

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR APRIL 26-27, 2017

**31B. OTHER INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – LEGISLATIVE REPORT****Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☒

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

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- Brief legislative update Feb 8-9, 2017; Ronhert Park
- **Today's update** Apr 26-27, 2017; Van Nuys

**Background**

FGC staff has prepared a list of legislation that may impact FGC's resources and workload (see below); each description includes a brief synopsis and current bill status. Additional information is also available in DFW's Apr 2017 Legislative Report (Exhibit 3).

This is an opportunity for FGC to provide direction to staff concerning any 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.

**Updates on FGC Positions**

As directed by FGC, staff drafted a letter of support for the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2017, as introduced in Mar 2017 through S.793 by Senator Booker (D-NJ) and through H.R.1456 by Representative Royce (R-CA) (Exhibit 2).

At the Mar 2017 MRC meeting, President Sklar directed staff to report to FGC on the feasibility of the project proposed in SB 234 – *Fishing: local regulation: report*. Staff has reviewed the current amendments to the bill language and, at this time, finds that with current staffing levels and funding, we are unable to take on this task unless other priorities are set aside.

**Introduced Legislation**

**SB 49 (De Leon and Stern) – California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017.** Status: from committee: Do pass and re-refer to committee on judiciary. This bill is one in a package of bills aimed at insulating the state from rollbacks in federal environmental regulations and public health protections, including SB 51 (Jackson), SB 50 (X).

**SB 161 (McGuire) – Fish and Game Commission: tribal committee.** Status: Apr 3 hearing: Placed on appropriations suspense file. This bill would require FGC to form a tribal committee from its membership consisting of at least one commissioner and would require the committee to report to FGC from time to time on its activities and to make recommendations on all tribal matters considered by FGC, consistent with requirements for MRC and WRC.

**AB 234 (Berryhill) – Fishing: local regulation: report.** Status: read second time. Ordered to third reading. This bill would require FGC to undertake a survey and an evaluation of local

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ordinances that regulate fishing, and to submit the survey and evaluation to the California State Legislature in a report by Dec 31, 2018.

**AB 907 (Garcia) - Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement.** Status: re-referred to committee on appropriations. This bill would establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for specified purposes, including promoting active healthy lifestyles and improving the quality of life for all Californians, and would require the director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to administer the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement. The bill would require the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement to create an advisory group to offer advice, expertise, support, and service to it, without compensation.

**AB 1228 (Bloom) - Experimental fishing permits.** Status: in committee. This bill would authorize DFW to issue experimental fishing permits for specified purposes that would authorize commercial or recreational 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 DFW conditions. Because a violation of the terms of a permit would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**AB 1337 (Patterson and Cooley) – Fish and Game Commission: meetings and hearings: live broadcast.** Status: re-referred to committee on appropriations. This bill would require FGC provide a live video broadcast on its web site of every FGC 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 1544 (Dahle and Mathis) - Hunting: nonlead ammunition.** Status: in committee: Hearing canceled at the request of author. This bill would require FGC to temporarily suspend the prohibition on the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife for a specific hunting season and caliber if FGC finds that nonlead ammunition of the specific caliber is not-available for any reason. The bill would require FGC, on or before Jan 1, 2019, to adopt criteria to determine when nonlead ammunition is not available for purposes of this provision and would require those criteria to include regional availability and cost of nonlead ammunition. The bill would prohibit a suspension from remaining in effect for longer than three years. The bill would require FGC to make any finding that nonlead ammunition is not-available-publicly available on its website.

### Significant Public Comments

Three organizations copied FGC on letters of support for SB 161 to formalize the tribal committee within FGC, as what happens on tribal lands is important to the state's wildlife and habitat resources, and that tribal representatives should have more input and visibility in FGC's regulatory process. The same suite of organizations also support AB 1337, which requires that all public meetings of FGC be webcast to increase public visibility, input and participation

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relative to the development of regulations and related activities of FGC and its committees. See Exhibit 1 for the letters.

**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. [Letters from Safari Club International, California Sportsman's Lobby, and Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California to Senator McGuire, received Mar 16, 2017](#)
2. [FGC letter of support to U.S. Senator Corey Booker and Representative Edward Royce regarding the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2017](#)
3. [DFW legislative report, dated Apr 13, 2017](#)

**Motion/Direction (N/A)**

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# Safari Club International

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## SCI CA Coalition

March 16, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support

Location: Senate Appropriations Committee

**Re: SB 161 (McGuire) Fish and Game Commission: tribal committee (As Introduced January 19, 2017)**

Dear Senator McGuire:

Safari Club International and Safari Club International Foundation (SCI) is a worldwide Non-Profit organization with the mission to protect the freedom to hunt and to promote wildlife conservation. SCI recognizes hunting as a valuable management tool. SCI currently has over 55,000 members and over 6,500 members in California. SCI also has 30,000 California Affiliates, 950,000 U.S. Affiliates and over 7,000,000 International Affiliates. SCI spends millions annually for Wildlife Conservation, Research and Education.

This is to notify you of the support of the SCI CA Coalition (SCI) for SB 161 that would require the State Fish and Game Commission to establish a Tribal Committee, 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.

