

STAFF SUMMARY FOR JUNE 20-21, 2018

6B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☒

Review and discuss legislation of interest, and provide staff direction.

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**California Legislative Calendar 2018**

- Jun 29 - Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills.
- Jul 6 - Last day for policy committees to meet. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment.
- Aug 6 - Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- Aug 17 - Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- Aug 20-31 - Floor session only.
- Aug 24 - Last day to amend bills on the floor.
- Aug 31 - Last day for legislature to pass bills. Interim Recess begins upon adjournment.
- Sept 30 - Last day for Governor to sign or veto bill.

Background

FGC staff has prepared a list of legislation that may affect FGC's resources and workload (see below); each description includes a brief synopsis and current bill status. This is an opportunity for FGC to provide direction to staff concerning proposed legislation. At any meeting, FGC may direct staff to provide information to or share concerns with bill authors. FGC members also have the option to take positions on bills at the same meeting an update is provided.

A. Federal Legislation

Below is a list of federal bills that FGC has previously shown an interest in, or may be of interest, and the current status as of June 5, 2018.

- *S. 793 Shark Finning – Shark Fin Trade Elimination Act of 2017*: Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ). Status: Senate - 05/18/2017 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. Summary: This bill makes it illegal to possess, buy, sell, or transport shark fins or any product containing shark fins. A person may possess a shark fin that was lawfully taken consistent with a license or permit under certain circumstances. Penalties are imposed for violations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The maximum civil penalty for each violation shall be \$100,000, or the fair market value of the shark fins involved, whichever is greater.
- *H.R. 1456 – Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2017*: Rep. Edward Royce (R-CA/39th). Status: Introduced 03/09/2017; Referred to House Committee on Natural Resources; 3/20/17 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans. Summary: This bill makes it illegal to possess, buy, or sell shark fins or any product containing shark

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fins. A person may possess a shark fin that was lawfully taken consistent with a license or permit under certain circumstances. Penalties are imposed for violations under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

- *H.R. 200 – MSA Reauthorization – Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act*: Rep. Don Young (R-AK/At Large). Status: Introduced 01/03/2017; Referred to House Committee on Natural Resources; Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans; Subcommittee Hearing Held on 9/26/17. 12/13/2017 Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 – 17. Summary: To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) to provide flexibility for fishery managers and stability for fishermen, and for other purposes. This bill revises and reauthorizes MSA through Fiscal Year 2022. Revisions are made to: (1) requirements for fishery management plans for overfished fisheries; and (2) catch limit requirements, including by authorizing regional fishery management councils to consider changes in an ecosystem and the economic needs of the fishing communities when establishing the limits. To distinguish between fish that are depleted due to fishing and those that are depleted for other reasons, the term "depleted" replaces the term "overfished" throughout MSA. Fishery impact statements must analyze the impacts of proposed actions in fishery management plans on the quality of the human environment. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) must publish a plan for implementing the Cooperative Research and Management Program. NOAA must develop a plan to conduct stock assessments for all fish for which a fishery management plan is in effect under this bill. Additionally, NOAA must develop guidelines that will incorporate data from private entities into fishery management plans.

B. State Legislation

- *AB 1337 (Patterson) Fish and Game Commission: meetings and hearings: live broadcast*. Introduced: 2/17/2017 Status: Vetoed by the Governor. Consideration of Governor's veto pending. Summary: Would require the Fish and Game Commission to provide a live video broadcast on its Internet Web site of every commission meeting or hearing that is open and public and every meeting or hearing conducted by the marine resources committee, wildlife resources committee, or tribal committee that is open and public.
- *AB 1884 (Calderon) Food facilities: Single-use plastic straws*. Status: In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. Summary: Requires specified restaurants to provide plastic straws only upon request. Specifically, this bill: 1) Prohibits a food facility, as specified, where food may be consumed on the premises from providing single-use plastic straws to consumers unless requested by the consumer. 2) Specifies that the first and second violation shall result in a warning, and any subsequent violations shall constitute an infraction punishable by a fine of \$25 for each day of the violation, not to exceed \$300 annually. 3) Specifies that no reimbursement is required for costs incurred by a local agency or school district because this bill creates a new crime or infraction.
- *AB 2369 (Fletcher) Fishing: Marine protected areas: violations*. Status: 6/4/2018-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W. Summary: This bill would

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increase the penalty for unlawfully taking a fish for commercial purposes within a marine protected area to the penalties established for the above-described poaching provision for a person who holds a commercial fishing license or a commercial passenger fishing boat license. The bill would also require a person's commercial fishing license or commercial passenger fishing boat license, as applicable, to be revoked if the person is convicted of a 2nd violation of this provision. By changing the penalty for this crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

- *AB 2805 (Bigalow) Wild pigs.* Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment. Summary: This bill would revise multiple code provisions applicable to wild pigs to, among other things, change the designation, expand the definition, switch from wild pig tags to a wild pig validation, and eliminate the requirement to obtain a depredation permit and instead add provisions for take pursuant to regulations adopted by FGC. The bill also authorizes California Department of Food and Agriculture to adopt regulations to require marking of swine that meet the new definition of a wild pig. Because a violation of the new provisions would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.
- *SB 187 (Berryhill) Sport fishing licenses: duration.* Introduced: 1/25/2017. 9/1/2017- Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 7/19/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018). Summary: Would require a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of a specified fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of 12 consecutive months beginning on the date specified on the license, instead of for the period of a calendar year, or the remainder thereof. The bill would require the commission to include, among the costs required to be recovered by an adjustment of the fee amount, transition costs related to the new licensing period.
- *SB 234 (Berryhill) Fishing: local regulation: report.* Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 7/19/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018). Summary: Would require the Fish and Game Commission to undertake a survey and evaluation of local ordinances that regulate fishing and to submit the survey and evaluation to the Legislature in a report by Dec 31, 2018.
- *SB 1017 (Allen) Commercial fishing: drift gill net shark and swordfish fishery (2017-2018) Drift Gillnets:* Status: 5/31/2018-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. Summary: SB 1017 establishes policies for phasing out the drift gill net shark and swordfish fishery, including a voluntary fishing permit buy-out program, a significant increase in landing fees, and hard caps on take of each species.
- *SB 1309 (McGuire) Fishing: Fisheries omnibus bill of 2018.* Introduced: 2/16/2017. Last Amend: 4/9/2018. Status: 5/31/2018-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. Summary: Makes Salmon Stamp revisions. Permits taking of anchovies in Humboldt Bay between May 1 and Dec 1 without restrictions on area or use, with a 60-ton limit on the total per year. Would delete provisions regarding inspection and notification of bait operations. Authorizes the director, on an emergency basis, to close D. crab season in any waters due to whale entanglements, or reopen season in those waters if the risk of whale entanglements has abated. Authorizes the commission to consider a

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request to transfer a California halibut trawl vessel permit to another vessel, as provided. Designates two additional areas of ocean waters as California halibut trawl grounds, one in Monterey Bay, and one offshore of Port San Luis. Trawl gear may only be deployed in those areas between sunrise and sunset. Requires the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to implement regulations requiring all traps and buoys to include standardized gear marking and clear identification of ownership.

C. Action on State legislation

Exhibit B identifies concepts contained in SB 1017 regarding the phase-out of drift gill nets in the swordfish fleet. FGC has previously sent letters to the Pacific Fishery Management Council highlighting the support of hard caps, observer coverage and use of deep set buoy gear as an alternative gear type in the California swordfish fishery these are the concepts contained in SB 1017 that are outlined in a draft letter (Exhibit 2) for potential approval in today's meeting.

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation**

FGC staff: Approve sending letter to Senator Ben Allen regarding concepts within SB 1017 related to the drift gillnet fishery.

Exhibits

1. [DFW legislative update, dated Jun 5, 2018](#)
2. [Draft letter to Senator Allen in support of concepts contained in SB 1017](#)

Motion/Direction (N/A)

Moved by _____ and seconded by _____ that the Commission approves the letter regarding SB 1017 concepts be sent to Senator Allen.



Department of Fish & Wildlife Legislative Report

June 2018
(as of June 5, 2018)

AB 18 **(Garcia, Eduardo D) California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.**

Introduced: 12/5/2016

Last Amend: 8/30/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 4. Noes 1.) (August 31). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 9/1/2017-S. APPR.

Summary: Under current law, programs have been established pursuant to bond acts for, among other things, the development and enhancement of state and local parks and recreational facilities. This bill would enact the California Clean Water, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$3,470,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean water, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.

AB 424 **(McCarty D) Possession of a firearm in a school zone.**

Introduced: 2/9/2017

Last Amend: 8/30/2017

Status: 10/14/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 779, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/14/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would delete the authority of a school district superintendent, his or her designee, or equivalent school authority to provide written permission for a person to possess a firearm within a school zone. By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would create a state-mandated local program. The bill would exempt from that crime the activities of a program involving shooting sports or activities that are sanctioned by a school, school district, college, university, or other governing body of the institution, as specified, and the activities of a certified hunter education program, as specified. The bill would make other conforming changes to related provisions.

