

## Notes From the Editor

Some of the most frustrating things about being the editor of this journal revolve around formatting issues, and the effort it takes to revise manuscripts that do not meet those requirements. Many authors have had a tendency to not follow the most recent formatting instructions but, for that, I accept responsibility. I have, however, taken steps to make the most recent formatting instructions more readily available. Prospective authors can access the current instructions on the Department of Fish and Game web site (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/journal/editpolicy.html>). Additionally, the inside back cover of the journal has been modified to include information to that effect.

On another note, we continue to make progress toward compiling the tables of contents of past issues of *California Fish and Game*. By the time readers receive this issue of the journal, the complete tables of contents dating back to 1966 (Volume 80) will be available. Interested individuals can access that information on the Department of Fish and Game website (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/journal/contents.html>). Assembling the information is time consuming, so completion of the task will occur in stages of about 10 volumes at a time. As a reminder, we are planning eventually to post all previous issues of *California Fish and Game* on the website, but that task will take additional time and effort to complete.

Since the last issue became available, I received correspondence from Dr. Mary Wicksten (formerly of the University of Southern California, and now at Texas A&M University, College Station) containing information on a newly available monographic work, "Decapod Crustacea of the Californian and Oregonian zoogeographic provinces" published in *Zootaxa* 3371:1-307; 2012). This work covers every species of decapod crustacean, freshwater, estuarine or marine, from the intertidal zone to the abyss, that has been reported in the subject area. Species that are resident or the few known representatives of their families are treated in detail, with synonyms, diagnosis, information on range, depth, habitat, color in life, size and type locality. All species are illustrated, including the first illustrations for several, and keys are provided for families and species. One-time introductions, questionable records, and misidentifications, etc., are also discussed, and color photographs are provided for many taxa. Dr. Wicksten indicated that interested parties can request a link to the PDF of the monograph by contacting her directly ([wicksten@bio.tamu.edu](mailto:wicksten@bio.tamu.edu)).

Finally, I anticipate that opportunities for interested parties to review books, and to publish those reviews in *California Fish and Game*, will be forthcoming in the near future. I have received queries from several university or commercial publishers regarding the journal's book review policy, and have responded that I would be interested in seeking reviewers for selected works. As titles become available, I will list them in forthcoming issues and readers will be able to request an assignment to review a particular work. In exchange, the reviewer will be able to retain the work for his or her library.

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