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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013—14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 165**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Beth Gaines**

January 23, 2013

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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 amended, 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.~~ *require any allowance for the commercial taking of crayfish in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake Tahoe Basin to be for the primary purpose of population reduction and control of the signal crayfish, as prescribed.*

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2 repealed.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

5 8490. The taking of crayfish shall be subject to regulations as  
6 prescribed by the commission.

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

9 ~~8491. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that any allowance  
10 for the commercial taking of crayfish in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake  
11 Tahoe Basin be for the primary purpose of population reduction  
12 and control of the signal crayfish, an invasive species, and that the  
13 commercial taking of crayfish be allowed only to the extent that  
14 it is consistent with state goals for management of invasive species  
15 and environmental standards.~~

16 *8491. (a) Any allowance for the commercial taking of crayfish  
17 in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake Tahoe Basin shall be for the primary  
18 purpose of population reduction and control of the signal crayfish,  
19 an invasive species. The commercial taking of crayfish may be  
20 allowed only to the extent that it is consistent with state goals for  
21 management of invasive species and other environmental  
22 standards, including an environmental analysis conducted by the  
23 California Tahoe Regional Planning Agency or another  
24 appropriate lead agency for each proposed individual harvest  
25 operation.*

26 (b) The commission shall ensure that, with respect to the taking  
27 of crayfish for commercial purposes in Lake Tahoe or in the Lake  
28 Tahoe Basin, the commission’s regulations are consistent with the  
29 Lake Tahoe Region Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plan,  
30 as amended.

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