AB 425 **(Caballero D) Timber harvesting plans: exemptions: temporary roads.**

Introduced: 2/9/2017

Last Amend: 4/4/2017

Status: 9/13/2017-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Hertzberg.

Location: 9/13/2017-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: The Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act of 1973 authorizes the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the act a person engaging in specified forest management activities, including the cutting or removal of trees in compliance with existing law relating to defensible space. In this regard, the act authorizes, until January 1, 2021, the Forest Fire Prevention Pilot Project Exemption if specified conditions are met. This bill would expand the exemption to allow the construction or reconstruction of temporary roads on slopes of 40% or less if certain conditions are met, including that a registered professional forester designates temporary road locations, landing locations, associated class III watercourse crossings, unstable areas, and connected headwall swales, including convergent slopes, on specified maps.

- [AB 474](#)** **([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) Hazardous waste: spent brine solutions.**
Introduced: 2/13/2017
Last Amend: 8/21/2017
Status: 10/15/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 840, Statutes of 2017.
Location: 10/15/2017-A. CHAPTERED
Summary: Current law exempts from certain requirements of the Hazardous Waste Control Law wastes from the extraction, beneficiation, or processing of ores and minerals that are not subject to regulation under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, including spent brine solutions used to produce geothermal energy that meet specified requirements. This bill would exempt spent brine solutions that are byproducts of the treatment of groundwater to meet California drinking water standards from those same requirements if certain conditions are met, including that the spent brine solutions are transferred for dewatering via a closed piping system to lined surface impoundments regulated by the California regional water quality control boards.
- [AB 510](#)** **([Quirk-Silva D](#)) State property acquisition: West Coyote Hills project site: funding.**
Introduced: 2/13/2017
Last Amend: 7/20/2017
Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/21/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR
Summary: Would require that the \$15,000,000 appropriated in the Budget Act of 2017 for the purposes of SB 714 of the 2017–18 Regular Session be deposited in the West Coyote Hills Conservancy Program Account in the Coastal Trust Fund to be used for the purchase of specified property and related projects. The bill would make findings and declarations regarding funding under the bill for the Wildlife Conservation Board to open up, operate, and maintain the Robert E. Ward Nature Preserve. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature in enacting this act to specify the particular uses of the appropriated funds.
- [AB 521](#)** **([Frazier D](#)) Hunting: elk tags: apprentice elk hunt tags: fees for residents.**
Introduced: 2/13/2017
Last Amend: 6/26/2017
Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 7/14/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR
Summary: Under current law, a hunting license grants the privilege to take birds and mammals. Current law authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a tag that is required in addition to a hunting license to take an elk. Current law sets the fee for an elk tag for a resident of the state at \$165, as adjusted annually pursuant to a specified index. This bill would reduce the fee for an elk tag for a resident of the state to \$100 and would prohibit the fee from being adjusted, except pursuant to an analysis of the fee to ensure that the appropriate fee amount is charged and a recommendation to the Legislature or the Fish and Game Commission that the fee be adjusted.
- [AB 661](#)** **([Mayes R](#)) Magnesia Spring Ecological Reserve: Mirage Trail.**
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Last Amend: 7/3/2017
Status: 9/27/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 315, Statutes of 2017.
Location: 9/27/2017-A. CHAPTERED
Summary: Current law requires, until January 1, 2018, that the Mirage Trail within the Magnesia Spring Ecological Reserve be open 9 months of the year during the months of May to January, inclusive, and closed for 3 months during the months of February to April, inclusive, to recreational hiking if the Fish and Game Commission determines that specified conditions relating to providing

funding and ensuring the proper use and monitoring of the reserve are met. This bill would require the commission, beginning January 1, 2020, and by January 1 every 2 years thereafter, at a public hearing, to assess compliance with the requirements of those provisions and post its findings and any recommendations on its Internet Web site.

AB 707 **(Aguiar-Curry D) Clear Lake.**

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Last Amend: 7/3/2017

Status: 10/15/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 842, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/15/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would establish in the Natural Resources Agency, the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake. The bill would require the committee to consist of specified persons, including the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, or his or her designee. The bill would require the committee to meet quarterly for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake. The bill would require the committee to hold 2 meetings per year in the County of Lake.

AB 718 **(Frazier D) Mosquito abatement and vector control districts: managed wetland habitat: memoranda of understanding.**

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Last Amend: 9/8/2017

Status: 10/3/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 446, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/3/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law provides for the formation of mosquito abatement and vector control districts, and prescribes the powers, functions, and duties of those districts, as specified. This bill would authorize a private landowner whose property includes managed wetland habitat, as defined, located within the boundaries of a district and meets other criteria to initiate the opportunity to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the district to establish a process to implement best management practices with regard to the managed wetland habitat.

AB 721 **(Bigelow R) Firearms: prohibited firearms.**

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Status: 7/21/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was PUB. S. on 5/10/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 7/21/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law prohibits the manufacture, importation, sale, or possession in the state of short-barreled rifles and short-barreled shotguns, as defined. Current law authorizes certain government entities and certain peace officers to purchase and possess these firearms under certain circumstances, as specified. This bill would add district attorney's offices and peace officer members of these offices to the specified entities and persons authorized to purchase and possess these weapons under specified circumstances.

AB 748 **(Ting D) Peace officers: video and audio recordings: disclosure.**

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Last Amend: 7/19/2017

Status: 5/17/2018-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

Location: 5/16/2018-S. JUD.

Summary: The California Public Records Act requires that public records, as defined, be available to the public for inspection and made promptly available to any person. Current law makes records of investigations conducted by any state or local police agency exempt from these requirements. Current law requires specified information regarding the investigation of crimes to be disclosed to the public unless disclosure would endanger the safety of a person involved in an investigation or would

endanger the successful completion of the investigation. This bill would, notwithstanding the above provisions, allow a video or audio recording that relates to a matter of public concern because it depicts an incident involving a peace officer's use of force, or is reasonably believed to involve a violation of law or agency policy by a peace officer, to be withheld for a maximum of 120 calendar days if disclosure would substantially impede an active investigation.

AB 816 (Kiley R) California Environmental Protection Agency: Natural Resources Agency: Web casts of public meetings and workshops.

Introduced: 2/15/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/21/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require that each department, board, and commission of the Natural Resources Agency, except as specified, and each department, board, and office of the California Environmental Protection Agency Web cast all onsite public meetings, in a manner that enables listeners and viewers to ask questions and provide public comment by telephone or electronic communication commensurate with those attending the meeting. The bill would require the agencies to make the recording of a Web cast available online for no less than 3 years for subsequent viewing by interested members of the public.

AB 931 (Weber D) Criminal procedure: use of force by peace officers.

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amend: 4/16/2018

Status: 4/25/2018-Re-referred to Coms. on PUB. S. and APPR.

Location: 4/25/2018-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Would limit the use of deadly force, as defined, by a peace officer to those situations where it is necessary to prevent imminent and serious bodily injury or death to the officer or to a third party, as specified. The bill would prohibit the use of deadly force by a peace officer in a situation where an individual poses a risk only to himself or herself. The bill would also limit the use of deadly force by a peace officer against a person fleeing from arrest or imprisonment to only those situations in which the officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed, or intends to commit, a felony involving serious bodily injury or death, and there is an imminent risk of serious bodily injury or death to the officer or to another person if the subject is not immediately apprehended.

AB 986 (Gallagher R) Hunting and sport fishing licenses: sport fishing license duration: reduction in license fees for veterans.

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amend: 1/22/2018

Status: 4/19/2018-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and V.A.

Location: 4/19/2018-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law requires a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of a specified fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of a calendar year, or, if issued after the beginning of the year, for the remainder thereof. Current law also requires the issuance of shorter term licenses upon payment of a specified lesser fee. This bill, in addition to sport fishing licenses for the periods specified above, would require a sport fishing license to be issued to a resident or nonresident for the period of 12 consecutive months, upon payment of a fee that is equal to 130% of the fees for issuance of resident or nonresident calendar-year licenses, as applicable

AB 1000 (Friedman D) Water conveyance: use of facility with unused capacity.

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amend: 7/3/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/28/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law prohibits the state or a regional or local public agency from denying a bona fide transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity for the period of time for which that capacity is available, if fair compensation is paid for that use and other requirements are met. This bill would, notwithstanding that provision, prohibit a transferor of water from using a water conveyance facility that has unused capacity to transfer water from a groundwater basin underlying desert lands, as defined, that is in the vicinity of specified federal lands or state lands to outside of the groundwater basin unless the State Lands Commission, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife, finds that the transfer of the water will not adversely affect the natural or cultural resources of those federal and state lands.