SCI believes that what happens on tribal lands is important to the state's wildlife and habitat resources, and that tribal representatives should have more input and visibility in the commission's regulatory process.

For your information, SCI is also supporting AB 1337 (Patterson) that would require that the public meetings of the commission and all commission committees be webcast to increase public visibility, input and participation relative to the development of regulations and related activities of the commission and its committees.

For the above reasons, the SCI CA Coalition (SCI) supports the enactment of SB 161.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 or [lynch@lynchlobby.com](mailto:lynch@lynchlobby.com).

Sincerely,

Lisa C. McNamee  
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SCI CA Coalition

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Ms. Narisha Bonakdar, Senate Appropriations Committee  
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Dear Senator McGuire:

The California Sportsman's Lobby is a nonprofit organization of sportsman's clubs and individuals dedicated to preserving outdoor recreation in California. Our principal activities are to monitor legislation that might negatively impact hunting, fishing and other recreation, and to oppose unwise changes in the laws relating to these activities.

The California Sportsman's Lobby (CSL) promotes the conservation, enhancement, scientific management, and wise use of all our natural resources; CSL seeks an end of activities needlessly destructive to natural resources; CSL endeavors to educate and encourage the public generally, and the youth specifically, to an understanding of the advantages and importance of the conservation, enhancement, and wise use of all our natural resources; and CSL works to secure more and better outdoor opportunities for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or color as essential to the physical and spiritual well being of all the people.

This is to notify you that the California Sportsmen's Lobby (CSL) supports SB 161 that would require the State Fish and Game Commission to establish a Tribal Committee, 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.

CSL believes that tribal representatives should be assured of having more input and visibility in the commission's regulatory process. SB 161 would accomplish this.

CSL also believes that all public meetings of the commission and its committees should be webcast to increase the public's overall awareness, input and participation relative to the development of regulations and related commission activities. For this reason, CSL is also supporting AB 1337 (Patterson) which would require such webcasts.

Accordingly, the California Sportsmen's Lobby supports the passage of SB 161.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 or [lynch@lynchlobby.com](mailto:lynch@lynchlobby.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy Walker".

Randy Walker  
President, California Sportsman's Lobby

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Dear Senator McGuire:

The Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California is a nonprofit organization of sportsman's clubs and individuals dedicated to preserving outdoor recreation in California. Our principal activities are to monitor legislation that might negatively impact hunting, fishing and other recreation, and to oppose unwise changes in laws and regulations relating to these activities.

The Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California (OSCC) promotes the conservation enhancement, scientific management, and wise use of all our natural resources; OSCC seeks to end activities needlessly destructive to natural resources; OSCC endeavors to educate and encourage the public generally, and the youth specifically, to an understanding of the advantages and importance of the conservation and enhancement of our natural resources.

OSCC works to enhance outdoor opportunities for all citizens. With several thousand members located throughout California, we stay in contact with our membership via newsletters and the internet so they can be involved as they see fit.

The Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California (OSCC) supports the enactment of SB 161 that would require the State Fish and Game Commission to establish a Tribal Committee, 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.

OSCC believes that what happens on tribal lands is important to the state's wildlife and habitat resources, and that tribal representatives should have more input and visibility in the commission's regulatory process.

OSCC also believes that it is important that the public meetings of the commission and its committees be webcast to increase the public's overall awareness, input and participation relative to the development of



regulations and related commission activities. Accordingly, OSCC wishes to inform you that it is also supporting AB 1337 (Patterson) that would accomplish this webcast objective.

For these reasons, the Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California supports SB 161.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 or [lynch@lynchlobby.com](mailto:lynch@lynchlobby.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Ringgenberg', with a stylized, flowing script.

Keith Ringgenberg  
President, Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition

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## Fish and Game Commission



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April 20, 2017

The Honorable Cory Booker  
U.S. Senate  
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Edward Royce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2310 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Booker and Representative Royce:

I am writing on behalf of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission) to convey support for the proposed Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2017, as introduced through House of Representatives Bill 1456 (H.R.1456) by Representative Royce (R-CA) on March 9, 2017, and through Senate Bill 793 (S.793), by Senator Booker (D-NJ) on March 30, 2017.

The corresponding bills propose to make it illegal to possess, buy, or sell shark fins or any product containing shark fins, except for permitted traditional fishery, educational, or scientific purposes. The action taken by the bill would effectively shut down the U.S. market for shark fins, and thus discourage the practice of shark finning, both legal and illegal, around the world.

Ensuring conservation and effective management of shark populations is important to U.S. fisheries and safeguards our marine ecosystems. It is estimated that over 100 million sharks are killed each year for their fins (B. Worm et al. / Marine Policy 40 (2013) 194–204). Since most species of shark are long-lived, the rate of this exploitation will have serious impacts to shark species and to fisheries sustainability.

The mission of the Commission is to ensure long-term sustainability of fish and wildlife resources in California. With regard to marine resources, we fulfill that mission by establishing fishery management strategies and policies, including gear and temporal restrictions, as well as limits on the size and amount of take of living marine resources in state waters. In January 2012, California enacted Assembly Bill 376, by Assembly

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members Fong and now U.S. Representative Huffman landmark legislation under which it became unlawful to possess, sell, or offer to sell, trade or distribute shark fins in California, except under certain specified conditions. Other states and U.S. territories provide similar protections.

