

Notes From the Editor

I am happy that our second issue of 2020 is continuing the trend of increased number of articles that we began with issue one of this year. We have 6 great articles in this issue encompassing a variety of topics: endangered California condors, mountain lions, mule deer, and freshwater, marine, and anadromous fish.

[Special Note: as this issue goes to print, California, our country, and the world have been overwhelmed by something unprecedented in most of our lifetimes—the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19. I want to thank all of my editors and the authors for this issue for working hard and efficiently from home to get the issue completed. I would also like to especially thank my layout editor, Lorna Bernard, for her hard work to get this issue out on time—it would not have happened without all of the effort she put into it.]

We had two great guest editors for this issue to take on the marine article. Armand Barilotti started with the Department in September 2019. He obtained his bachelor's degree in marine biology from UC Santa Cruz in 2008, and his master's degree in biology from California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) in 2016. For his master's, he studied the movements of white croaker and California halibut in the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and examined their use of pier habitat. While in school, he assisted the juvenile white shark tagging project at the CSULB Shark Lab and was fortunate enough to swim in the water with and tag over a half dozen sharks. Armand has had a diverse career prior to joining the Department, including working as a scientist helping restore kelp forests and abalone populations, a subtidal technician conducting SCUBA surveys of the kelp forest marine life, manager of an abalone farm, collector of marine life for public aquariums and research institutions, and a deckhand/cook aboard a sportfishing vessel out of San Diego. And Heather Gliniak, an Environmental Scientist in our Los Alamitos regional office, attended CSULB as a presidential scholar, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in marine biology and a minor in chemistry. Heather briefly worked as a chemist at CRG Marine Laboratories before being hired by the Department in late 2006 as a marine biologist on the Fisheries Independent/SCUBA Assessment Project. In early 2007, Heather became a Department diver and loves to get in the water any chance she gets. Presently, she is involved with monitoring and conducting research on populations of nearshore finfish species in southern California, such as Barred Sand Bass, Kelp Bass, and California Halibut. Heather has also served for several years on the southern California district board of AIFRB and is currently acting as Vice Director.

A reminder that many of the Journal's Special Issues will be coming out this year! We have explored the impacts of fire, cannabis, and human recreation on fish and wildlife resources. Look for those in spring and summer of this year; the recreation issue should be out within weeks of this one. Additionally, we are now accepting submissions for two new special issues—one on the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) and one on Human-Wildlife Interactions. 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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