AB 1031 (Waldron R) Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: Rare and Endangered Species Preservation Program: Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amend: 8/24/2017

Status: 10/5/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 504, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/5/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law allows an individual taxpayer to contribute amounts in excess of his or her personal income tax liability for the support of specified funds and accounts, including among others, to the Endangered and Rare Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Species Conservation and Enhancement Account. Current law authorizes contributions to be made to this account pursuant to these provisions until January 1, 2018, or until an earlier date if specified minimum contributions are not received. Current law requires all moneys contributed to this account pursuant to these provisions to be allocated, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Franchise Tax Board and the Controller for the costs of collection and administration of the funds, and to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for specified purposes. This bill would authorize contributions to be made to this account pursuant to these provisions until January 1, 2025, or until an earlier date if the Franchise Tax Board determines that the amount of contributions estimated to be received during a calendar year will not at least equal the minimum contribution amount of \$250,000.

AB 1133 (Dahle R) California Endangered Species Act: experimental populations.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 8/21/2017

Status: 9/25/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 276, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 9/25/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would provide that a person who obtains a federal enhancement of survival permit that authorizes the take of endangered or threatened species that is also listed as endangered, threatened, or candidate under CESA, in order to establish or maintain an experimental population of the species pursuant to FESA, requires no further authorization or approval under CESA for that person to take that species as identified in, and in accordance with, the enhancement of survival permit, if specified requirements are met. These provisions would remain in effect only until the effective date of an amendment to FESA that alters the requirements for issuing an enhancement of survival permit.

AB 1151 (Gloria D) Vaquita-friendly fish and fish products.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 5/30/2017

Status: 9/12/2017-Ordered to inactive file at the request of Senator Allen.

Location: 9/12/2017-S. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Current law makes it unlawful for any person to possess, sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute a shark fin, as defined. Current law generally makes violations of provisions relating to fish and wildlife a crime. This bill would, commencing January 1, 2019, make it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute fish and fish products that are not vaquita-friendly, as defined. The bill would

require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to adopt regulations on or before January 1, 2019, to enforce this prohibition and would prohibit the department from enforcing the prohibition until July 1, 2019.

[AB 1197](#) ([Limón](#) D) Oil spill contingency plans: spill management teams.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 8/21/2017

Status: 10/8/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 584, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/8/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law provides for the rating of oil spill response organizations (OSROs) by the administrator pursuant to specified provisions and requires an oil spill contingency plan to identify at least one rated OSRO for each rating level established pursuant to those provisions. This bill would no longer require an oil spill contingency plan to identify at least one rated OSRO for each rating level and would instead require the plan to identify at least one OSRO rated pursuant to those provisions, and would authorize an owner or operator to rely on its own response equipment and personnel, if they have been rated by the administrator, as specified.

[AB 1228](#) ([Bloom](#) D) Marine fisheries: experimental fishing permits.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 7/17/2017

Status: 1/12/2018-Stricken from file.

Location: 10/7/2017-A. VETOED

Summary: Would authorize the Fish and Game Commission to approve experimental fishing permits to be issued by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for specified purposes that would authorize commercial or recreational marine fishing activity otherwise prohibited by the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant to that code, subject to certain requirements, including a requirement that activities conducted under the permit be consistent with specified policies enacted as part of the Marine Life Management Act of 1998 and any applicable fishery management plan and a requirement that the permit be subject to certain commission conditions.

[AB 1254](#) ([Wood](#) D) Production or cultivation of a controlled substance: civil penalties.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 7/10/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/21/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law makes a person found to have violated specified provisions of law generally protecting fish and wildlife, water, or other natural resources in connection with the production or cultivation of a controlled substance liable for a civil penalty in addition to any penalties imposed by any other law. With respect to a violation that occurs on land that a person owns, leases, or otherwise uses or occupies with the consent of the landowner, existing law makes each day that a violation occurs or continues to occur a separate violation subject to the additional civil penalty. This bill would also make each day that a violation occurs or continues to occur on the specified types of public or private land or while the person was trespassing on public or private land a separate violation subject to the additional civil penalty.

[AB 1273](#) ([Gallagher](#) R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levee repairs.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 5/2/2017

Status: 7/14/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(10). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 7/6/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 7/14/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would, until July 1, 2023, exempt from the requirements of CEQA repairs of critical levees of the State Plan of Flood Control within an existing levee footprint to meet standards of public health and safety, except as otherwise provided in a specified regulation. The bill would require the lead agency to take certain actions regarding the repairs. This bill contains other existing laws.

AB 1282 (Mullin D) Transportation Permitting Task Force.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 6/29/2017

Status: 10/10/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 643, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/10/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would require, by April 1, 2018, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency, to establish a Transportation Permitting Taskforce consisting of representatives from specified entities to develop a process for early engagement for all parties in the development of transportation projects, establish reasonable deadlines for permit approvals, and provide for greater certainty of permit approval requirements. The bill would require the Secretary of Transportation, by December 1, 2019, to prepare and submit to the relevant policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature a report of findings based on the efforts of the taskforce.

AB 1337 (Patterson R) Fish and Game Commission: meetings and hearings: live broadcast.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 5/15/2018-Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Location: 5/14/2018-A. VETOED

Summary: Would require the Fish and Game Commission to provide a live video broadcast on its Internet Web site of every commission meeting or hearing that is open and public and every meeting or hearing conducted by the marine resources committee, wildlife resources committee, or tribal committee that is open and public.

AB 1404 (Berman D) California Environmental Quality Act: categorical exemption: infill development.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 7/10/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/21/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: CEQA requires the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and develop, and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to certify and adopt, guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. CEQA requires the guidelines to include a list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that shall be exempt from CEQA (categorical exemption). Current guidelines for the implementation of CEQA exempts from the requirements of CEQA infill development meeting certain requirements, including the requirement that the proposed development occurs within city limits. This bill would revise the above-described categorical exemption to include proposed residential and mixed-use housing projects occurring within an unincorporated area of a county.

AB 1420 (Aguilar-Curry D) Water rights: small irrigation use: lake or streambed alteration agreements.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 7/10/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to give priority to adopting, on or before June 30, 2021, except as provided, general conditions that permit a registrant to store water for small irrigation use during times of high streamflow in exchange for the registrant reducing diversions during periods of low streamflow, as specified. The bill would require that the actions of the board under these provisions be deemed an action taken for the protection of the environment for purposes

of specified California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, if those actions do not result in the relaxation of streamflow standards.

AB 1479 (Bonta D) Public records: custodian of records: civil penalties.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 9/1/2017

Status: 1/12/2018-Stricken from file.

Location: 10/13/2017-A. VETOED

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2023, require public agencies to designate a person or persons, or office or offices to act as the agency's custodian of records who is responsible for responding to any request made pursuant to the California Public Records Act and any inquiry from the public about a decision by the agency to deny a request for records. The bill also would make other conforming changes. Because the bill would require local agencies to perform additional duties, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

AB 1587 (Levine D) Invasive species: dreissenid mussels.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 6/29/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/21/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law, until January 1, 2020, generally prohibits a person from possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting in the state, or from placing, planting, or causing to be placed or planted in any water within the state, dreissenid mussels, and authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife or his or her designee to engage in various enforcement activities with regard to dreissenid mussels. Current law authorizes the director to conduct inspections of waters of the state and facilities located within waters of the state that may contain dreissenid mussels and, if those mussels are detected or may be present, order the closure of the waters or facilities to conveyances or otherwise restrict access to the waters or facilities, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency. This bill would also authorize a peace officer to engage in certain of these enforcement activities, as prescribed, and would extend to January 1, 2023, the repeal date of those provisions.

AB 1804 (Berman D) California Environmental Quality Act: categorical exemption: infill development.

Introduced: 1/10/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: CEQA requires the Office of Planning and Research to prepare and develop, and the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency to certify and adopt, guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. CEQA requires the guidelines to include a list of classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and that are required to be exempt from CEQA (categorical exemption). Current guidelines for the implementation of CEQA exempts from the requirements of CEQA infill development meeting certain requirements, including the requirement that the proposed development occurs within city limits. This bill would revise the above-described categorical exemption to include proposed residential and mixed-use housing projects occurring within an unincorporated area of a county.

AB 1918 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation.

Introduced: 1/23/2018

Last Amend: 3/12/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law establishes in the Natural Resources Agency the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Rehabilitation of Clear Lake, for the purposes of discussion, reviewing research, planning, and

providing oversight regarding the health of Clear Lake. This bill would establish in the agency the Office of Sustainable Outdoor Recreation. The bill would require the office to undertake certain activities such as promoting economic development and job growth in the outdoor recreation economy of the state. The bill would also require the office to create an advisory committee to provide advice, expertise, support, and service to the office.

[AB 1945](#) ([Garcia, Eduardo D](#)) California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: investment plan.

Introduced: 1/29/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the State Air Resources Board to work with state agencies administering grant programs that allocate moneys from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to give specified communities preferential points during grant application scoring for programs intended to improve air quality, to include a specified application timeline for programs with competitive application processes, and to allow applicants from the Counties of Imperial and San Diego to include daytime population numbers in grant applications.

