

Notes from the Editor

In this issue of California Fish and Game we have articles featuring three marine species. Important past and present components of the recreational and commercial fisheries of the Pacific, all are affected by threats from overharvesting, incidental take and loss of habitat. The degree to which these threats are exacerbated by the changing climate has yet to be realized, but events such as El Niño, does appear to increase risks, at least with Chinook salmon. These articles provide information useful to fisheries managers and should be helpful for future recovery efforts.

This is the final issue of volume 103 of the Journal, which has been continuously published quarterly for 103 years. The subject matter index, author index and list of reviewers for this volume are provided for your information as well as for historic narration. In case you're interested, the Journal is currently distributed through library subscriptions to 38 states and 26 countries, plus our online presence, where we are pursuing increased exposure through web-based search indexing platforms.

The Department said goodbye to its long-time Chief Deputy Director Kevin Hunting, who retired in mid-February. As the Chief executive for a state Department with 2,400 employees and an annual budget of \$411 million, Kevin was responsible for all facets of Department operations, planning, and management. Prior to becoming the Chief Deputy, Kevin was Deputy Director of the Ecosystem Conservation Division, Acting Regional Manager of the South Coast Region, Chief of the Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, plus Keven held private sector consulting positions in conservation. A birder, Kevin will now have ample time to add to his Life List and pursue his other interests knowing his accomplishments will have lasting benefits to the natural resources of California, and ensure him a legacy of leadership in conservation.

Changes to the Editorial Staff includes the retirement of Russ Bellmer, and the pending resignation of Dave Lentz as he finishes up his last reviews. Both have provided expertise in native and anadromous fish and have led numerous reviews over the years, helping the Journal maintain its high standards for publication. We also bid farewell to Nina Kogut from the Marine Region. Thank you all for your professionalism and generosity. We welcome to the Editorial Staff Jeff Rodzen and Jeff Weaver from the Fisheries Branch, Ken Lindke from the Northern Region, and Dan Skalos from the Wildlife Branch. Welcome and thank you for volunteering. I'd like to thank all the Associate Editors and reviewers who contribute their time and energy, without compensation, this past year to help make the Journal a highly respected source for scientific information on California's fish and wildlife species.

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