

## Notes from the Editor

This final issue of 2019 contains a variety of articles including marine, freshwater, and terrestrial species. Ronald Russo, a frequent contributor to the Journal, offers a method for determining sexual maturity in male leopard sharks in the Pacific Ocean. Dr. Vern Bleich, former editor of this Journal and also a frequent contributor, and his colleagues discuss habitat selection by bighorn sheep in southern California finding support for both seasonal and sex differences in selection. Dr. Frederick Feyrer from the USGS's California Water Science Center provides notes on the spawning ecology of the endemic, CESA Threatened Clear Lake hitch. And finally, Jean Davis and her colleagues from the Marine Region of CDFW compare video and visual survey techniques for censusing barred sand bass.

We have one more new addition to our editorial staff, Jennifer Nguyen. Jennifer is currently acting director of the Department's Cannabis Program. Before that, she was a supervisor in our Region 2 office in Rancho Cordova providing leadership in our Habitat Conservation Program, focusing on CESA, CEQA, Natural Community Conservation Plans, and Mitigation Banking. She has worked for the Department since 2005 after receiving her B.S. in Biology at California State University-Fresno.

The Journal is continuing to update and change! In the next issue (106-1), the first of 2020, you will see not only a newly redesigned cover, but a new name: *California Fish and Wildlife Journal*. As was discussed in the spring issue (105-2), the Department's focus has changed over the decades to reflect current environmental and conservation issues in our state. Just as the Department's name was changed from "Fish and Game" to "Fish and Wildlife" in 2012, so too will the Journal's name change to accurately reflect all the species we are charged with managing and protecting.

I would also like to do one final push for the three special issues of the Journal that we are working on 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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