

Notes from the Editor

California Fish and Game has been continuously published quarterly since 1914. In this issue, the journal begins a new feature of reprinting select past article for historical perspective, or using the past to study the present. Our first reprint was published in the first edition of the first volume of the journal and was authored by George C. Pardee, ex-governor of California. Pardee's essay entitled *Fish and Game Conservation Dependent on other Natural Resources*, describes the establishment at the time, of institutions in California intended to oversee the conservation of resources like water, forests, and animals and the opposition then encountered by those institutions. The historical perspective that natural resources belong to all of us and they should be conserved for the benefit of all citizens is still relevant today, as is the awareness that there is still opposition to this perception.

I would like to clarify a topic that has come up a few times regarding formatting manuscripts for publication in the *California Fish and Game*. The question has come up mostly in relation to formatting common names of fishes and whether to capitalize or not, e.g. Longfin Smelt, as required by the America Fisheries Society. The answer is provided by the Council of Science Editors Style Manual (CSE 2014) which serves as this journal's standard for style unless specifically stated otherwise in Bleich et al. (2011). The CSE states: "Vernacular names of animals and plants are generally written in lowercase, except for proper name components, which are capitalized. This style is widely followed for nearly all plants, invertebrates (including insects and crustaceans), fish, and mammals and is reflected in a variety of vernacular name lists developed by professional societies." The CSE acknowledges that the style is not universal and is handled differently by different journals, and that no cross-disciplinary authority (e.g., International Union of Biological Sciences) has made a recommendation for all biological sciences. So for *California Fish and Game*, use lowercase for vernacular names of all animals (including fish), and plants, but use uppercase for any proper name components.

In the final edition of every volume, the journal publishes indexes of Reviewers of Manuscripts, Subject Matter Index, and Author Index for *California Fish and Game*. Following this tradition, these indexes are included in this edition. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the reviewers for their generosity of time and knowledge in helping the journal maintain its high scientific standards. I would also like to thank the authors for submitting their work to *California Fish and Game*. It is the contributions from authors, and our rigorous peer-review that earns this journal its credibility and respect amongst scientists worldwide.

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