

Notes from the Editor

Another year has gone by, and another volume of *California Fish and Game* has been published and distributed to investigators around the world. During 2012, total pages numbered 244, as compared to the 220 pages making up Volume 97 (2011), and the 268 pages that made up Volume 96 (2010). Over the past three years, each volume of the journal has averaged roughly 250 pages. During that period, 53 manuscripts were submitted to be considered for publication, of which 41 were accepted and published and 12 were rejected. Thus, the overall rejection rate for manuscripts considered for publication in the last 3 volumes was roughly 23%. That figure can be expected to increase in the future, however, as more and more investigators submit their work to be considered for publication in California's longest-running professional journal, *California Fish and Game*.

In an effort to minimize expended resources, expand our readership, and decrease publication delays, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's 100-year-old scientific journal is transitioning to on-line publication in 2013. Back issues continue to be archived on the journal's website (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/publications/journal/>) and, in the foreseeable future, we expect to have all back issues (up to the most current issue) available online.

As we transition to online publication, we will be phasing out our paid subscriptions. As of 2013, each forthcoming issue will be available online at no charge. Yes... you read it correctly: there will be no fee associated with individual, on-line subscriptions to the journal. Beginning with this issue (99[1], Winter 2013), *California Fish and Game* will be delivered to CDFW employees online only. All current paid subscribers will, however, continue to receive the traditional "hard copy" of the journal for the duration of their subscription. Additionally, a limited number of print copies will continue to be produced for libraries and other archival institutions.

More information on the process to follow to ensure that you continue to receive the journal will be available in the next issue, but additional time is needed to resolve all of the details associated with the transition to electronic distribution; as expected, the process has proven to be more complicated than originally was anticipated. As we move forward into the digital age, those of us that produce *California Fish and Game* thank you for your patience.

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