

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 165

Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines

January 23, 2013

An act to amend, renumber, and add Section 8491 of, and to repeal Section 8490 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to commercial fishing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 165, as introduced, Beth Gaines. Commercial fishing: crayfish.

Existing law governing the commercial fishing of crayfish prohibits the sale or purchase of crayfish taken from Lake Tahoe or the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This bill would repeal that provision.

Existing law requires the taking of crayfish to be subject to regulations as prescribed by the Fish and Game Commission.

This bill would state legislative intent regarding the commercial taking of crayfish in Lake Tahoe or the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This bill would require the commission to ensure that, with respect to the taking of crayfish for commercial purposes in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake Tahoe Basin, the commission's regulations are consistent with the Lake Tahoe Region Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan, as amended.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8490 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 repealed.

3 ~~8490. No crayfish taken from Lake Tahoe or the Lake Tahoe~~
4 ~~Basin may be sold or purchased.~~

5 SEC. 2. Section 8491 of the Fish and Game Code is amended
6 and renumbered to read:

7 ~~8491.~~

8 ~~8490.~~ The taking of crayfish shall be subject to ~~such~~ regulations
9 as ~~the commission may prescribe~~ *prescribed by the commission.*

10 SEC. 3. Section 8491 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to
11 read:

12 8491. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that any allowance
13 for the commercial taking of crayfish in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake
14 Tahoe Basin be for the primary purpose of population reduction
15 and control of the signal crayfish, an invasive species, and that the
16 commercial taking of crayfish be allowed only to the extent that
17 it is consistent with state goals for management of invasive species
18 and environmental standards.

19 (b) The commission shall ensure that, with respect to the taking
20 of crayfish for commercial purposes in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake
21 Tahoe Basin, the commission’s regulations are consistent with the
22 Lake Tahoe Region Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan,
23 as amended.

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