

CDFW to talk about hunting and fishing resources at 2024 sport shows

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The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is returning to the annual International Sportsmen's Expo (ISE), Bart Hall and Cal Shows for 2024. Wildlife officers, fisheries, marine and wildlife scientists, along with other CDFW staff will be available during the shows to answer questions and provide information regarding fishing, hunting and employment opportunities throughout the state.

"Participating in this type of outreach and engaging with the public are important to our mission," said Jen Benedet, Assistant Deputy Director of CDFW Outreach. "Sharing information about CDFW, our programs, and thanking hunters and anglers for their contribution to wildlife and fisheries management and conservation is key to being successful in our efforts and as a department."

CDFW's sport show appearances will begin at ISE Jan. 18-21 at the Cal Expo Fair Grounds in Sacramento. The Long Beach Bart Hall Show will follow from Jan. 25-28 at the Long Beach Convention Center. The Del Mar Bart Hall Show is Feb. 15-18 at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in Del Mar (San Diego County) and the Cal Shows Central Valley Sportsmen's Boat & RV Show will be Mar. 15-17 at the Kern County Fairgrounds in Bakersfield.

New for 2024, all CDFW programs will be in one convenient location in the shows' main buildings.

At ISE, CDFW can be found along the front, right wall when you enter the Pavilion. For Bart Hall shows, CDFW will be in the main area of the Convention Center in Long Beach and in the main Exhibit Hall at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. For the Cal Show they will be in Building Two at the Kern County Fairgrounds in Bakersfield. CDFW plans to have their wildlife officers on hand to help answer any hunting or regulation questions, with occasional appearances by their K-9 partners. Fisheries and Marine staff will be present to answer questions about angling and conservation opportunities. CDFW's Talent and Acquisitions Unit will be available to discuss various recruitment and employment opportunities, while the Fishing in the City program and Hunter Education will be onsite educating attendees on the fish stocking program and hunter safety.

Also new this year, CDFW staff will have tablets to assist the public in setting up their own CDFW Online License Portal account to purchase their hunting and fishing license from anywhere with an internet connection. Staff can also assist those who are interested in learning how to navigate various CDFW online resources. Some of these resources include the Marine Species Portal, the hunter and angler Recruit, Retain, Reactivate (R3) how-to videos and resources, where to sign up for virtual and in person hunting and fishing events, and more. On demand printed licenses will not be available at the 2024 shows.

For more information on the ISE show, please visit www.sportsexpos.com/attend/sacramento.

For Bart Hall shows, please visit hallshows.com/home. For more information on the Bakersfield show, please visit www.calshows.com.