



March 17, 2017

The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg
Chairman
Senate Natural Resources & Water Committee
State Capitol, Room 5046
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 187 (Berryhill) 12-Month Fishing License
Position: Support

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) is pleased to support SB 187 (Berryhill). The bill is intended to increase fishing participation rates and license sales. SB 187 will do so by creating a new annual fishing license that is valid a full 12 months from the date of purchase.

When California's annual fishing license expires December 31st of every year, there are few incentives for California anglers to purchase today's annual fishing license, which is not pro-rated and many also consider too costly. While SB 187 will not reduce the cost of the license, it will provide greater value by ensuring its validity for a full 12 months.

While California Waterfowl Association is an organization that is primarily concerned with waterfowl and wetlands conservation and hunting heritage, we support this fishing related bill because many of our members fish and because improvements to programs that increase revenues from fishing and hunting licenses benefit natural resources by adding additional revenues to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. The Fund is a primary source of funding for conservation of both fish and wildlife.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Members, Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee