



## Bill proposing evaluation of fishing regulations approved by State Senate

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SACRAMENTO — A proposed survey and evaluation of local fishing laws and regulations is one step closer to reality as the State Senate unanimously support Senate Bill 234 (SB 234) on May 15. State Sen. Tom Berryhill's proposal would rely upon the study's results to determine whether fishing ordinances are consistent with local police powers and evaluate the lawfulness of California's fishing and hunting regulations.

California's Fish and Game Commission would be tasked with completing the survey and issuing a report to legislators by Dec. 31, 2018, should SB 234 pass and be signed into law.

SB 234 now moves to the Assembly for consideration.

Current state law guarantees the right to fish on public waters. Any laws impeding access to public lands and waters for the purposes of fishing are prohibited.

The scope of the survey has not yet been determined, according to a legislative analysis of SB 234.

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