

## California Fish and Game 100(2): the special marine issue

It is my privilege to introduce this second issue of *California Fish and Game* in its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Having worked extensively for the Monterey Bay Aquarium and other organizations focused on ocean conservation, I am especially pleased that this issue is devoted entirely to the marine ecosystem.

You are reading a highly respected, regional scientific journal with a strong emphasis on the eastern Pacific Ocean and western North America. In this time of rapidly changing media, it is a testament to the quality of this publication that it has survived and continues to thrive into its second century.

Volume 100, Issue 2, is filled with reviews or the results of studies related to California's marine environment and the many species of plants and animals that it supports. On the surface, the Pacific Ocean looks to some rather like an aquatic "desert." We often don't see very much life there. But, from *just beneath* the surface to the depths of Monterey Canyon, our ocean is teeming with plant and animal life.

The many scientists working for the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly California Department of Fish and Game) during the last century have completed a tremendous amount of important research leading to the protection and benefit of our wildlife and ecosystems. They deserve our thanks for the outstanding work they have done, whether in the field, in a lab, or in an office. Their dedication to the conservation of wildlife and habitat in California is unparalleled, and has kept California on the cutting edge of both terrestrial and marine conservation. For example, our new statewide network of marine protected areas—the nation's largest—requires scientific monitoring to inform adaptive management.

*California Fish and Game* is well known and is read by scientists throughout the world. This is only the second of four special issues that will focus on the science of conservation in our state during the journal's centennial year. Issues 3 and 4 will feature studies on our fresh water ecosystems and fisheries, and terrestrial wildlife, respectively.

As President of the California Fish and Game Commission, I congratulate everyone who has contributed to *California Fish and Game*. I especially want to acknowledge CDFW staff who gather all the parts of each issue, edit and put them together in a logical and attractive format, and then print and distribute the issues to each subscriber. These people are often overlooked, but without them this long-lived publication would not exist.

Thanks to all who have contributed reviews, scientific papers, photos, graphics and charts to *California Fish and Game*. May they continue to do so, and may this professional journal remain atop environmental scientists' "most read" list of publications for another century!

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