[AB 2054](#) ([Gonzalez Fletcher D](#)) Agricultural pests: shot hole borer beetles.

Introduced: 2/6/2018

Last Amend: 3/6/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Invasive Species Council of California and the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee to coordinate with state and local public agencies, as specified, and stakeholder groups to develop a plan for the cure or suppression of diseases associated with the spread of the Polyphagous and Kuroshio shot hole borers. The bill would authorize the Department of Food and Agriculture, upon completion of the plan, and subject to the availability of appropriations, to support state and local efforts to cure or suppress those diseases by means including, but not limited to, research and grants.

[AB 2087](#) ([Waldron R](#)) State government operations: technology modernization.

Introduced: 2/7/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require each state agency, as defined, including the Legislature, not later than January 1, 2020, to establish modernization goals that will achieve specified objectives. The bill would require those goals to include, but not be limited to, goals for modernization of the agency's information technology system and for usage of technologies that will improve the efficiency of the agency. The bill would require an agency, upon establishing those goals, to create an implementation and cost assessment plan for achieving them.

[AB 2151](#) ([Gray D](#)) Hunting: reduced-price antelope, elk, bear, and bighorn sheep tags: resident junior hunters.

Introduced: 2/12/2018

Last Amend: 4/30/2018

Status: 5/17/2018-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 5/17/2018-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would, beginning July 1, 2019, and until July 1, 2025, reduce the fee required to obtain an antelope, elk, bear, or bighorn sheep tag to \$20, as adjusted pursuant to the specified index, for a person who is a resident of the state and who possesses a junior hunting license. The bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare a report to the Legislature no later than July 1, 2024, on the effect of these reduced-fee licenses on rates of participation by junior hunters, the Big

Game Management Account, and the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. The bill would make other related and conforming changes.

[AB 2175](#) (Aguiar-Curry D) Vessels: removal.

Introduced: 2/12/2018

Last Amend: 4/12/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would authorize a peace officer or marine safety officer, while engaged in the performance of official duties, to remove a vessel from, and, if necessary, store a vessel removed from, public property within the territorial limits in which the officer may act, under specified circumstances relating to the use of the vessel in the commission of a crime. The bill would authorize a court to order a person convicted of a crime involving the use of a vessel that is removed and impounded pursuant to these provisions to pay the costs of towing and storage of the vessel and any related administrative costs imposed in connection with the removal, impoundment, storage, or release of the vessel.

[AB 2192](#) (Stone, Mark D) State-funded research: grant requirements.

Introduced: 2/12/2018

Last Amend: 4/5/2018

Status: 5/17/2018-Referred to Coms. on G.O. and JUD.

Location: 5/17/2018-S. G.O.

Summary: Would expand the scope of the California Taxpayer Access to Publicly Funded Research Act to include research grants provided in whole or in part by any state agency within the executive branch, as specified. The bill would specify that the public availability requirements apply only to peer-reviewed manuscripts accepted for publication. The bill would require the grantee to ensure that the peer-reviewed manuscript is available to the state agency on an appropriate publicly accessible repository approved by that agency and would eliminate the references to the California Digital Open Source Library. The bill would also extend the operation of these provisions indefinitely.

[AB 2222](#) (Quirk D) Crime prevention and investigation: informational databases: firearms.

Introduced: 2/12/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law directs police and sheriffs' departments to submit the description of serialized or uniquely inscribed nonserialized property that has been reported stolen, lost, found, recovered, or under observation, directly to an automated Department of Justice system. Current law requires that any information entered into the Department of Justice system regarding a firearm remain in the system until the firearm is found, recovered, no longer under observation, or the record is deemed to have been entered in error. Current law also requires the costs resulting from this requirement to be reimbursed from funds other than those collected from specified fees relating to firearms. This bill would extend this firearms reporting requirement to all law enforcement agencies in the state, as defined, and would require that the report be entered within 7 days of the agency being notified of the precipitating event.

[AB 2252](#) (Limón D) State grants: state grant administrator.

Introduced: 2/13/2018

Last Amend: 4/3/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would establish, within the Government Operations Agency, a state grant administrator who is designated by the Governor to serve as the state's primary point of contact for information on grants provided by state agencies. The bill would authorize the state grant administrator, among other

things, to support the establishment of a statewide network of individuals who serve as point of contact for state grant opportunities in state agencies.

[AB 2348](#) ([Aguiar-Curry D](#)) California Waterfowl Habitat Program: eligibility: winter-flooded rice lands.

Introduced: 2/13/2018

Last Amend: 4/17/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law authorizes the Director of Fish and Wildlife, pursuant to the California Waterfowl Habitat Program, to enter into land use contracts to conserve waterfowl and waterfowl habitat with nonpublic entities that are owners of record, or with lessees, who have the owners of record execute the contract, of land determined by the director to be important for the conservation of waterfowl, subject to the appropriation of money for that purpose. This bill would specifically authorize the director to enter into contracts with nonpublic entities that are owners of record, or with lessees, who have the owners of record execute the contract, of productive agricultural rice lands that are winter-flooded and that are determined by the director to be important for the conservation of waterfowl.

[AB 2369](#) ([Gonzalez Fletcher D](#)) Fishing: marine protected areas: violations.

Introduced: 2/14/2018

Last Amend: 6/4/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 5/10/2018-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Under the The Marine Life Protection Act, the Fish and Game Commission is authorized to regulate commercial and recreational fishing and any other taking of marine species in marine protected areas, but the taking of a marine species in a marine life reserve, a type of marine protected area, is prohibited for any purpose, including recreational and commercial fishing, except as authorized by the commission for scientific purposes. This bill would expand the applicability of a misdemeanor for a violation of this regulation from a person who holds a commercial passenger fishing boat license to a person who is operating a boat or vessel licensed as a commercial passenger fishing boat at the time of the violation. By expanding the scope of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[AB 2421](#) ([Stone, Mark D](#)) Wildlife Conservation Board: Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program.

Introduced: 2/14/2018

Last Amend: 3/20/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would establish the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program, to be administered by the Wildlife Conservation Board, for the purpose of recovering and sustaining populations of monarch butterflies and other pollinators. To achieve these purposes, the bill would authorize the board to provide grants to private landowners, nonprofit organizations, or public agencies, for the restoration of California prairie and monarch butterfly overwintering habitat on private and public lands and to provide technical assistance to those grant recipients.

[AB 2441](#) ([Frazier D](#)) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Abandoned Vessel Removal Account: removal of abandoned commercial vessels.

Introduced: 2/14/2018

Last Amend: 4/16/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires that all rental income received for surface uses, including, but not limited to, surface drilling rights, upon lands under the jurisdiction of the commission be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the General Fund, except for certain income from state school lands, royalties received from the extraction of minerals on the surface of those lands, and all rental income from surface uses for lands at Lake Tahoe. This bill would additionally exclude from the above requirement relating to the use of rental income received from surface uses of public lands, all rental income from surface uses for lands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, as defined.

[AB 2465](#) ([Gallagher R](#)) Sport fishing licenses: decline in sales: advisory group.

Introduced: 2/14/2018

Last Amend: 3/21/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, on or before February 1, 2019, to convene a sport fishing industry group, to be known as the R3 Group, with "R3" standing for "Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation." Under the bill, the purpose of the R3 Group would be to collaborate with the department to identify barriers to sport fishing that contribute to the decline in sales of sport fishing licenses.

[AB 2470](#) ([Grayson D](#)) Invasive species.

Introduced: 2/14/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would establish the Invasive Species Council of California, composed as prescribed, to help coordinate a comprehensive effort to prevent the introduction of invasive species in the state and to provide for the control or eradication of invasive species already established in the state. The bill would establish a California Invasive Species Advisory Committee to advise the council on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control or eradication, as well as minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause.

[AB 2528](#) ([Bloom D](#)) Climate adaptation.

Introduced: 2/14/2018

Last Amend: 4/24/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires the Natural Resources Agency, by July 1, 2017, and every 3 years thereafter, to update the state's climate adaptation strategy to identify vulnerabilities to climate change by sectors, including the biodiversity and habitat sector, and priority actions needed to reduce the risks in those sectors. This bill would specify that the biodiversity and habitat sector includes habitat resilience areas, as defined. The bill would also require state agencies to maximize the objective of protecting and enhancing habitat resilience areas.

[AB 2545](#) ([Gallagher R](#)) Department of Fish and Wildlife: lake or streambed alteration agreements.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law prohibits an entity from substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake, or from depositing certain material where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake, without first notifying the Department of Fish and Wildlife of that activity, and entering into a lake or streambed alteration agreement if required by the department to protect fish and wildlife resources. This bill

would require the department, until January 1, 2023, to establish procedures for the issuance of a general agreement in lieu of an individual alteration agreement pursuant to these provisions. The bill would require the department to adopt general agreements, as specified, for these activities.

