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Wonderduck Decoys  
505 North Price Street  
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Dear Mr. Soloman,

At your request, I am providing this letter regarding the use of the Wonderduck decoy in CA for waterfowl hunting.

Last year the Fish and Game Commission changed the regulations on spinning wing decoys to make it easier to understand and to help distinguish between legal and non-legal motorized decoys. Prior to this change, it was not legal to use spinning wings, or blades prior to December 1 of each hunting season.

Because "blades" could be any material including the simulated foot of a duck, the regulation language was changed to specifically eliminate only spinning wings, or wing simulated devices prior to Dec 1.

The language for this season is the same as last season: Title 14 section 507:  
*(c) Prohibition on Electronically or Mechanically-operated Devices. Electronic or mechanically-operated calling or sound-reproducing devices are prohibited when attempting to take migratory game birds. It is unlawful to use devices that are either electronically-powered, or activated by anything other than natural wind, to directly or indirectly cause rotation of **decoy wings or blades that simulate wings**, when attempting to take waterfowl between the start of the waterfowl season and November 30.*

This law does not prohibit the use of your Wonderduck decoy as long as it is not using a wing attachment, or anything designed to simulate a wing. The use of padding feet may be used all season long. On and after December 1, the device may be used with wings or wing simulated devices.

Thank you for your inquiry,

Michael P. Carion  
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