

Notes from the Editor

Volume 100, published in the centennial year of *California Fish and Game*, has been completed. This effort, to commemorate the 100th year of publication of California's longest running, continuously published scientific journal, was the result of the efforts of many individuals, including researchers, corresponding editors, and reviewers.

The centennial volume, which consisted of four special issues each addressing a particular aspect of fish and wildlife conservation, was the largest ever published by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Publication began in 1914 under the California Division of Wildlife, and continued for many decades under the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). Legislation implemented in 2013 resulted in the renaming CDFG, which became the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). One hundred years from now we cannot predict what CDFW will be called, but we can hope that the support for its journal, *California Fish and Game*, will remain strong.

Volume 100 consisted of 758 total pages, which were nearly evenly distributed among the four special issues. The Special Plant Issue (100[1]) contained 14 papers, as did the Special Wildlife and Special Fisheries issues (100[3] and 100[4], respectively), while the Special Marine Issue (100[2]) contained 12 papers. These papers were produced collectively by 123 individual authors, and 86 individuals, each an expert in the subject matter they were asked to comment on, provided peer reviews. These reviewers represented academic institutions, resource management agencies, non-governmental organizations, or consulting organizations.

Governor Jerry Brown introduced volume 100, the Special Native Plant Issue, and emphasized that, "Stewardship—the idea of holding our fish, wildlife and natural resources in trust and passing them along in a better state to future generations—must be our fundamental ethic" and that "California's roots run deep in science, wildlife management and conservation." Additional introductory remarks were provided jointly by CDFW Director Charlton (Chuck) Bonham and Dan Gluesenkamp, Executive Director of the California Native Plant Society. Bonham and Gluesenkamp emphasized that, "As we learn more about why California is special, not just for us but for the whole planet, we strengthen our pledge to dedicate our minds, our hands and our hearts to conserving it."

The Special Marine Issue was introduced by Michael Sutton, President of the California Fish and Game Commission. In his remarks, Sutton noted that, "In this time of rapidly changing media, it is a testament to the quality of this publication that it has survived and continues to thrive into its second century." Director Bonham teamed with Francisco Werner, Director of the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, and provided additional introductory material. Bonham and Werner noted that, in particular, "Based on what we achieved in the previous 100 years, there is every reason to believe, that working together as we have in the past, we will continue to provide the necessary science, which will result in the best management advice and ultimately in a healthy California Current Ecosystem supporting our human coastal communities."

The Special Wildlife Issue was introduced by Anthony Rendon, Chair of the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee. In his remarks, Rendon noted that, “The work of scientists at the Department of Fish and Wildlife and elsewhere has helped guide decisions and the direction of natural resource conservation and management programs for more than a century.” Director Bonham teamed with Terry Bowyer, of Idaho State University, in a follow-up to Rendon’s comments. In their remarks, Bonham and Bowyer challenged the current contributors and readers of the journal, and “... all those who may follow in their footsteps, ... to never stop seeking to understand and manage the many current challenges—as well as those not yet imagined—that wildlife and wildlife habitat in California and the world face.” That is a daunting, but necessary challenge, and one that I am optimistic that *California Fish and Game* will play a role in achieving.

Fran Pavley, Chair of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee, provided an introduction to the Special Fisheries Issue. Senator Pavley’s remarks were timely, noting that, “California has lost approximately 95 percent of its wetlands to development. All but one of our major rivers has been dammed, thus blocking the natural passage of anadromous fish to their historic spawning streams. The diversion of water from natural drainages ... has had tremendous adverse effects on California’s native aquatic organisms.” In their introduction to the Special Fisheries Issue, and in the midst of the California’s ongoing and historic drought, Director Bonham and Phil Pister, retired CDFW fisheries biologist, described the evolution of fisheries management in California, and noted that adaptive management will always be an important component of conservation efforts.

The Centennial Volume of *California Fish and Game* truly was a team effort, with corresponding editors for each of the four disciplines featured in Volume 100 handling solicitation of papers, the peer-review process, decision making, and initial copy editing. Cherylyn Burton was responsible for the Special Native Plants Issue, Pete Kalvass and Ian Taniguchi processed all of the papers for the Special Marine Issue, and Kevin Schaefer, Roger Bloom, and Rob Titus served as corresponding editors for the Special Fisheries Issue. Additionally, guest editors Scott Osborn, Jeff Villepique, and Jack Connelly were responsible for handling the peer-review process for several papers included in the Special Wildlife Issue. Finally, I want to call special attention to the efforts of Debra Hamilton, from the Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach, who played pivotal roles in the publication of Volume 100 by ensuring that all aspects of production—importing manuscript files, preparing page proofs, correcting page proofs, and the posting and printing of final copy—were handled. Here’s to another century of publication of *California Fish and Game*.

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