



March 3, 2017

The Honorable Jim Patterson
The Honorable Ken Cooley
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJ: AB 1337 (Fish and Game Commission: meetings/hearings: live broadcast.)

POSITION: SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymembers Patterson and Cooley:

California Sportfishing League (CSL), the state's leading advocate for over 2.7 million anglers, is pleased to support AB 1337.

CSL represents recreational anglers across California on issues important to protecting fishing access, fisheries management, hatchery fish production and conservation of natural resources important to fisheries.

AB 1337 would require the Fish and Game Commission to provide a live video broadcast on its website of every Commission meeting or hearing that is open to the public, including meetings of the Marine Resources Committee, the Wildlife Resources Committee and the Tribal Committee.

It is in the public interest that the Commission be totally transparent in its operations. Passage of AB 1337 into law will only enhance the public's understanding of public policy and its impact on recreational fishing's \$4.6 billion annual contribution to communities dependent on outdoor tourism for jobs and tax revenue.

For these reasons, CSL supports SB 1337.

Sincerely,

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Marko Mlikotin
Executive Director