The Commission recognizes that the intent of H.R.1456 and S.793 closely aligns with the Commission's mission, and that it is consistent with, and complementary to, California's existing statutes and take regulations. The Commission supports the concepts embodied in the proposed Federal legislation and is pleased to stand with Senator Booker, Representative Royce and more than 50 other members of the U.S. Congress in support of its passage.

Sincerely,

Eric Sklar  
President

cc: Members, California Fish and Game Commission

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# Department of Fish & Wildlife Legislative Report Executive Team Meeting April 2017

(as of April 13, 2017)

## AB 8

### **(Bloom D) Mountain lions: depredation permits.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Status:** 3/23/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 1/19/2017-A. W., P. & W.

**Summary:** The California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 establishes that the mountain lion is a specially protected mammal under the laws of this state, and makes it unlawful to take, injure, possess, transport, import, or sell a mountain lion or a product of a mountain lion. The act authorizes a person whose livestock or other property is being or has been injured, damaged, or destroyed by a mountain lion to report that fact to the Department of Fish and Wildlife and request a permit to take the mountain lion. The act requires the department or a specifically authorized animal damage control officer to immediately confirm the reported depredation by a mountain lion, and then promptly issue a permit to take the mountain lion. This bill would authorize, rather than require, the issuance of a permit under these circumstances.

## AB 12

### **(Cooley D) State government: administrative regulations: review.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Status:** 4/5/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

**Location:** 3/22/2017-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require each state agency to, on or before January 1, 2020, review that agency's regulations, identify any regulations that are duplicative, overlapping, inconsistent, or out of date, to revise those identified regulations, as provided, and report to the Legislature and Governor, as specified. The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2021.

## 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:** 2/23/2017

**Status:** 3/20/2017-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Location:** 3/20/2017-S. DESK

**Summary:** 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 \$3,105,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a clean water, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program. This bill contains other related provisions.

## AB 77

### **(Fong R) Regulations: effective dates and legislative review.**

**Introduced:** 1/4/2017

**Last Amend:** 2/7/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/5/2017-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the Office of Administrative Law to submit to each house of the Legislature for review a copy of each major regulation that it submits to the Secretary of State. The bill would add another exception to those currently provided that specifies that a regulation does not become effective if the Legislature enacts a statute to override the regulation.

**AB 424**

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

**Introduced:** 2/9/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 4/6/2017-A. THIRD READING

**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, this bill would create a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 425**

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

**Introduced:** 2/9/2017

**Last Amend:** 4/4/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 2/21/2017-A. NAT. RES.

**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 429**

**(Grayson D) State water policy: water rights: use and transferability.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2017

**Status:** 2/14/2017-From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

**Location:** 2/13/2017-A. PRINT

**Summary:** Current law declares that the growing water needs of the state require the use of water in an efficient manner and that the efficient use of water requires certainty in the definition of property rights to the use of water and transferability of those rights. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those declarations.

**AB 472**

**(Frazier D) Water transfers: idled agricultural land: wildlife, waterfowl, and bird nesting habitat.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law requires landowners to be encouraged, when agricultural lands are being idled in order to provide water for transfer and an amount of water is determined to be made available by that idling, to cultivate or retain nonirrigated cover crops or natural vegetation to provide waterfowl, upland game bird, and other wildlife habitat. This bill would require the department to allow nonirrigated cover crops or natural vegetation to remain on idled agricultural lands, without penalty to the landowner, unless it determines, based on peer-reviewed scientific studies or other credible scientific evidence, that an injury to another legal user of water would occur as a result of allowing those crops or vegetation to remain on those lands.

**[AB 474](#)**

**([Garcia, Eduardo](#) D) Hazardous waste: spent brine solutions.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to suspense file.

**Location:** 3/21/2017-A. APPR.

**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 496](#)**

**([Fong](#) R) Transportation funding.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2017

**Last Amend:** 2/28/2017

**Status:** 3/1/2017-Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Location:** 2/27/2017-A. TRANS.

**Summary:** Would create the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Program to address traffic congestion and deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. The bill would provide for the deposit of various existing sources of revenue in the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Account, which the bill would create in the State Transportation Fund, including revenues attributable to the sales and use tax on motor vehicles, revenues attributable to automobile and motor vehicle insurance policies from the insurer gross premiums tax, revenues from certain diesel fuel sales and use taxes, revenues from certain vehicle registration fees, and certain miscellaneous State Highway Account revenues.

**[AB 521](#)**

**([Frazier](#) D) Hunting: elk tags: fees for residents.**

**Introduced:** 2/13/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 12. Noes 1.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**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 a resident elk tag to \$67 and would prohibit the fee from being adjusted pursuant to the specified index.

**[AB 573](#)**

**([Bigelow](#) R) Depredation: wild pigs: damage guidelines.**

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/23/2017

**Status:** 3/27/2017-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

**Location:** 3/23/2017-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** 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. Current law defines "damage" for purposes of these provisions and requires the department to develop statewide guidelines to aid in determining the damage caused by wild pigs. This bill would require the guidelines to consider additional factors and would require the department to update the guidelines as needed.

