

Notes from the Editor

This summer issue of Volume 105 contains a number of interesting articles for fish and wildlife in California. The first is an important status update for Townsend's big-eared bats in our state, a timely article given that the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome was found for the first time in California. This disease has decimated bat populations in the eastern United States, and in July 2019, CDFW scientists confirmed that the fungus is now present in California. The second article is also timely as it discusses how largemouth bass respond to long-term reductions in water levels, a relevant topic given the increased likelihoods of prolonged droughts in California as the climate continues to warm. The reductions in water levels in this study were partly a result of the California drought that lasted from 2011-2016. The next article discusses the effects that managed flows which result in changes in water temperature and flow volume have on Chinook salmon. And lastly, researchers present a relatively new technique of using eDNA to determine predation on native rainbow trout by an invasive species.

As has been mentioned in recent issues of *California Fish and Game*, we continue to make changes to update and enhance the Journal. With this issue, we are announcing revised submission guidelines for authors. While, in the past, the guidelines have been published as an article in CFG, we have decided to use a different format and simply post them on our webpage; this will allow us to more easily update and make changes as necessary. The new guidelines can be found on our submission page: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Publications/Journal/Submissions>. All manuscripts submitted after July 2019 should conform to these new guidelines.

Our Associate Editor team continues to grow. We have two new members of our AE team this issue. Karen Converse is an Environmental Scientist in our Wildlife Branch's Deer Program. She received her B.S. from California State University- Sacramento in 1999 and her M.S. in Biological Sciences with a concentration in Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation from the same school in 2013. Karen has been working for CDFW since she completed her bachelor's in 1999. Her background includes research in a variety of subjects including carnivores, big game, genetics, habitat management, and vegetation. Lauren Damon is currently a Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) in our Bay Delta Region. Lauren received her B.S. in Ecology and Evolution from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2008 after which she began her career with CDFW. Her expertise includes San Francisco Estuary ecology and reproductive behavior of fish, for which she has a significant number of publications and professional presentations. We are excited for Karen and Lauren to join our expanding team of AEs!

Remember that we are working on three special issues this year: cannabis, fire, and human recreation and their impacts on fish and wildlife resources in the state. Please pass the word along to those you know who do research on these topics. 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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