[AB 2551](#) ([Wood](#) D) Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program: joint prescribed burning operations.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Prevention to establish, implement, and administer the Forest and Wildland Health Improvement and Fire Prevention Program, as prescribed. The bill would require the department to take specified actions to implement and administer programs that are intended to promote forest and wildland health, restoration, and resilience, and improve fire outcomes, prevention, and preparedness throughout the state. The bill would also require the department, to the extent feasible, to collaborate with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to utilize correctional officers and conservation crews for vegetation management and fire prevention activities.

[AB 2627](#) ([Kalra](#) D) Migratory nongame birds: Migratory Bird Treaty Act: incidental take.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: The Migratory Bird Treaty Act authorizes states and territories of the United States to make and enforce laws or regulations that give further protection to migratory birds, their nests, and eggs. Current state law makes unlawful the taking or possession of any migratory nongame bird, or part of any migratory nongame bird, as designated in the act, except as provided by rules and regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of the Interior under provisions of the act. This bill would permit an entity to take a migratory nongame bird, as defined, if the take is incidental to otherwise lawful activity and the entity complies with best management practices for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating take of migratory nongame birds, as specified.

[AB 2640](#) ([Wood](#) D) Protected species: Lost River sucker and shortnose sucker limited take authorization.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 4/17/2018

Status: 5/24/2018-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 5/24/2018-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would permit the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize, under the California Endangered Species Act, the take or possession of the Lost River sucker and shortnose sucker resulting from impacts attributable to or otherwise related to the decommissioning and removal of the Iron Gate Dam, Copco 1 Dam, Copco 2 Dam, or J.C. Boyle Dam, consistent with the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, if specified conditions are met.

[AB 2649](#) ([Arambula](#) D) Water rights: water management.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to prioritize a temporary permit for a project that enhances the ability of a local or state agency to capture water during high precipitation events for local storage or recharge, with certain conditions and consistent with water rights priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. The bill would exempt temporary permits for these

projects from the California Environmental Quality Act. The bill would require the board to set a reduced application fee for an applicant for a temporary permit for these projects.

[AB 2697](#) (Gallagher R) Wildlife, bird, and waterfowl habitat: idled agricultural lands.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Wildlife Conservation Board to establish a program, which may include direct payments or other incentives, to encourage landowners to voluntarily cultivate or retain cover crops or other upland vegetation on idled lands to provide waterfowl, upland game bird, and other wildlife habitat cover for purposes, including, but not limited to, encouraging the use of idle agricultural lands for wildlife habitat. The bill would also authorize the department to provide incentives pursuant to the program for the creation or enhancement of waterfowl brood habitat, and to develop guidelines and criteria for the program as it deems appropriate.

[AB 2721](#) (Quirk D) Cannabis: testing laboratories.

Introduced: 2/15/2018

Last Amend: 3/23/2018

Status: 5/24/2018-Referred to Com. on B., P. & E.D.

Location: 5/24/2018-S. B., P. & E.D.

Summary: Would authorize a testing laboratory to receive and test samples of cannabis or cannabis products from a person over 21 years of age when the cannabis has been grown by that person and will be used solely for his or her personal use pursuant to AUMA. The bill would prohibit a testing laboratory from certifying samples from the person over 21 years of age for resale or transfer to another person. The bill would require all tests pursuant to these provisions to be recorded with the name of the person submitting the sample and the amount of cannabis or cannabis product received.

[AB 2781](#) (Low D) Forensic ballistic and firearms procedures.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law authorizes local law enforcement agencies to have specified information related to firearms entered into the United States Department of Justice, National Integrated Ballistic Information Network to ensure that representative samples of fired bullets and cartridge cases from crime scenes are recorded, as specified. This bill would require a law enforcement agency, as defined, to obtain ballistic images from firearms and cartridge cases obtained by the agency as specified, and submit those images to the National Integrated Ballistic Identification Network or a comparable automated ballistic identification system used by the agency. The bill would also require the Department of Justice to develop a protocol for the implementation of this requirement.

[AB 2787](#) (Quirk D) Lead fishing tackle.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law authorizes the Fish and Game Commission, by regulation, to prescribe the manner and means of taking fish, reptiles, and amphibians for noncommercial purposes. Under existing law, the Department of Fish and Wildlife exercises various functions with regard to the taking of fish and wildlife. This bill would require the department, on or before March 1, 2020, to review existing research and data on the impacts of lead fishing tackle on, at minimum, the environment, including wildlife, rivers, lakes, streams, and potential drinking water sources, review efforts in other

jurisdictions to regulate the use of lead fishing tackle, and submit a report on the findings of the review to the Governor and the Legislature, as provided.

[AB 2803](#) (Limón D) Public nuisance: residential lead-based paint.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/23/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-Referred to Coms. on JUD., EQ. and APPR.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. JUD.

Summary: Would provide that residential lead-based paint that affects the health of a considerable number of persons constitutes a public nuisance. Under the bill, a party may be subject to liability for public nuisance if that party promoted lead-based paint for a particular use with actual or constructive knowledge that such use would cause health hazards sufficiently serious to render that use unreasonable, as specified. The bill would provide that, in an action seeking solely abatement of residential lead-based paint, causation may be established without presenting evidence that a particular party caused a particular lead-based paint to be applied in a particular residence, as specified.

[AB 2805](#) (Bigelow R) Wild pigs: validations.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law requires a person to procure, as specified, either a hunting license and a wild pig tag or a depredation permit in order to take a wild pig. However, current law provides that any wild pig that is encountered while in the act of inflicting injury to, or damaging or destroying, or threatening to immediately damage or destroy, land or other property may be taken immediately by the owner or the owner's employee or agent, as specified. Under current law, a violation of the Fish and Game Code is a crime. This bill would revise and recast the provisions applicable to wild pigs by, among other things, specifying that the wild pig is not a game mammal or nongame mammal.

[AB 2864](#) (Limón D) Coastal resources: oil spills.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act provides that the administrator for oil spill response, subject to the Governor, has the primary authority to direct prevention, removal, abatement, response, containment, and cleanup efforts with regard to all aspects of any oil spill in waters of the state, in accordance with any applicable facility or vessel contingency plan and the California oil spill contingency plan. This bill, for spills affecting coastal resources, would require the administrator to invite the California Coastal Commission or the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, as applicable according to jurisdiction, to participate in the natural resource damage assessment process regarding injuries to coastal resources and potential restoration and mitigation measures for inclusion in the damage assessment and restoration plan.

[AB 2889](#) (Caballero D) Timber harvesting plans: guidance and assistance.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/30/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current law prohibits a person, as defined, from conducting timber operations, as defined, unless a timber harvesting plan that meets specified requirements and is prepared by a professional forester for those operations has been submitted to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

Existing law requires the department to review, approve, or require the modification of, timber harvesting plans in accordance with prescribed procedures. This bill would require the department to provide guidance and assistance to ensure the uniform and efficient implementation of processes and procedures regulating the filing, review, approval, required modification, completion, and appeal of decisions relating to timber harvesting plans, as provided.

[AB 2958](#) (Quirk D) State bodies: meetings: teleconference.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/25/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-Referred to Com. on G.O.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. G.O.

Summary: The Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act requires, with specified exceptions, that all meetings of a state body, as defined, be open and public, and all persons be permitted to attend any meeting of a state body, except as provided. Current law, among other things, requires a state body that elects to conduct a meeting or proceeding by teleconference to post agendas at all teleconference locations, to identify each teleconference location in the notice and agenda, and to make each teleconference location accessible to the public. Existing law requires the agenda to provide an opportunity for members of the public to address the state body directly at each teleconference location, as specified. This bill, for an advisory board, advisory commission, advisory committee, advisory subcommittee, or similar multimember advisory body that does not have rulemaking or voting authority, would instead require a member of a state body participating by teleconference to be listed in the meeting minutes.

[AB 2975](#) (Friedman D) Wild and scenic rivers.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/29/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would, if (1) the federal government takes action to enact a statute that, upon enactment, would require the removal or delisting of any river or segment of a river in California that is included in the national wild and scenic rivers system and not in the state wild and scenic rivers system; or (2) the secretary determines that the federal government by enactment of a statute or by executive order has exempted a river or segment of a river in California that is not in the state wild and scenic river system from the protection of certain federal provisions governing restrictions on water resources projects, require the secretary, after holding a public hearing on the issue, based on the information obtained through the public hearing, to determine whether the provision of state protection for the river or segment of the river that has been removed, delisted, or exempted from the federal wild and scenic rivers system is in the best interest of the state and, if so, to take specified actions, until December 31, 2025, to add the river or segment of a river to the state wild and scenic rivers system and to classify that river or segment of a river, as prescribed.

[AB 3009](#) (Quirk D) Hazardous materials: lead-based paint.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/29/2018-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

Location: 5/29/2018-A. THIRD READING

Summary: Would impose a \$2 charge on manufacturers of paint, as defined, for each gallon of paint sold in the state. The bill would require the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration to collect the charges, as prescribed. The bill would, except as provided, require the collected charges to be deposited into the Lead-Based Paint Cleanup Fund, which the bill would create in the State Treasury.