**[AB 661](#)**

**([Mayes](#) R) Magnesia Spring Ecological Reserve: Mirage Trail.**

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-Read second time. Ordered to Consent Calendar.

**Location:** 4/6/2017-A. CONSENT CALENDAR

**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 delete the January 1, 2018, termination date of that provision.

**AB 718 (Frazier D) Mosquito abatement and vector control districts: fees: exemptions.**

**Introduced:** 2/15/2017

**Status:** 4/3/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/2/2017-A. W., P. & W.

**Summary:** Would exempt a private landowner from a charge imposed by a mosquito abatement and vector control district to recover mosquito control costs for any type of treatment specific to the landowner's property if the property is managed wetland habitat, as defined, the landowner has placed the property under a state or federal easement or similar wildlife conservation agreement, and the landowner implements best management practices on the property. The bill would restrict the source of moneys that a district uses to pay for any cost of treating these properties to moneys collected from fines and penalties.

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

**Introduced:** 2/15/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-Read third time. Passed. Ordered to the Senate.

**Location:** 4/6/2017-S. DESK

**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: body-worn cameras.**

**Introduced:** 2/15/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 7. Noes 0.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. JUD.

**Summary:** Would require each department or agency that employs peace officers and that elects to require those peace officers to wear body-worn cameras to develop a policy setting forth the procedures for, and limitations on, public access to recordings taken by body-worn cameras, as specified. The bill would require the department or agency to conspicuously post the policy on its Internet Web site.

**AB 798 (Garcia, Eduardo D) Salton Sea restoration.**

**Introduced:** 2/15/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/23/2017

**Status:** 3/27/2017-Re-referred to Com. on W., P., & W.

**Location:** 3/23/2017-A. W., P. & W.

**Summary:** Would require the Natural Resources Agency, on or before June 30, 2018, to undertake certain planning activities and to make an effort to secure adequate funding to accomplish a specified goal for the restoration of the Salton Sea.

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

**Introduced:** 2/15/2017



**Status:** 3/22/2017-VOTE: Do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on [Natural Resources]

**Location:** 3/22/2017-A. NAT. RES.

**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 947**    **(Gallagher R) Department of Fish and Wildlife: lake or streambed alteration agreements: definitions.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/27/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 4).

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**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 define "bank," "bed," "channel," and "river" and "stream" for purposes of these provisions.

**AB 975**    **(Friedman D) Natural resources: wild and scenic rivers.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/23/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

**Location:** 4/6/2017-A. THIRD READING

**Summary:** Current law establishes that it is the policy of the state that certain rivers that possess extraordinary scenic, recreational, fishery, or wildlife values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the state. This bill would revise that policy to specify that certain rivers that possess scenic, recreational, fishery, wildlife, historical, cultural, geological, ecological, hydrological, botanical, or other similar values shall be preserved in their free-flowing state, together with their immediate environments, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the state, and would revise the definition of "immediate environments," and define the term "extraordinary value" for purposes of that policy.

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

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Status:** 3/21/2017-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (March 21). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 3/21/2017-A. APPR.

**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. This bill would instead require a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of 12 consecutive months beginning on the date of issuance.

**AB 1031**    **(Waldron R) Personal income taxes: voluntary contributions: Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amend:** 4/4/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/5/2017-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Would allow an individual to designate on his or her tax return that a specified amount in excess of his or her tax liability be transferred to the Native California Wildlife Rehabilitation Voluntary Tax Contribution Fund, which would be created by this bill. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to revise the tax return form to include a space for the designation of contributions to the fund when another voluntary designation is removed from the form or there is space, whichever occurs first.

**AB 1050 (Allen, Travis R) California Endangered Species Act: Delta smelt.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 3/28/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W.,P., & W. Read second time and amended.

**Location:** 3/27/2017-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species and requires the commission to add or remove species from either list if it finds, upon the receipt of sufficient scientific information, that the action is warranted. The act prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species, except as specified. This bill would require the commission to remove the Delta smelt from the endangered species list.

**AB 1097 (Levine D) Department of Fish and Wildlife: Significant Natural Areas Program.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/6/2017-Referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

**Location:** 3/6/2017-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to administer the Significant Natural Areas Program, and requires the department, as part of its administration of the program, to maintain, expand, and keep current a data management system, designated the California Natural Diversity Database. Current law requires that data to be made available to interested parties on request. This bill would instead require that data to be made available on the department's Internet Web site.

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/23/2017-In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/6/2017-A. W.,P. & W.

