

Notes from the Editor

This edition of the Fish and Game Journal brings two species notes and several marine articles to the scientific literature. One article, the inspiration for the cover photo, describes the economic value of the red abalone fishery. Other articles inform management of two economically important marine fisheries, the California halibut, and the Olympia oyster. The halibut was found to have differences in size and age of reproduction between the southern California population and the central California coast population which has implication for its management. Opportunities for restoration of the oyster were confirmed if suitable habitat is made available. Collectively, these articles highlight the importance of our natural resources to our economy and our society. Scientists investigate and report these co-benefits to managers who use the science to set management goals or to design strategies to enhance or augment natural conditions for the improvement of the resource. Without science we'd be guessing, and much more susceptible to population declines, over-exploitation, and extinction. It is therefore incumbent upon us as scientists, to keep working, keep studying, and keep reporting what we see and find. The contributions made to this journal help shape the future in many small but meaningful ways through publication of our scientific endeavor which will, it is hoped, have lasting benefits for future generations.

With the acquisition of new publishing software, discrepancies developed in the direction given to authors by Bleich et al. (2011), related to the format of tables and figures submitted with manuscripts to the Fish and Game Journal. For clarification, in-lieu of any previous direction provided to authors, tables and figures should be submitted as PDF, TIF or JPG formats. Microsoft PowerPoint format will not be accepted.

The California Fish and Game Journal is pleased to welcome Neil Clipperton, the Department's non-game bird coordinator, as a new associate editor.

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Front—. Red abalone (*Haliotis rufescens*). Photo by Athena Macguire, California Department of Fish and Wildlife. It is estimated red abalone has a worth of \$24-\$44 M in annual non-market benefits to recreational fishers in California (Reid et al. 2016).

Rear—. Desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*). Photo by Jeff Mitchell. The desert tortoise is listed as threatened with extinction by both the State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.