



## CALIFORNIA BOWMEN HUNTERS BIG GAME CLUB POSITION STATEMENT

The California Bowmen Hunters-Big Game Club (CBH-BGC) has historically utilized the Boone & Crockett (B&C) / Pope and Young (P&Y) Measuring system (copyrighted 1887) to record trophy animals taken with a bow and arrow in California. CBH-BGC received copyrighted, but revocable, permission many years ago to utilize not only their scoring system, but their score forms, affidavits, and use of the term 'Fair Chase'. Both P&Y and B&C require an almost identical code of conduct and ethical requirement listed under their respective Fair Chase Affidavits for any animal submitted to their record programs.

On June 14, 2020, your CBH-BGC voted unanimously to continue to align with Pope and Young and Boone and Crockett's Fair Chase requirements and measuring system. Under their rules of "Fair Chase" neither club allows any animal harvested using electronic rangefinding bow sights (Garmin, Burris, IQ, etc.) for entry into their records program. This would violate number III of B&C's Fair Chase Affidavit, as well as #7 of P&Y's Fair Chase Affidavit. (<https://www.boone-crockett.org/bc-position-statement-fair-chase> - <http://www.pope-young.org/fairchase/default.asp>)

While the use of such electronic sights may be legal in California, they, unfortunately, will not be accepted into the CBH-BGC records program, as they clearly violate our rules of Fair Chase. This should, in no way, minimize the trophy taken or the hunter who utilizes such equipment; we (CBH-BGC) simply must maintain the integrity of our records program and continue to practice and encourage Fair Chase.