**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.

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-Coauthors revised. From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 4.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**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 make it unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade, or distribute vaquita-harmful fish and fish products, as defined. By creating a new crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

- [AB 1196](#) (Harper R) School bonds: term of bonds: furnishing and equipping classrooms.**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2017  
**Last Amend:** 3/30/2017  
**Status:** 4/3/2017-Read second time. Ordered to third reading.  
**Location:** 4/3/2017-A. THIRD READING  
**Summary:** Would specify that a bond issued for projects that include the furnishing and equipping of classrooms shall have a weighted average maturity that does not exceed 120% of the average reasonably expected economic life of the furnishings and equipment. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 1197](#) (Limón D) Oil spill contingency plans: spill management teams.**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2017  
**Status:** 4/6/2017-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 3).  
**Location:** 4/3/2017-A. APPR.  
**Summary:** Would authorize a spill management team (SMT), as defined, to apply to the administrator for oil spill response for a classification of that SMT's response capabilities. The bill would require the administrator to establish levels for classifying a SMT based on a SMT's capacity to respond to spills and manage spills effectively, review applications for classifications, and classify the SMT, as specified. The bill would authorize the administrator to charge a reasonable administrative fee to process an application for, or renewal of, a classification.
- [AB 1228](#) (Bloom D) Fisheries: experimental fishing permits**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2017  
**Status:** 3/28/2017-In committee: Hearing postponed by committee.  
**Location:** 3/9/2017-A. W.,P. & W.  
**Summary:** Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue experimental fishing permits for specified purposes that would authorize commercial or recreational 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 department conditions.
- [AB 1254](#) (Wood D) Production or cultivation of a controlled substance: civil and criminal penalties.**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2017  
**Last Amend:** 3/21/2017  
**Status:** 3/21/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on W.,P., & W. Read second time and amended. (Amended 3/21/2017)  
**Location:** 3/20/2017-A. W.,P. & W.  
**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. 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.
- [AB 1273](#) (Gallagher R) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: levee repairs.**  
**Introduced:** 2/17/2017  
**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017  
**Status:** 3/28/2017-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to Com. on

NAT. RES. Read second time and amended.

**Location:** 3/27/2017-A. NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would, until July 1, 2028, 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. The bill would require the lead agency to take certain actions regarding the repairs.

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. with recommendation: To Consent Calendar. (Ayes 13. Noes 0.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**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

**Status:** 4/6/2017-From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 7. Noes 1.) (April 3).

**Location:** 4/3/2017-A. APPR.

**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 expand the above-categorical exemption to include proposed developments occurring within the unincorporated areas of a county.

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/13/2017-Referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

**Location:** 3/13/2017-A. W.,P. & W.

**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 1459 (Quirk-Silva D) Murder: punishment.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/13/2017-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 3/13/2017-A. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Would make the murder of a peace officer, as defined, who was killed while engaged in the performance of his or her duties, and if the defendant knew, or reasonably should have known, that the victim was a peace officer engaged in the performance of his or her duties, murder of the first degree. The bill would make a person convicted of this type of murder of the first degree subject to punishment by death or life in prison without the possibility of parole if specified facts are charged and found true.

**AB 1471 (Allen, Travis R) Firearms: silencers.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/13/2017-Referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 3/13/2017-A. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Would make the crime of possessing a silencer inapplicable to the sale to, purchase by, or possession by the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, the possession by peace officers employed by those agencies, or the sale or other transfer in interstate or foreign commerce by registered dealers or manufacturers when the sale or other transfer is in accordance with federal law.

**AB 1544** **(Dahle R) Hunting: nonlead ammunition.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 3/29/2017-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W. In committee: Set, first hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/16/2017-A. W.,P. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires the use of nonlead centerfire rifle and pistol ammunition, as determined by the Fish and Game Commission, when taking big game with a rifle or pistol, and when taking coyote, within the California condor range. Current law further requires by no later than July 1, 2019, the use of nonlead ammunition for the taking of all wildlife, including game mammals, game birds, nongame birds, and nongame mammals, with any firearm, and requires the commission to promulgate regulations by July 1, 2015, that phase in the requirements of these provisions. This bill would require the commission to temporarily suspend the latter prohibition for a specific hunting season and caliber if the commission finds that nonlead ammunition of the specific caliber is not available for any reason.

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 8. Noes 3.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law requires any person, or federal, state, or local agency, district, or authority, that owns or manages a reservoir, as defined, where certain recreational activities are permitted, except a privately owned reservoir that is not open to the public, and where nonnative dreissenid mussels have not been detected, to assess the vulnerability of the reservoir for the introduction of nonnative dreissenid mussel species and to develop and implement a program designed to prevent the introduction of that species. This bill would instead require, rather than authorize, the Director of Fish and Wildlife to order the closure of waters or facilities to conveyances for a period of no less than 7 working days if dreissenid mussels are detected or may be present and would make other related changes.

**AB 1608** **(Kalra D) Vibrant landscapes for climate, people, and multiple benefits.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/16/2017-Referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Location:** 3/16/2017-A. NAT. RES.

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Conservation to develop and implement the Vibrant Landscape Program to assist eligible applicants in the development of county and regional plans that integrate the conservation and management of natural and working lands with other sectors to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and to provide other environmental cobenefits and to provide funding for land management and conservation activities that reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases and achieve other environmental cobenefits.

**AB 1617** **(Bloom D) Department of Fish and Wildlife: funding.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 10. Noes 4.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law declares the intent of the Legislature to identify new funding sources and to secure those sources to adequately fund the Department of Fish and Wildlife's activities directed at protecting and managing wildlife for the people of the state. This bill would require the department, in cooperation with the above-mentioned parties and additional specified parties, to identify and propose new sources of revenue to fund the department's necessary wildlife, land, and marine conservation, restoration, and resources management and protection responsibilities.