[AB 3030](#) (Caballero D) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: qualified opportunity zones.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/18/2018

Status: 6/4/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 6/4/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Current federal law provides certain federal tax incentives to a taxpayer who invests in a qualified opportunity fund, which is an investment vehicle organized for the purpose of investing in qualified opportunity zone property, as prescribed. This bill would exempt a project that is financed by a qualified opportunity fund and that meets certain requirements from CEQA. The bill would require a lead agency, before making a determination that the project is exempt from CEQA, to hold a noticed public hearing on the project, as specified. The bill would require the lead agency, if it determines that a project is exempt from CEQA under the above exemption and determines to approve or carry out the project, to file a specified notice with the Office of Planning and Research.

AB 3133 **(Berman D) State Public Works Board.**

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 3/19/2018

Status: 5/17/2018-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 5/17/2018-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Would add the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency as a member of the State Public Works Board for the purpose of hearing and deciding matters related to the acquisition of properties or construction of projects for any programs under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Agency. This bill would additionally require the chairperson of the board, when the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency is serving as a member of the board, in the case of a vote of the board that results in a tie, to cast the deciding vote.

AB 3157 **(Lackey R) Taxation: cannabis.**

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/10/2018

Status: 5/25/2018-In committee: Held under submission.

Location: 5/16/2018-A. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: The Control, Regulate and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA), an initiative measure approved as Proposition 64 at the November 8, 2016, statewide general election, and additionally amended by statute, imposes an excise tax commencing January 1, 2018, on the purchase of cannabis and cannabis products, as defined, at the rate of 15% of the average market price of any retail sale by a cannabis retailer. This bill would reduce that excise tax rate to 11% on and after the operative date of this bill until June 1, 2021, at which time the excise tax rate would revert back to 15%. This bill would suspend the imposition of the cultivation tax on and after the operative date of this bill until June 1, 2021.

AB 3160 **(Grayson D) Federal public lands: conveyances: defense base closure and realignment.**

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/18/2018

Status: 5/24/2018-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 5/24/2018-S. N.R. & W.

Summary: Current law generally establishes a policy of the state to discourage conveyances of federal public lands in California from the federal government. Current law specifies that these conveyances are void ab initio unless the State Lands Commission was provided with the right of first refusal or the right to arrange for the transfer of the federal public land to another entity. Under current law, if the commission was provided with the right of first refusal or the right to arrange for the transfer of the federal public lands to another entity, the commission is required to issue a certificate affirming certain compliance before the conveyance of federal public lands in California. This bill would authorize the executive officer of the commission to issue these certifications of compliance.

AB 3173 **(Irwin D) Unmanned aerial vehicles.**

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/26/2018

Status: 5/30/2018-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

Location: 5/30/2018-S. PUB. S.

Summary: Current federal laws and regulations regulate the operation of unmanned aircraft systems (UASs), also known as drones or remotely piloted aircraft. Current federal laws and regulations require the registration of certain UASs, require commercial operators of UASs to be licensed, prohibit the operation of UASs above specified altitudes and within specified distances of an airport, prohibit nighttime operation, and require a UAS to remain within the sight of the pilot. This bill would make it an infraction to operate an unregistered UAS that is required to be registered under federal law. This bill would make it an infraction to operate an unregistered UAS that is required to be registered under federal law.

AB 3218 (Arambula D) Millerton Lake State Recreation Area: acquisition of land.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

Location: 5/31/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would require the Department of Parks and Recreation to effectively manage lands currently within its jurisdiction in the Millerton Lake State Recreation Area adjacent to the San Joaquin River, and would authorize the department to enter into an agreement with the conservancy to manage lands acquired by the San Joaquin River Conservancy adjacent to the state recreation area, as specified.

SB 1 (Beall D) Transportation funding.

Introduced: 12/5/2016

Last Amend: 4/3/2017

Status: 4/28/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 5, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 4/28/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would create the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program to address deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would require the California Transportation Commission to adopt performance criteria, consistent with a specified asset management plan, to ensure efficient use of certain funds available for the program.

SB 5 (De León D) California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018.

Introduced: 12/5/2016

Last Amend: 9/10/2017

Status: 10/15/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 852, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/15/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would enact the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$4,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. The bill, upon voter approval, would reallocate \$100,000,000 of the unissued bonds authorized for the purposes of Propositions 1, 40, and 84 to finance the purposes of a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.

SB 49 (De León D) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017.

Introduced: 12/5/2016

Last Amend: 9/12/2017

Status: 9/12/2017-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 9/11/2017-A. RLS.

Summary: Would require specified agencies to take prescribed actions to maintain and enforce certain requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species. By imposing new duties on local agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

SB 50

(Allen D) Federal public lands: conveyances.

Introduced: 12/5/2016

Last Amend: 9/5/2017

Status: 10/6/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 535, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/6/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would establish, except as provided, a policy of the state to discourage conveyances of federal public lands in California from the federal government. The bill would, except as provided, specify that these conveyances are void ab initio unless the State Lands Commission was provided with the right of first refusal or the right to arrange for the transfer of the federal public land to another entity.

SB 80

(Wieckowski D) California Environmental Quality Act: notices.

Introduced: 1/11/2017

Last Amend: 6/21/2017

Status: 3/3/2018-Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.

Location: 10/16/2017-S. VETOED

Summary: The California Environmental Quality Act requires the lead agency to mail certain notices to persons who have filed a written request for notices. The act provides that if the agency offers to provide the notices by email, upon filing a written request for notices, a person may request that the notices be provided to him or her by email. This bill would require the lead agency to post those notices on the agency's Internet Web site. The bill would require the agency to offer to provide those notices by email. Because this bill would increase the level of service provided by a local agency, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 92

(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Public resources.

Introduced: 1/11/2017

Last Amend: 6/9/2017

Status: 6/27/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 26, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 6/27/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law regulating commercial fishing imposes, or authorizes the imposition of, various license, permit, and registration fees. Current law requires specified persons to pay commercial fishing fees, referred to as a "landing tax," calculated on the total weight of fish delivered, based on a rate-per-pound schedule applicable to specified aquatic species. This bill would rename the "landing tax" as a "landing fee" and would revise the rate schedule by increasing certain fees while decreasing other fees to specified amounts. The bill would make conforming and other related changes.

SB 94

(Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Cannabis: medicinal and adult use.

Introduced: 1/11/2017

Last Amend: 6/9/2017

Status: 6/27/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 27, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 6/27/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: The Medical Marijuana Program also provides immunity from arrest to those exempt patients or designated primary caregivers who engage in certain acts involving marijuana, up to certain limits, and who have identification cards issued pursuant to the program unless there is reasonable cause to believe that the information contained in the card is false or fraudulent, the card has been obtained by means of fraud, or the person is otherwise in violation of the law. This bill would

require probable cause to believe that the information on the card is false or fraudulent, the card was obtained by fraud, or the person is otherwise in violation of the law to overcome immunity from arrest to patients and primary caregivers in possession of an identification card.

SB 144 **(McGuire D) Fish and wildlife: steelhead trout: fishing report-restoration card.**

Introduced: 1/13/2017

Last Amend: 3/15/2017

Status: 9/26/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 305, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 9/26/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires revenues from steelhead trout fishing license fees to be deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and to be available for expenditure, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources consistent with specified law, and to administer the fishing report-restoration card program. This bill would extend the operation of those provisions to July 1, 2022, to be repealed as of January 1, 2023. The bill would require the department to report to the Legislature regarding the fishing report-restoration card program's projects on or before July 1, 2021.

SB 161 **(McGuire D) Fish and Game Commission: tribal committee.**

Introduced: 1/19/2017

Status: 10/3/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 457, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/3/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires the Fish and Game Commission to form a marine resources committee and a wildlife resources committee from its membership. This bill would require the commission to form a tribal committee from its membership consisting of at least one commissioner and would require the committee to report to the commission from time to time on its activities and to make recommendations on all tribal matters considered by the commission.

SB 187 **(Berryhill R) Sport fishing licenses: duration.**

Introduced: 1/25/2017

Last Amend: 5/3/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 7/19/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

Location: 9/1/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of a specified fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of 12 consecutive months beginning on the date specified on the license, instead of for the period of a calendar year, or the remainder thereof. The bill would require the commission to include, among the costs required to be recovered by an adjustment of the fee amount, transition costs related to the new licensing period.

SB 214 **(Atkins D) San Diego River Conservancy.**

Introduced: 2/1/2017

Last Amend: 9/5/2017

Status: 9/26/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 306, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 9/26/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: The San Diego River Conservancy Act establishes the San Diego River Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency, and prescribes the territory, membership, functions, and duties of the conservancy with regard to, among other things, the acquisition, protection, and management of public lands within the San Diego River area, as defined. This bill would specify that the powers of the conservancy include improving, developing, and preserving lands for the purpose of protecting the natural, cultural, and historical resources, and entering into a joint powers agreement, as specified.

