



May 25, 2018

Senator Tom Berryhill
State Capitol, Room 3067
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 518 (Berryhill) Sport fishing licenses – SUPPORT

Senator Berryhill:

The Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1000, representing over 96,000 public employees, is proud to support your bill SB 518 which will encourage sports fishing throughout the state by establishing a 12-month consecutive fishing license. With members across the state, including the rank-and-file members at the Department of Fish and Game, we have a strong interest in ensuring the long-term sustainability of important conservation, fish and wildlife programs funded by these license revenues.

Revenues generated by annual fishing license sales are in decline and a 12-month fishing license could fix this. Fishing licenses fees are how California funds fish stocking and habitat restoration programs throughout the state. As the decline of fishing licenses sales continues, it has had a negative impact on fishing, habitat and conservation programs as well as a negative economic impact for communities that are dependent on recreational fishing for tourism, jobs and tax revenue.

Several states have already transitioned to a 12-month fishing license with significant success. Along with increased fishing license sales the states also saw an increase in revenue. This created more jobs and opportunities in these states.

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We look forward to working with you and your staff as the bill moves through the legislative process.

In Solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne R. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yvonne" being more prominent and stylized.

YVONNE R. WALKER
President