**AB 1630** **(Bloom D) California Transportation Plan: wildlife movement and barriers to passage.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on TRANS. (Ayes 9. Noes 5.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on TRANS.

**Location:** 4/4/2017-A. TRANS.

**Summary:** Would authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife to pursue development of a programmatic environmental review process with appropriate state and federal regulatory agencies for remediating barriers to wildlife connectivity that will streamline the permitting process for wildlife crossing projects.

**AB 1660** **(Kalra D) Court reporter providers.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 4/3/2017

**Status:** 4/4/2017-Re-referred to Com. on B. & P.

**Location:** 3/30/2017-A. B.&P.

**Summary:** Would authorize an individual or entity to engage in the business of providing or arranging for court reporters for the transcription of court proceedings if specified conditions are met, including that an individual be licensed by the board as a court reporter, that an entity be a shorthand reporting corporation or that the individual or entity be registered as a court reporter provider. The bill would require an individual or entity that registers with the board as a court reporter provider to adhere to the same laws and regulations that are applicable to the conduct of certified shorthand reporters, including the requirement for a licensee to pay a fee that will be deposited into the Court Reporter's Fund.

**SB 1** **(Beall D) Transportation funding.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Last Amend:** 4/3/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 27. Noes 11.) Ordered to the Assembly. In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. Art. IV. Sec. 8(b)(1) of the Constitution dispensed with. (Ayes 54. Noes 25.) Assembly Rule 63 suspended. (Ayes 54. Noes 25.) Read third time. Urgency clause adopted. Passed. (Ayes 54. Noes 26.) Ordered to the Senate. In Senate. Held at Desk.

**Location:** 4/6/2017-S. ENROLLMENT

**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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**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:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.



**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. APPR.

**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 \$3,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a drought, water, parks, climate, coastal protection, and outdoor access for all program.

**SB 22**

**(Hill D) Firearms: law enforcement agencies: agency firearm accounting.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Last Amend:** 3/28/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require a law enforcement agency, as defined, to adopt a written procedure to account for firearms that are owned, acquired, maintained, sold, loaned, lost, stolen, or in any way possessed by that agency or by an employee of that agency if used or carried for purposes of carrying out the official duties of his or her employment, as specified. The bill would require that firearms that are lost, stolen, or otherwise disposed of be entered into the AFS. By imposing additional duties on local law enforcement agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

**SB 49**

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

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Last Amend:** 2/22/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 5. Noes 2.) (April 5). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Location:** 4/5/2017-S. JUD.

**Summary:** The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act regulates the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the state. The California Safe Drinking Water Act establishes standards for drinking water and regulates drinking water systems. The California Endangered Species Act requires the Fish and Game Commission to establish a list of endangered species and a list of threatened species and generally prohibits the taking of those species. The Protect California Air Act of 2003 prohibits air quality management districts and air pollution control districts from amending or revising their new source review rules or regulations to be less stringent than those rules or regulations that existed on December 30, 2002. This bill would prohibit state or local agencies from amending or revising their rules and regulations implementing the above state laws to be less stringent than the baseline federal standards, as defined, and would require specified agencies to take prescribed actions to maintain and enforce certain requirements and standards pertaining to air, water, and protected species.

**SB 50**

**(Allen D) Federal public lands: conveyances.**

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Last Amend:** 3/20/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-From committee: Do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 5. Noes 0.) (April 4).

**Location:** 4/4/2017-S. APPR.

**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 specify that these conveyances are void ab initio unless the State Lands Commission is provided with the right of first refusal or the right to arrange the transfer to a 3rd party. The bill would require the commission, the Wildlife Conservation Board, and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to enter into a memorandum of understanding establishing a state policy that they will undertake all feasible efforts to protect against future unauthorized conveyances of federal public lands or any change in federal public land designation.

**SB 58**

**(McGuire D) Wildlife management areas: payment of taxes and assessments.**

**Introduced:** 12/12/2016

**Status:** 4/3/2017-April 3 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.



**Location:** 4/3/2017-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**Summary:** Existing law regulates real property acquired and operated by the state as wildlife management areas, and authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife, when income is directly derived from that real property, to annually pay to the county in which the property is located an amount equal to the county taxes levied upon the property at the time it was transferred to the state. Existing law requires those payments to only be made from funds that are appropriated to the department for those purposes. This bill would, commencing with the 2018–19 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, require, instead of authorize, the department to make these payments subject to appropriation by the Legislature.

**SB 80**

**(Wieckowski D) California Environmental Quality Act: notices.**

**Introduced:** 1/11/2017

**Last Amend:** 2/14/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/29/2017-S. APPR.

**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 144**

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

**Introduced:** 1/13/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/15/2017

**Status:** 4/3/2017-April 3 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 4/3/2017-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**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:** 4/3/2017-April 3 hearing: Placed on APPR. suspense file.

