

## Notes from the Editor

One hundred years is a long time. It is a very long time in the context of professional journals. As the Editor-in-Chief of *California Fish and Game*, I am very pleased that this journal is celebrating with a series of special issues that will comprise Volume 100. I am also proud to be responsible for the production of Volume 100, but I am especially proud of the work that is being accomplished by those that have taken on the responsibilities of recruiting authors, seeking reviews, corresponding with the authors, passing judgment on the acceptability of contributions for publication in our centennial year, and for assistance with reading proofs. Those individuals truly served as Corresponding Editors, a task usually handled by the Editor-in-Chief. As a result, they deserve a world of thanks for the effort put forth in producing volume 100, and each Corresponding Editor will be identified appropriately as each special issue is published this coming year.

This issue includes a special contribution from Governor Jerry Brown recognizing the centennial year of publication of *California Fish and Game*. As noted by Governor Brown, much has changed in the last century, and challenges to conservation seem to increase in unending ways. Also included is an introduction written by Dan Gluesenkamp of the California Native Plant Society and Chuck Bonham, Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), in which they recognize the relevance of an entire issue of the journal dedicated to the biology and conservation of plants.

Responsibility for the successful production of volume 100(1), our first issue this year, lies largely with Ms. Cherilyn Burton, a Senior Environmental Scientist in the Native Plant Program at CDFW. Ms. Burton earned her B.S. in Biological Sciences with a concentration in conservation from California State University Sacramento, and her M.S. in Ecology from the University of California, Davis. Cherilyn has 13 years of experience as a biologist in the environmental field, having worked previously with the California Department of Transportation and a private environmental consulting firm, where she acquired a wide diversity of experience assessing habitats and populations of many sensitive species, with a primary focus on plants. In her current position, Ms. Burton works on a variety of tasks related primarily to native plant conservation and recovery, with an emphasis on state-listed plant taxa. She also represents CDFW on a multi-agency team responsible for implementing the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Plan for Vernal Pool Ecosystems of California and Southern Oregon. Thank you, Cherilyn, for the effort and dedication expended while producing the first-ever issue of *California Fish and Game* dedicated solely to botanical subjects.

Following the recent retirement of Associate Editor Liam Davis and the resignation of Associate Editor Paul Hofmann, I am pleased to announce that three incoming Associate Editors will join the editorial staff of *California Fish and Game*. Ms. Laura Patterson works in the Wildlife Division of CDFW, where she has assumed the position of statewide coordinator for the conservation of amphibians and reptiles; she will handle manuscripts addressing the biology of those vertebrate classes. Laura earned a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from the University of California, Davis and a M.S. in Biological Conservation from California State University, Sacramento, where her research focused on red-eared sliders and western pond turtles at a Central Valley site. She has worked for the State of California since 1996, where she conducted surveys for a broad range of wildlife species and specialized in environmental compliance for much of that time.

Mr. Levi Souza also has agreed to serve as an Associate Editor. Levi is an Environmental Scientist in the Upland Game Program of the Wildlife Branch, with duties tending toward migratory upland game bird species, and is the state-wide coordinator for band-tailed pigeons. Levi earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of California, Davis, and has broad experience in vertebrate ecology, including investigations of habitat suitability, ecotoxins, population dynamics, and behavioral responses of wildlife to disturbance. He is interested in building harvest-independent wildlife monitoring programs that bridge the gap between game and non-game species and are explicitly tied to regulation changes. Mr. Souza will handle manuscripts dealing primarily with the ecology, conservation, and management of upland game and avian species.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Cherilyn Burton also will assume the role of Associate Editor. Her background was described earlier in this column, and Cherilyn will be responsible for manuscripts addressing the ecology, conservation, and management of plant taxa and vegetation communities. Welcome Laura, Levi, and Cherilyn, and thank you for volunteering for these newfound opportunities. Additional thanks are extended to Paul Hofmann and Liam Davis, who collectively served as Associate Editors for >25 years. And, I extend a special thanks to current Associate Editors Jeff Villepique, Steve Parmenter, Scott Osborn, Dave Lentz, Kevin Shaffer, Pete Kalvass, Nina Kogut, Jim Harrington, and Joel Trumbo for their many years of volunteer service. Collectively, the Associate Editors are the reason that *California Fish and Game* continues to improve with each issue.

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