- [SB 234](#) (Berryhill R) Fishing: local regulation: report.**
Introduced: 2/6/2017
Last Amend: 3/21/2017
Status: 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 7/19/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)
Location: 9/1/2017-A. 2 YEAR
Summary: Would require the Fish and Game Commission to undertake a survey and evaluation of local ordinances that regulate fishing and to submit the survey and evaluation to the Legislature in a report by December 31, 2018.
- [SB 345](#) (Bradford D) Law enforcement agencies: public records.**
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Last Amend: 9/5/2017
Status: 3/3/2018-Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.
Location: 10/14/2017-S. VETOED
Summary: Would, commencing January 1, 2019, require the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Justice, the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, and each local law enforcement agency to conspicuously post on their Internet Web sites all current standards, policies, practices, operating procedures, and education and training materials that would otherwise be available to the public if a request was made pursuant to the California Public Records Act.
- [SB 347](#) (Jackson D) State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.**
Introduced: 2/14/2017
Last Amend: 6/21/2017
Status: 6/5/2018-Set for hearing 6/19/2018
Location: 6/5/2018-A. P. & C.P.
Summary: Would enact the State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act. The bill would prohibit a person from operating a remote piloted aircraft in any number of specified manners and would require any person using, operating, or renting a remote piloted aircraft and every commercial operator of a remote piloted aircraft to maintain adequate liability insurance or proof of financial responsibility, as specified.
- [SB 473](#) (Hertzberg D) California Endangered Species Act.**
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Last Amend: 9/5/2017
Status: 9/8/2017-Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Calderon.
Location: 9/8/2017-A. INACTIVE FILE
Summary: The California Endangered Species Act, prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species, except in certain situations. The act also provides, until January 1, 2020, that the accidental take of candidate, threatened, or endangered species resulting from acts that occur on a farm or a ranch in the course of otherwise lawful routine and ongoing agricultural activities is not prohibited by the act. The act requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to define "routine and agricultural activities" by regulation. This bill would also apply the take prohibition to public agencies.
- [SB 495](#) (Vidak R) Endangered species: blunt-nosed leopard lizard: taking or possession.**
Introduced: 2/16/2017
Last Amend: 4/9/2018
Status: 4/23/2018-From committee: Be re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W. (Ayes 8. Noes 0.) (April 23). Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W. (Set for Hearing 6/4/2018)
Location: 4/23/2018-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Would permit the Department of Fish and Wildlife to authorize, under the California Endangered Species Act, the take or possession of the blunt-nosed leopard lizard resulting from impacts attributable to or otherwise related to the Allensworth Community Services District Safe Drinking Water Project to drill a new water well for the community of Allensworth and the Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park, if specified conditions are met. The bill would also make a conforming change.

[SB 506](#) (Nielsen R) Department of Fish and Wildlife: lake or streambed alteration agreements: Internet Web site.

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amend: 6/5/2017

Status: 2/4/2018-Last day to consider Governor's veto pursuant to Joint Rule 58.5.

Location: 7/21/2017-S. VETOED

Summary: Would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, on or before December 31, 2018, and periodically thereafter, to upgrade the information on its Internet Web site regarding lake or streambed alteration agreements, to update its "Frequently Asked Questions" document and other appropriate sources of information regarding the lake and streambed alteration program, and to provide guidance on its Internet Web site to facilitate members of the public in obtaining individualized guidance regarding the lake and streambed alteration program, as specified.

[SB 518](#) (Berryhill R) Sport fishing licenses: 12 consecutive month licenses.

Introduced: 2/16/2017

Last Amend: 4/4/2018

Status: 5/10/2018-From committee: Be re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W. (Ayes 9. Noes 0.) (May 10). Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

Location: 5/10/2018-A. W.,P. & W.

Summary: Current law requires a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of a specified fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of a calendar year, or, if issued after the beginning of the year, for the remainder thereof. Current law also requires the issuance of shorter term licenses upon payment of a specified lesser fee. Current law requires the Fish and Game Commission to adjust the amount of the fees, as prescribed, to fully recover, but not exceed, all reasonable administrative and implementation costs of the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the commission relating to those licenses. This bill, in addition to sport fishing licenses for the periods specified above, would require a sport fishing license to be issued to a resident or nonresident for the period of 12 consecutive months, upon payment of a fee that is equal to 130% of the fees for issuance of resident or nonresident calendar-year licenses, as applicable.

[SB 580](#) (Pan D) Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Status: 9/26/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 309, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 9/26/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law adopts and authorizes federally adopted and approved projects, including a project for flood control along the American and Sacramento Rivers. The projects are authorized at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated by the Legislature for state participation upon the recommendation and advice of the Department of Water Resources or the Central Valley Flood Protection Board. This bill would revise the authorization for the project for flood control along the American and Sacramento Rivers as further modified by a specified report adopted by Congress.

[SB 588](#) (Hertzberg D) Marine resources and preservation.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 5/7/2018

Status: 5/7/2018-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 5/7/2018-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would express the intent of the Legislature to end offshore drilling off the coast of California and that the act shall not encourage additional oil and gas leases. This bill would also express the intent of the Legislature to create a responsible and permanent funding source to preserve the resources, biodiversity, and culture of the state, and, by enacting a program to permit the partial conversion of an offshore oil platform to an artificial reef, to encourage the early termination of offshore oil drilling off the coast of California

SB 615 **(Hueso D) Salton Sea restoration.**

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 9/8/2017

Status: 10/15/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 859, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/15/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would specify that any barrier in the Salton Sea within or below a certain elevation would not be considered a dam and would provide that the construction of facilities to separate fresh water from highly saline water for the purposes of implementing restoration activities pursuant to the act shall not be subject to review, approval, inspection, or fees associated with certain laws relating to dams and reservoirs. The bill would state various legislative findings and declarations relating to the Salton Sea, would name the state's comprehensive management plan for the Salton Sea the "John J. Benoit Salton Sea Restoration Plan."

SB 667 **(Atkins D) Department of Water Resources: riverine and riparian stewardship improvements.**

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 6/20/2017

Status: 10/6/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 543, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/6/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law authorizes the Director of Water Resources to establish a program of flood control and urban creek restoration, known as the Urban Streams Restoration Program, consisting of the development of the capability by the Department of Water Resources to respond to requests from local agencies and organizations for planning and design assistance for efficient and effective urban creek protection, restoration, and enhancement. This bill, upon an appropriation of funds from the Legislature, would require the department to establish a program to implement watershed-based riverine and riparian stewardship improvements by providing technical and financial assistance in support of projects with certain benefits.

SB 701 **(Hueso D) Salton Sea Obligations Act of 2018.**

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 7/3/2017

Status: 9/1/2017-September 1 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

Location: 8/23/2017-A. APPR.

Summary: Would enact the Salton Sea Obligations Act of 2018, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$500,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a program to comply with specified state obligations relating to the Salton Sea. This bill would provide for the submission of these provisions to the voters at the November 6, 2018, statewide general election.

SB 714 **(Newman D) State Coastal Conservancy: West Coyote Hills Conservancy Program.**

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 9/12/2017

Status: 4/16/2018-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

Location: 4/16/2018-A. NAT. RES.

Summary: Would, until January 1, 2028, establish the West Coyote Hills Conservancy Program, to be administered by the State Coastal Conservancy and to undertake projects and award grants in the West Coyote Hills area, as described, for purposes relating to improvement of public access, and the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural resources in the area. The bill would prescribe the duties of the conservancy with regard to the implementation and administration of the program. This bill contains other related provisions.

[SB 771](#) (De León D) California Environmental Quality Act: continuing education: public employees.

Introduced: 2/17/2017

Last Amend: 7/18/2017

Status: 9/13/2017-Ordered to inactive file on request of Assembly Member Calderon.

Location: 9/13/2017-A. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: Would establish a continuing education requirement for employees of public agencies who have primary responsibility to administer the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, as specified). Because this bill would require a public agency to ensure that this continuing education requirement is met, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[SB 809](#) (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) Natural resources.

Introduced: 3/8/2017

Last Amend: 6/20/2017

Status: 10/5/2017-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 521, Statutes of 2017.

Location: 10/5/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: The California Constitution establishes the 5-member Fish and Game Commission, with members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. Current statutory law requires the commissioners to annually elect one of their number as president and one as vice president, by a concurrent vote of at least 3 commissioners. Current law prohibits a president or vice president from serving more than 2 consecutive years. This bill would eliminate this prohibition.

[SB 919](#) (Dodd D) Water resources: stream gages.

Introduced: 1/22/2018

Last Amend: 3/15/2018

Status: 5/29/2018-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 29. Noes 8.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/29/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Would require the Department of Water Resources, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to develop a plan to deploy a network of stream gages that includes a determination of funding needs and opportunities for reactivating existing gages. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the board, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Central Valley Flood Protection Board, interested stakeholders, and, to the extent they wish to consult, local agencies, to develop the plan to address significant gaps in information necessary for water management.