**Location:** 4/3/2017-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

**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 183**

**(Lara D) Marine protected areas: Native American tribes.**

**Introduced:** 1/24/2017

**Status:** 2/2/2017-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Location:** 2/2/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires that any proposals for marine protected areas made after January 1, 2002, follow the guidelines set forth in the MMAIA and that specified areas and reserves be designated, deleted, or modified by the commission pursuant to the MMAIA, and the restrictions and allowable uses applicable to those areas be as set forth in the MMAIA. Current law establishes the

Native American Heritage Commission and vests the commission with specified powers and duties. This bill would authorize a California Native American tribe to submit a request to the Native American Heritage Commission to approve the tribe's record of aboriginal use of a specified area of the marine environment for subsistence and cultural purposes.

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

**Introduced:** 1/25/2017

**Last Amend:** 2/27/2017

**Status:** 3/14/2017-Set for hearing April 25.

**Location:** 3/8/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires every person 16 years of age or older who takes any fish, reptile, or amphibian for any purpose other than profit to first obtain a sport fishing license for that purpose, with specified exceptions, and to have that license on his or her person or in his or her immediate possession when engaged in carrying out any activity authorized by the license. This bill would instead require a resident or a nonresident, 16 years of age or older, upon payment of the fee, to be issued a sport fishing license for the period of 12 consecutive months beginning on the date specified on the license.

**SB 193**     **(Cannella R) Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio: white bass.**

**Introduced:** 1/30/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/16/2017

**Status:** 3/24/2017-Set for hearing April 25.

**Location:** 3/23/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law makes it unlawful to place, plant, or cause to be placed or planted, in any of the waters of this state, any live fish, any fresh or salt water animal, or any aquatic plant, whether taken without or within the state, without first submitting it for inspection to, and securing the written permission of, the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Current law also makes it unlawful to transport or possess any live white bass, whether taken within or without the state, unless it is first submitted for inspection to, and written permission is obtained from, the department. This bill would exempt the movement of white bass between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio through the interlake underground tunnel or pipeline from the above-described provisions relating to fish and wildlife.

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

**Introduced:** 2/1/2017

**Last Amend:** 4/6/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Referred to Com. on APPR.

**Location:** 3/14/2017-S. APPR.

**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 216**     **(Moorlach R) Property: wild animals.**

**Introduced:** 2/1/2017

**Status:** 2/9/2017-Referred to Com. on RLS.

**Location:** 2/1/2017-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Current law provides animals that are wild by nature may be the subject of ownership while those animals are living only in specified circumstances. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to that section of law.

**SB 224**

**(Jackson D) California Environmental Quality Act: baseline conditions.**

**Introduced:** 2/2/2017

**Last Amend:** 4/5/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on EQ.

**Location:** 2/16/2017-S. E.Q.

**Summary:** Would require the Office of Planning and Research, on or after January 1, 2018, at the time of the next review of the guidelines, to prepare, develop, and transmit to the secretary proposed changes or amendments to determine the baseline physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether a project has a significant effect on the environment. The bill would require the office, in developing the recommendations to limit the consideration of modifications to the environment at the project site cause by certain actions. The bill would require the secretary to certify and adopt the recommended proposed changes or amendments.

**SB 259**

**(Wilk R) Reports.**

**Introduced:** 2/8/2017

**Status:** 3/28/2017-March 28 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 6. Noes 1.) Reconsideration granted.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. G.O.

**Summary:** Would require a written report, as defined, submitted by any state agency or department to the Legislature, a Member of the Legislature, or any state legislative or executive body to include a signed statement by the head of the agency or department declaring that the factual contents of the written report are true, accurate, and complete to the best of his or her knowledge.

**SB 287**

**(Dodd D) Habitat restoration: invasive species: Phytophthora pathogens.**

**Introduced:** 2/9/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/15/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Current law establishes the Department of Fish and Wildlife and sets forth the powers and duties of the department with regard to the implementation and administration of, among other things, projects and programs to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat in the state. This bill would require the department, on or before December 31, 2019, to adopt regulations to minimize the risk of Phytophthora pathogens in plant materials used for habitat restoration projects authorized, funded, or required by the state.

**SB 290**

**(Jackson D) Marine mammals and sea turtles: entanglement and stranding: emergency rescue services: grants.**

**Introduced:** 2/9/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/30/2017

**Status:** 3/30/2017-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Location:** 2/23/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Would, upon appropriation of moneys by the Legislature, require the Wildlife Health Center at the Davis campus of the University of California to provide grants to qualified organizations, as defined, that respond to marine mammal or sea turtle entanglement or stranding emergencies. The bill would require the grants to be issued on an emergency basis and not for the operating expenses of a qualified organization, except as specified.

**SB 345**

**(Bradford D) Law enforcement agencies: regulations.**

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/30/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 4/5/2017-S. PUB. S.

**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, including the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training, and each local law enforcement agency to conspicuously post on their Internet Web sites all of their current agency regulations that are not specifically exempted from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act, and would require any changes to the regulations to be posted on the Internet Web site within 90 days after the changes become effective.

**SB 347**     **(Jackson D) State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act.**

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on PUB. S. (Ayes 9. Noes 1.) (April 4). Re-referred to Com. on PUB. S.

