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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1052

Introduced by Assembly Member Caballero

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 7360 of, to amend, renumber, and add Section 7362 of, to add Section 7364 to, and to repeal Section 7363 of, the Fish and Game Code, relating to sport fishing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1052, as amended, Caballero. Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp.

Existing law prohibits a person from sport fishing in the tidal waters of the San Francisco Bay Delta and the main stem of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, including major tributaries, below the most downstream dam, unless he or she first obtains a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp or validation and affixes that stamp or validation to a valid sport fishing license. Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game or an authorized license agent to issue a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp or validation upon payment of a prescribed fee. Existing law requires the funds generated by the imposition of these fees to be deposited in a separate account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, to be used solely for the long-term, sustainable benefit of the primary Bay-Delta sport fisheries, as specified. Existing law requires the director to appoint a 9 member Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp Fund Advisory Committee

to recommend to the department projects and budgets for the expenditure of fee revenue. Those provisions are repealed as of January 1, 2010.

This bill would delete that repeal, and, instead, make the stamp or validation requirement inoperative as of January 1, 2012. The bill would require the department to implement various provisions related to expenditures from the account. The bill would require the department, in consultation with the advisory committee, to develop a grant program, as prescribed. The department would be required to post on its Internet Web site projects undertaken with funds from the account.

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 7360 of the Fish and Game Code is
2 amended to read:

3 7360. (a) A person shall not sport fish in the tidal waters of
4 the San Francisco Bay Delta and the main stem of the Sacramento
5 and San Joaquin Rivers, including major tributaries, below the
6 most downstream dam, unless he or she first obtains, in addition
7 to a valid California sport fishing license and any applicable stamp
8 or validation issued pursuant to Section 7149 or 7149.05, a
9 Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp or validation and
10 affixes that stamp or validation to his or her valid California sport
11 fishing license. Any person issued a sport fishing license pursuant
12 to paragraph (4) or (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 7149 or
13 paragraph (4) or (5) of subdivision (a) of Section 7149.05 is not
14 subject to this division.

15 (b) The commission may modify, by regulation, the geographic
16 parameters specified in subdivision (a).

17 (c) The department or an authorized license agent shall issue a
18 Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp or validation upon
19 payment of a base fee of five dollars (\$5), in the 2004 license year,
20 which shall be adjusted annually thereafter pursuant to Section
21 713.

22 (d) This section is inoperative on and after January 1, 2012.

23 SEC. 2. Section 7362 of the Fish and Game Code, as amended
24 by Section 1 of Chapter 637 of the Statutes of 2008, is amended
25 and renumbered to read:

1 7363. (a) The director shall appoint a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing
2 Enhancement Stamp Fund Advisory Committee, consisting of nine
3 members. The committee members shall be selected from names
4 of persons submitted by anglers and associations representing
5 Bay-Delta anglers of this state and shall serve at the discretion of
6 the director for terms of not more than four years. The director
7 shall appoint persons to the committee who possess experience in
8 subjects with specific value to the committee and shall attempt to
9 balance the perspective of different anglers.

10 (b) The advisory committee shall recommend to the department
11 projects and budgets for the expenditure of revenue received
12 pursuant to Section 7360. The department shall give full
13 consideration to the committee's recommendations.

14 (c) The department shall submit to the advisory committee and
15 the Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Secretary of the Senate
16 for distribution to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of
17 the Legislature, at least annually, on or before January 10 of each
18 year, an accounting of funds derived from the Bay-Delta Sport
19 Fishing Enhancement Stamps and validations, including the number
20 of stamps and validations sold, funds generated and expended, and
21 administrative expenditures, and the status of programs funded
22 pursuant to this article. In addition, the department shall report, at
23 least annually, to the committee on the status of projects undertaken
24 with funds from that stamp or validation, including reporting the
25 department's reasoning in cases where committee recommendations
26 are not followed.

27 (d) The department shall post on its Internet Web site projects
28 undertaken with funds from the account established in Section
29 7361. At a minimum, the Internet Web site shall list the project
30 title, applicant, a brief description of the project, the amount
31 approved, and the project's status.

32 SEC. 3. Section 7362 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to
33 read:

34 7362. (a) The department, in consultation with the advisory
35 committee created pursuant to Section 7363, shall develop a grant
36 program to support activities consistent with Section 7361.

37 (b) The department, in consultation with the advisory committee,
38 shall develop priority areas for funding under the grant program.
39 The department shall give the advisory committee ~~10 days an~~

1 *opportunity* to review any draft public solicitation notice before
2 that notice is finalized and released to the public.

3 (c) The advisory committee shall assist the department in
4 providing outreach to encourage wide participation in the grant
5 program.

6 (d) The department shall provide the advisory committee a copy
7 of all grant applications. The advisory committee shall have a
8 minimum of 30 days to review projects and provide
9 recommendations to the department.

10 SEC. 4. Section 7363 of the Fish and Game Code is repealed.

11 SEC. 5. Section 7364 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to
12 read:

13 7364. (a) The department shall do all of the following:

14 (1) In consultation with the advisory committee, develop a
15 spending plan that focuses on identifying and funding viable
16 projects and monitoring revenues to assist the department in
17 effectively expending available stamp revenues in a manner
18 consistent with the purposes described in Section 7361. The
19 spending plan shall be completed by January 31, 2010. Upon
20 completion, a copy of the spending plan shall be provided to the
21 Legislature.

22 (2) Track and report the costs of projects funded pursuant to
23 this article by doing both of the following:

24 (A) Improve the tracking of individual project expenditures by
25 assigning a separate account to each project within the department's
26 accounting system.

27 (B) Require a project manager to approve all expenditures
28 directly related to the manager's projects, periodically reconcile
29 records for each project with accounting records, and report
30 expenditures to staff responsible for preparing advisory committee
31 reports.

32 (3) Reimburse the department's general fund appropriation for
33 any lease payment charged to the department's general fund
34 appropriation on or before January 1, 2010 that was eligible to be
35 paid from the account established in Section 7361.

36 (4) Ensure that employees of the department appropriately
37 charge their time to projects funded pursuant to this article by
38 providing guidelines to employees concerning when to charge
39 activities to the account established in Section 7361.

1 (b) The department shall not charge payroll costs to the account
2 established in Section 7361 for employee activities that are not
3 related to the implementation of this article. The department shall
4 determine whether any other expenditure has been inappropriately
5 charged to the account established in Section 7361 and shall make
6 all necessary accounting adjustments.

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