

Notes from the Editor

Welcome to California Fish and Game 100(2), the second of four special issues assembled to celebrate the centennial anniversary of California's longest-running, continuously published scientific journal. As the Editor-in-Chief, I remain pleased that this journal is celebrating with a series of special issues that ultimately 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 accomplished by three individuals that took on many responsibilities in addition to their "day jobs" and, thereby, helped to ensure the quality of this special issue. They invited the authors, sought reviews, passed judgment on the acceptability of contributions for publication, assisted with copy editing, and helped to read page proofs. Two of those individuals, Pete Kalvass and Ian Taniguchi, served as Corresponding Editors, a task usually handled by the Editor-in-Chief; Nina Kogut unselfishly lent her editorial expertise to ensure consistency and quality of material published herein. Pete, Ian, and Nina each deserve special recognition and many thanks for their efforts and, as I promised previously (California Fish and Game 100:7-8), am again providing additional background information on those that were so instrumental in creating this special issue.

Pete Kalvass earned his B.S. in Fisheries Science and his M.S. in Natural Resources from Humboldt State University. He has >30 years of experience as a biologist in marine fisheries with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Pete started out in the Ocean Salmon Project with a primary focus of monitoring the coastwide recreational and commercial harvest of ocean salmon. Following a move to the north coast of California, he embarked on research centered on developing a management program for the rapidly developing commercial sea urchin fishery, in collaboration with academic researchers and the industry. In recent years, he has been the supervisor for the CDFW Invertebrate Management Project, with an emphasis on the abalone, sea urchin and Dungeness crab resources. Mr. Kalvass served as the Corresponding Editor for four of the papers included in this issue, and has served as an Associate Editor for this journal for many years.

Ian Taniguchi received his B.S. in Zoology from the University of California, Berkeley and has worked 22 years as a marine scientist, most of it with CDFW. He initially started as a seasonal aide working on the San Francisco Bay Herring Fishery Project. He transitioned to marine invertebrate fisheries as a biologist with the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission working on the commercial red sea urchin fishery with Pete Kalvass in northern California. Ian continued working on marine invertebrate resource management with CDFW in southern California, focusing on sea urchins, abalone and other invertebrates. He is currently a senior scientist on the Invertebrate Management Project within the Marine Region, and is the state coordinator for implementation of the Abalone Recovery and Management Plan. Ian also represents CDFW on several NOAA Fisheries teams involved with recovery of endangered abalone species. Mr. Taniguchi served as the Corresponding Editor for five of the papers included in this issue.

Nina Kogut has 20 years of experience as a biologist, and has been an Environmental Scientist at CDFW since 1999. She earned her B.S. in Biological Sciences at San Jose State University and her M.S. in Conservation Ecology at California State University, Sacramento. Ms. Kogut currently works on marine protected areas and has served as an

Associate Editor for *California Fish and Game* since 2010; as an Associate Editor, she is putting to good use the skills she learned from her mentor and former Editor-in-Chief of this journal, Dave Kohlhorst. Nina's previous experience at CDFW includes mark-recapture studies of sturgeon and striped bass and electro-fishing to assess resident fish populations in the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. From 1995 to 1999, while working for a water utility district, she conducted a variety of field surveys for freshwater fishes (resident and diadromous species) as well as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and plants in floodplain and riparian habitats. Ms. Kogut served as Copy Editor for each of the papers included in this special issue, and provided invaluable assistance while reading proof pages.

Leadership within the Office of Communications, Education and Outreach—the CDFW administrative unit responsible for the production of *California Fish and Game*—is actively exploring ways to enhance the dissemination of information and simultaneously ensure availability of hard copies of the journal to interested parties. Currently, bids are being sought for a contract to provide combined print on demand (POD) and distribution services. I am optimistic that the contractor will offer good quality printing, notify subscribers as each issue becomes available, make the journal available through other outlets (e.g., Amazon, American Book Exchange), and be easy to work with. I am also hoping that the contractor will allow a link directly from the journal website to their own website to facilitate purchase of hard copies, thereby eliminating the need for maintaining a list of subscribers. To date, I have reviewed several test versions produced by one potential provider, and they were of a quality that generally exceeded that of prior issues produced by the State Printing Office.

Whatever transpires, each issue of *California Fish and Game* will continue to be posted on the CDFW web page, and I anticipate that a link to the contracted POD provider will be available on that page. By doing so, *California Fish and Game* will be immediately available to researchers, whether subscribers or not, on a world-wide basis the instant it is published. Additionally, the journal will continue to be accessed by commercial literature search services, hard copies will continue to be available to libraries and other institutions, and hard copies will be available, through the POD contractor, for those interested in having them. In all, this appears to boil down to a win-win situation. I'll provide an update in the next issue of *California Fish and Game*, which will be dedicated to freshwater ecology and fisheries: stay tuned for special issue 100(3) of this centennial anniversary volume.

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