[SB 991](#) (Wilk R) Agriculture: bees: apiaries.

Introduced: 2/5/2018

Status: 2/14/2018-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/5/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: The Apiary Protection Act generally regulates bee management and beekeepers and provides various enforcement and penalty provisions for violating the act. Existing law prohibits a person from maintaining an apiary (1) on premises other than that of his or her residence unless the apiary is identified, as prescribed, (2) on private land not owned or leased by the person without approval, as specified, and (3) on public land without the expressed oral or written approval of the entity that owns, leases, controls, or occupies the land, as prescribed. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes in these provisions.

[SB 1015](#) (Allen D) California Climate Resiliency Program.

Introduced: 2/7/2018

Last Amend: 5/10/2018

Status: 5/29/2018-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 27. Noes 9.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/29/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Would establish the California Climate Resiliency Program to increase resiliency to climate change impacts in urban and rural communities throughout the state and to fund the planning and implementation of projects that improve and enhance the climate change resiliency of natural systems, natural and working lands, and developed areas. The bill would require that the program be developed and implemented by the Wildlife Conservation Board, in coordination with any participating state conservancies, as defined.

[SB 1017](#) (Allen D) Commercial fishing: drift gill net shark and swordfish fishery.

Introduced: 2/7/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/30/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Current law authorizes a drift gill net shark and swordfish permit (DGN permit) permit to be transferred to another person under certain circumstances. Current law establishes an annual fee of \$330 for a DGN permit and requires that fee to be adjusted annually pursuant to a specified index. This bill would require the department, between January 1, 2019, and March 31, 2020, to develop a voluntary permit transition program, as prescribed, and to implement the program upon appropriation by the Legislature of private or federal funding received by the department for this purpose. The bill would increase the fee for a DGN permit that expires on March 31, 2019, to \$482.75. The bill would require a DGN permit issued pursuant to these provisions to be surrendered or revoked as of January 31, 2023.

[SB 1020](#) (Berryhill R) Sport fishing: daily bag limit: possession.

Introduced: 2/7/2018

Status: 2/14/2018-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/7/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Under current law, it is unlawful for any person to possess more than one daily bag limit of any fish taken under a sport fishing license unless authorized by regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission. This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to this provision.

[SB 1277](#) (Hueso D) Salton Sea: governance.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Status: 3/1/2018-Referred to Com. on RLS.

Location: 2/16/2018-S. RLS.

Summary: Would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would create a governance and administrative structure to manage the day-to-day implementation of the Salton Sea Management Program.

[SB 1301](#) (Beall D) State permitting: environment: processing procedures: dam safety or flood risk reduction project.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/30/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Would require the Office of Planning and Research to develop a joint multiagency preapplication and a model fee-for-service agreement, in consultation with a state agency with the power to issue a permit that would authorize a dam safety project or authorize a flood risk reduction

project and any interested potential project applicants. The bill would authorize a project applicant to complete a joint multiagency preapplication and submit the preapplication to each state agency named in the preapplication at any time.

[SB 1309](#) (McGuire D) Fishing: Fisheries Omnibus Bill of 2018.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/23/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/30/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a commercial fishing salmon stamp upon application for the stamp and payment of a base fee of \$85. That base fee is required to be adjusted during specified commercial salmon seasons. However, current law prohibits the total fees, as adjusted, from exceeding \$260. Current law requires the department to deposit revenues from this fee, funds received from other sources, as specified, and other specified revenues in the Commercial Salmon Stamp Dedicated Subaccount in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. This bill would extend the operation of these provisions until January 1, 2029.

[SB 1310](#) (McGuire D) Fishing: Dungeness crab.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/9/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/31/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Current law sets forth the qualifications for initial issuance of a Dungeness crab vessel permit, including a person's history of participating in the Dungeness crab fishery before the establishment of the permit program, provides that one category of permit issued pursuant to those provisions shall become null and void upon the death of the permittee, and provides a penalty for submitting false information in connection with initial issuance of the permit. Current law provides for renewal of a permit. Current law requires the owner of a permitted vessel to transfer the permit upon sale to the person purchasing the vessel. This bill would delete the provisions relating to the initial issuance of a permit, except for the provision that makes one category of permit null and void upon the death of the permittee.

[SB 1311](#) (Berryhill R) Fishing and hunting: annual sportsman's licenses.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 4/18/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-Read third time. Passed. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/31/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Would create the annual sportsman's license that affords the holder of the license the same privileges as the annual hunting and fishing licenses but that is valid for a term of one year from July 1 to June 30, inclusive, or, if issued after the beginning of that term, for the remainder of the term. The bill would limit the issuance of these licenses to residents and would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue these licenses from January 1, 2020, to January 1, 2026, inclusive, upon payment of an unspecified fee. The bill would require the fee to be adjusted annually pursuant to a specified index. The bill would require the department to collect all relevant, appropriate, and sufficient data necessary to evaluate the benefit of the annual sportsman's license and to justify the amount of the fees.

[SB 1487](#) (Stern D) Iconic African Species Protection Act.

Introduced: 2/16/2018

Last Amend: 5/25/2018

Status: 5/31/2018-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 5/30/2018-A. DESK

Summary: Would enact the Iconic African Species Protection Act and would prohibit the possession of specified African species and any part, product, offspring, or the dead body or parts thereof, including, but not limited to, the African elephant or the black rhinoceros, by any individual, firm, corporation, association, or partnership within the State of California, except as specified for, among other things, use for educational or scientific purposes by a bona fide educational or scientific institution, as defined.

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Subject: Support of concepts within SB 1017

Dear Honorable Senator Allen,

The California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) writes in support of the concepts within SB 1017 regarding the California drift gillnet (DGN) fishery. As you know, the DGN fishery that operates off of California is complicated. Finding comprehensive, long-term solutions to address the environmental impacts associated with this fishery is needed, while also considering economic impacts within the solutions.

One of the Commission's current priorities is to support California's sustainable coastal fishing communities. To maintain a robust coastal fishing economy, fishing communities need both adaptive management and flexibility to fish a variety of fish stocks. This priority aligns with one of the objectives articulated by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), which governs management of federal fisheries, including the DGN swordfish fishery. The MSA highlights the importance of providing opportunity, ensuring the environmental and economic viability of fisheries and fishing communities, while at the same time, avoiding and minimizing bycatch.

As you may be aware, the DGN fishery is managed federally by the Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC). The fishery primarily harvests swordfish, but can also take other commercially valuable species such as bonito, thresher and mako shark, and opah. The DGN fishery operates under a limited entry permit system which has included increasingly more restrictive gear requirements and time-area closures intended to limit bycatch of protected species. In recent years, PFMC has been actively engaged in reviewing DGN management measures and evaluating alternative gear, including deep set buoy gear (DSBG). The PFMC is in process of authorizing DSBG, which would help to open additional access for California fishermen to fish this healthy and sustainable fish stock with lower bycatch. For the DGN fishery, PFMC also adopted requirements for full observer coverage and hard bycatch caps last year, which the Commission was also in support of. Hard bycatch caps, which limit the maximum number of marine mammals and sea turtles caught as bycatch fishery-wide, would have required the

fishery to shut down for the rest of the season and potentially the following season if any limit was reached. If hard caps are combined with full observer coverage, the public can be assured that the fishery is operating in the most environmentally sensitive way it ever has and the data collected can be verified. However, NOAA Fisheries decided not to implement the recommendation from the PFMFC for full observer coverage and bycatch .

Absent these requirements, the Commission submitted a letter urging NOAA Fisheries to authorize and incentivize DSBG as soon as possible. SB 1017 highlights three key areas for the DGN fishery: observer coverage, hard bycatch caps, and transition of DGN to DSBG, which the Commission has long supported in concept. Over the past twenty years, the number of U.S. West Coast, DGN swordfish fishery participants and landings have significantly declined, attributed in large part to regulations and time/area closures implemented to mitigate bycatch in the fishery. From a peak of 251 permits in 1986, the number of participants in the fishery has dwindled to below 50 permits; in 2017, all landings were made by just seventeen of these. However, the fishery still provides high economic importance, and concerns remain regarding management measures implemented to address bycatch and the subsequent economic impacts to California fishermen and coastal communities, despite a healthy swordfish stock, a high demand for swordfish, and increasing imports to replace the California-caught fish.

Collaborative research and experimental fishing permit trials of DSBG conducted thus far indicate that the gear can minimize interactions with protected species and minimize finfish bycatch over DGN, however it has not yet demonstrated economic viability for most fishermen. DSBG, if implemented, should also be aligned with economic incentives to allow for fishermen to easily convert from DGN to DSBG.

As mentioned, sustainable coastal fishing communities are a priority to the Commission and to Californians. Continuing to work with the fishermen on this challenging issue to ensure their economic livelihoods is critical to the successful transition to a different gear type and to the resiliency of these communities.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,