**Location:** 4/5/2017-S. PUB. S.

**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:** 3/22/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. APPR.

**Summary:** The California Endangered Species Act prohibits the taking of an endangered or threatened species, except in certain situations. Under the act, the Department of Fish and Wildlife may authorize the take of listed species pursuant to an incidental take permit if the take is incidental to an otherwise lawful activity, the impacts are minimized and fully mitigated, and the issuance of the permit would not jeopardize the continued existence of the species. This bill would also apply the take prohibition to public agencies.

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

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amend:** 4/3/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 4/3/2017-S. APPR.

**Summary:** This bill 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 532**     **(Dodd D) California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act: tricolored blackbird.**

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Status:** 3/27/2017-March 28 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/2/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Would extend the California State Safe Harbor Agreement Program Act indefinitely and would exempt the approval of a safe harbor agreement covering only tricolored blackbird from CEQA. This bill contains other existing laws.

**SB 580**

**(Pan D) Water development projects: Sacramento-San Joaquin watersheds.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. APPR.

**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:** 3/23/2017

**Status:** 3/28/2017-From committee: Do pass and re-refer to Com. on JUD. (Ayes 8. Noes 1.) (March 28). Re-referred to Com. on JUD.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. JUD.

**Summary:** Would revise and recast the California Marine Resources Legacy Act to establish a similar program to allow, 2 years after the payment of startup costs, a prospective transferor, as defined, to offer and the department to accept title to an artificial reef converted from a decommissioned oil and gas platform for incorporation into the California Artificial Reef Program if similar conditions to as specified are met, except if the platform is required to be fully removed by conditions in a lease issued by the State Lands Commission. As part of the implementation of the program, the bill would require the department to revise the Artificial Reef Plan prepared pursuant to the California Artificial Reef Program.

**SB 615**

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would require the Natural Resources Agency, by January 1, 2018, to develop a 10-year plan to implement the memorandum of understanding between the agency and the United States Department of the Interior entered into on August 31, 2016, and its addendum, entered into on January 18, 2017, and would require the agency to address certain issues in the plan. The bill would rename the Salton Sea Restoration Act as the "John J. Benoit Salton Sea Restoration Act."

**SB 667**

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

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/14/2017-Set for hearing April 25.

**Location:** 3/9/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**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 709**

**(Wiener D) Oil spill response and contingency planning.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amend:** 3/23/2017

**Status:** 4/6/2017-Set for hearing April 19 in EQ. pending receipt. From committee: Do pass as

amended and re-refer to Com. on EQ. (Ayes 7. Noes 2.) (March 28).

**Location:** 3/28/2017-S. E.Q.

**Summary:** Would revise the The Lempert-Keene-Seastrand Oil Spill Prevention and Response Act's definition of "oil" to include both "floating oil," as defined, and "nonfloating or potentially nonfloating oil," as defined. The bill would require the administrator, by December 31, 2019, to establish an effective system for nonfloating or potentially nonfloating oil data collection and public reporting.

**SB 710**

**(Anderson R) Silencers.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/27/2017-April 4 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.

**Location:** 3/9/2017-S. PUB. S.

**Summary:** Current law makes it a felony to possess a silencer in the state, punishable by imprisonment in county jail or by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or by both that fine and imprisonment. This bill would delete the felony prohibition on possession of a silencer and would authorize an individual in lawful possession of a device that will silence, suppress, or muffle the sound or natural report of a firearm when the firearm is discharged to use that device to hunt a bird, mammal, fish, reptile, or amphibian for which the individual is licensed if the firearm to which the device is attached is lawfully possessed.

**SB 771**

**(De León D) California Environmental Quality Act: continuing education: public employees.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 4/5/2017-Set for hearing April 17.

**Location:** 3/29/2017-S. APPR.

**Summary:** Would establish a continuing education requirement for employees of public agencies who have responsibility for overseeing compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. 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. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 785**

**(Wiener D) Consumer protection: firearms and ammunition.**

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Status:** 3/9/2017-Referred to Coms. on JUD. and APPR.

**Location:** 3/9/2017-S. JUD.

**Summary:** Current law, the Consumer Legal Remedies Act (act), prohibits certain enumerated unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices undertaken by any person in a transaction intended to result, or which results in, the sale or lease of goods or services to any consumer. The act provides for relief through actions for damages, injunctive relief, and restitution, among other remedies. This bill would state that the act applies to firearms and ammunition, and provide that a violation of the act regarding firearms or ammunition is actionable under the act.

**SB 809**

**(Committee on Natural Resources and Water) Natural resources.**

**Introduced:** 3/8/2017

**Status:** 3/24/2017-Set for hearing April 25.

**Location:** 3/16/2017-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires the owner of an aquaculture facility to register certain information with the Department of Fish and Wildlife by March 1 of each year, and requires the department to impose prescribed fees for registration and renewal. Current law imposes a penalty for delinquent payment of fees. Current law, until January 1, 2018, increases those registration, renewal, surcharge, and penalty fees, as prescribed. Current law requires the department to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before February 1, 2017, a report regarding the aquaculture program. This bill would extend the increased registration, renewal, surcharge, and penalty fees until January 1, 2023.

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