

Notes from the Editor

Wow... it's not yet the end of May, and the spring issue of *California Fish and Game* has hit the streets. This issue, 101(2), of the journal has been in the making for nearly a year, but production of the four special issues celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of California's longest-running, continuously published scientific journal took an inordinate amount of time and effort to produce. Fortunately, the Associate Editors, Corresponding Editors, reviewers, and Debra Hamilton, who handles the production and layout of the journal, were able to work both on the special issues as well as papers scheduled to appear in 101(1) and 101(2) simultaneously. Without that ability to multitask, we would be months behind in our publication schedule. Thank you to everyone that has worked so hard over the last 18 months to keep us on track.

I am an avid collector of *California Fish and Game*, and have accumulated individual copies of every issue published to date, with one exception. Although I do have a copy of issue 20(2), it is bound into a former library volume. It has taken >40 years to acquire this collection and, in the process of trying to complete it, I have also accumulated multiple copies of numerous issues. If there are serious collectors among the readership, feel free to let me know of issues that you might need for your collection, and I'll try to help you out. And, if you happen to have a copy of 20(2), published in 1934, please consider me to be a willing recipient should you choose to help me complete my quest.

The current issue of *California Fish and Game*, now in your hands, covers numerous topics. Papers addressing distributional records, physiological responses of fish to crowding during transport, the genetics of wild pigs and their history in California, and predation are included in this issue, illustrating the wide range of topics appropriate to be considered for publication in this journal. Also included is a review of a short book that I suspect many authors will find helpful in their future endeavors. Please note the words of, the late, Kate Wolf that introduce the review. Wordiness is the bane of many editors, and this one is no exception. Additionally, the author of that book, Dr. Bill Dunn, emphasizes the necessity of being "on message" with your audience. Individuals that choose to read this book will very likely become better writers or speakers, or both, as a result of doing so.

Finally, this issue contains a tribute to Regional Manager Kimberly Nicol, who spent her entire career in what is now Region 6. Kim passed away in January of this year following a long and courageous battle with cancer. She began her career as a fisheries biologist, and had a strong interest in reptiles and amphibians, as well as in desert fishes. Those of us that worked with her for many years came to know her as a concerned and effective leader. The critters inhabiting the deserts of southeastern California are better off for Kim's efforts, and she and her work on behalf of those creatures and their habitats will be missed.

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