

## Notes from the Editor

Welcome to this somewhat-belated issue of *California Fish and Game*; the delay is the result of expired printing contracts, end-of-year account closures, and shifting of accounts from the previous (2012 – 2013) to the current (2013 – 2014) fiscal year. Budget policies and regulations precluded publication of this issue prior to 1 July.

The Editor-in-Chief has submitted an application to the Library of Congress for an International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) to be assigned to the new electronic version of *California Fish and Game*, and is anxiously awaiting that information. In the future, print and electronic versions each will include ISSNs for both formats. Assignment of a separate ISSN to the electronic format of the journal is necessary, and will enhance the efficacy of literature search services that currently include titles of papers published in *California Fish and Game*. Those international services provide information on the contents of each issue of the journal on a world-wide basis. As a result, papers published in *California Fish and Game* are announced in the same manner and with the type of international notification as papers published in more widely known journals, such as *Ecology* or *Nature*. Thus, material published in *California Fish and Game* is not “buried” in the literature, but is available world-wide to international researchers almost immediately upon publication.

Due to the recent retirement of an Associate Editor, and the potential for another to resign due to the expanding responsibilities of his new position, I am inviting individuals that are interested in serving on the journal staff to contact me. Specifically, I will be seeking individuals whose strengths are in the fields of natural history, botany, plant ecology, or avian ecology. Thank you in advance for considering an opportunity to become part of the editorial staff of California’s longest-running professional journal, *California Fish and Game*. Volume 100 will appear in 2014.

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