

Notes from the Editor

This winter issue of the 105th volume, the first issue of 2019, will delight those who enjoy reading about marine fish, as all three articles in this issue focus on that subject. The first is an interesting note about an exceptionally long-term recovery tag of a California scorpionfish which was at liberty for significantly longer than ever recorded for the species. The second article is also a note that describes a method to use dorsal fin spines to estimate the age of roosterfish. The third article, again a note, describes primary and secondary nursery habitats for two species of sharks in the San Francisco Bay: leopard sharks and brown southbound sharks. All three provide interesting commentary to further our knowledge of marine fish off the coast of California.

The *Journal* was pleased to have a guest Associate Editor for this issue, Jean Win. Dr. Win received her PhD in Marine Science from Griffith University in Australia. Her background is in fish ecology and biology and coastal food webs. She has been working for CDFW as an Environmental Scientist for the Southern California Fisheries Research and Management Project since 2015. In her position, she collects fishery independent data and assesses the stock status of state managed finfish. We are grateful to Dr. Win for her participation as an editor for this issue.

We also have a new permanent Associate Editor that has joined our team, Felipe La Luz. Mr. La Luz completed his B.S. in Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology at the University of California-Davis with an emphasis on fisheries biology. After graduating, he continued to work closely with researchers at the University on projects examining fish physiology and behavior, and later utilized otolith structure and microchemistry to elucidate growth and migration patterns of native fishes. During this time, he also participated in multiple field studies that monitored aquatic communities in throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as well as large scale salt marsh restoration projects in South San Francisco Bay. He was also an active member in the Sacramento-Davis Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society and later served on the Executive Committee of California Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Mr. La Luz joined CDFW in 2015 as lead biologist for the Region 3's Summer Towntnet Survey, a long-term trawl program implemented in 1959 to monitor juvenile pelagic fishes in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. He also participated in collaborative multi-agency groups such as the Interagency Ecological Program Science Management Team and Smelt Working Group, which informs real time operations of large water diversions. Throughout his education and career, Felipe's research interests have focused on the ecology of California's native fish fauna with an emphasis on threatened smelts (Osmeridae) as well as large minnows (Cyprinidae) native to the Central Valley. Felipe is currently an Environmental Scientist in the Operations unit at the Water Branch where he applies his knowledge of native fishes and estuarine ecology to real time operations and long-term water management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. We are excited for Mr. La Luz to join our team of wonderful Associate Editors that put so much time into maintaining the high standards for this journal.

As I mentioned in the previous issue, changes are coming to the *Journal*. One of those changes in the introduction of special issues. We will be working on three special issue

this year with the hope to do a similar number next year as well. The topics of these special issues are highly relevant to California currently: cannabis, fire, and human recreation and their impacts on fish and wildlife resources in the state. If you would like to find out more about our Special Issues, please see our webpage: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Publications/Journal/Special-Issues>.

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