

## Senate Bill No. 183

### CHAPTER 240

An act to amend Sections 7380 and 7381 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

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Existing law requires any person taking steelhead trout in inland waters to have a steelhead trout catch report-restoration card issued by the Department of Fish and Game and requires cardholders to record certain information on the card relative to fishing. Existing law restricts the use of the revenue from the fees for the cards, until July 1, 1997, to monitoring, restoration, and enhancement of steelhead trout resources. Existing law required the department to make a report to the Legislature by July 1, 1996, regarding the implementation of the catch report-restoration card program.

This bill would specify that cardholders shall record the required information on the card whenever the cardholder finishes fishing for the day, moves to another river or stream, or retains steelhead trout.

This bill would extend the restriction on the use of the revenues for those purposes until July 1, 2002, and would require a report to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2000.

This bill would also declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7380 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

7380. (a) In addition to a valid California sportfishing license issued pursuant to Section 7149 and any applicable sport license stamp issued pursuant to this code, after January 1, 1993, a person taking steelhead trout in inland waters, shall have in his or her possession a nontransferable steelhead trout catch report-restoration card issued by the department. The cardholder shall record certain fishing information on the card as designated by the department. The information shall be recorded whenever the cardholder finishes fishing for the day, moves to another river or stream, or retains steelhead trout.

(b) The cost of the card shall be three dollars (\$3), as adjusted pursuant to Section 713. The funds received by the department from the sale of the card shall be deposited in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and shall be available for expenditure upon appropriation by the Legislature. The department shall maintain the internal accountability necessary to ensure that all restrictions and requirements pertaining to the expenditure of these funds are met.

(c) The commission shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this section. These regulations shall include, but not be limited to, procedures necessary to obtain appropriate steelhead trout resources management information, a requirement that the card contain a statement explaining potential uses of the funds received as authorized by Section 7381, and a voluntary return of the cards to the department.

SEC. 2. Section 7381 of the Fish and Game Code is amended to read:

7381. (a) Revenue received pursuant to Section 7380 may only be expended, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources consistent with Sections 6901 and 6902, and to administer the catch report-restoration card program. The department shall submit all proposed expenditures, including proposed expenditures for administrative purposes, to the Advisory Committee on Salmon and Steelhead Trout for review and comment prior to submitting a request for inclusion of the appropriation in the annual Budget Bill. The committee may recommend revisions in any proposed expenditure to the Legislature and the commission.

(b) The department shall report to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2000, regarding the implementation of the catch report-restoration card program, the projects undertaken using revenues derived pursuant to that program, the benefits derived, and its recommendation regarding whether the catch report-restoration card requirement should be continued.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2002, and, as of January 1, 2003, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, which becomes effective on or before January 1, 2003, deletes or extends the date on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

Without this legislation, existing restrictions on the use of revenues from the steelhead trout catch report-restoration card will expire on July 1, 1997. In order to continue to preserve these funds and commit



their use to monitor, restore, or enhance steelhead trout resources as soon as possible, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.

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