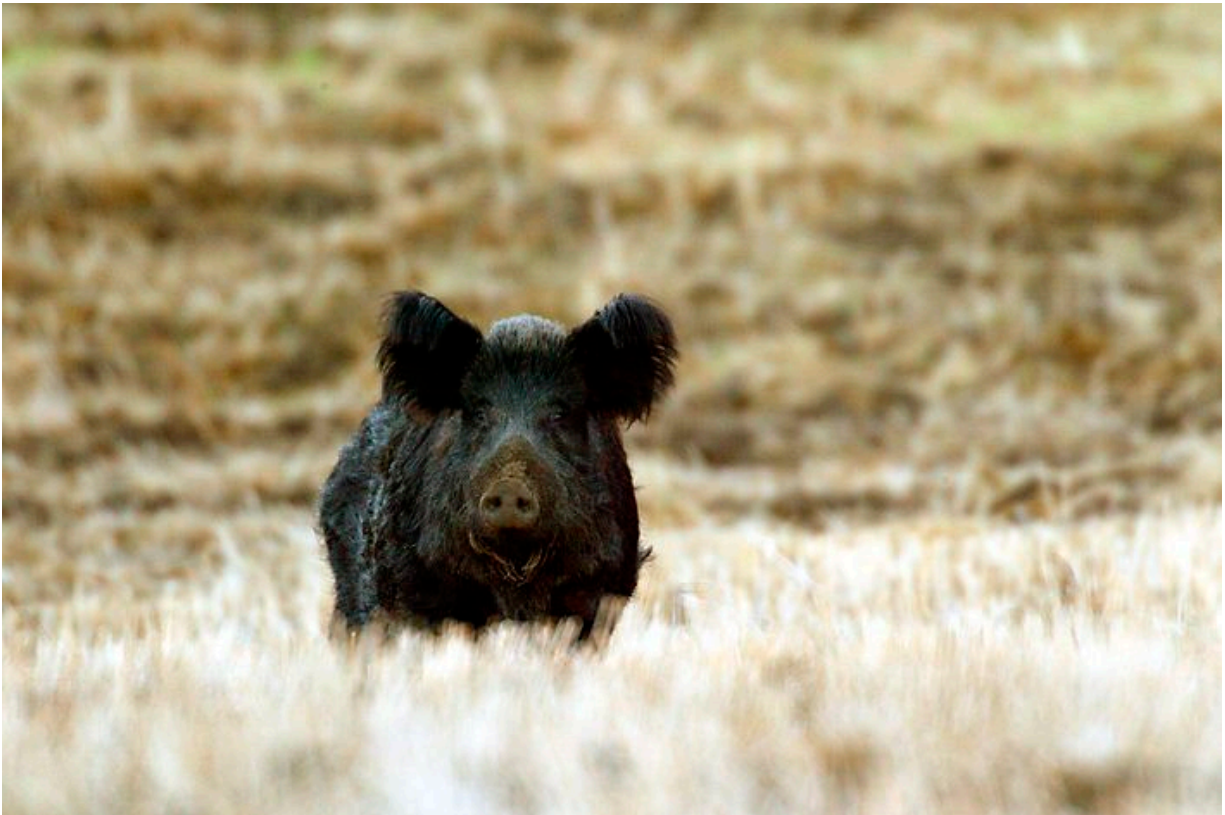


Joice Island wild pig hunts set

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is offering wild pig hunts in March and April at the Joice Island unit of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County, just north of San Francisco.

The pig hunt drawings will be administered online exclusively, said the CDFW, which is accepting applications until 4 p.m. Feb. 14.

“This is a unique opportunity to apply for a wild pig hunt with no application fee,” said the department’s Orlando Rocha.

The limited-entry, permit-only hunts help control a small population of wild pigs on the Joice Island unit, a 2,150-acre wetland area consisting of thick cattails, tules, brush and standing water.

Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and wild pig tag, and use only shotguns with nonlead slugs, or archery equipment.

Dogs and bicycles are not allowed, according to the CDFW.

Four hunters will be drawn for eight consecutive weekends, for a total of 32 hunters.

The first hunting weekend will be reserved for apprentices holding junior licenses, ages 12 to 17.

There is no charge to apply, although applicants may apply for only one hunt weekend.

The apprentice hunt weekend will be March 7-8. General hunt weekends, for both adult and junior license holders, will be March 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29; and April 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26,

Permit holders may bring one non-hunting partner.

Junior license holders receiving a permit must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.

To apply for either the apprentice or general hunts, go to <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/ApprenticeHunts/Default.aspx>, and either log in or create a new account. Permits with maps and additional information will be e-mailed to selected applicants.

For more information, call the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area office at 707-425-3828.