



The California Sportsman's Lobby, Inc.

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The Honorable Marie Waldron
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Position: Support

Location: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

Re: AB 478 (Waldron) Sports fishing licenses: age requirement (As Introduced February 13, 2017)

Dear Assemblymember Waldron:

The California Sportsman's Lobby is a nonprofit organization of sportsman's clubs and individuals dedicated to preserving outdoor recreation in California. Our principal activities are to monitor legislation that might negatively impact hunting, fishing and other recreation, and to oppose unwise changes in the laws relating to these activities.

The California Sportsman's Lobby (CSL) promotes the conservation, enhancement, scientific management, and wise use of all our natural resources; CSL seeks an end of activities needlessly destructive to natural resources; CSL endeavors to educate and encourage the public generally, and the youth specifically, to an understanding of the advantages and importance of the conservation, enhancement, and wise use of all our natural resources; and CSL works to secure more and better outdoor opportunities for all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or color as essential to the physical and spiritual well being of all the people.

The California Sportsmen's Lobby supports the passage of AB 478.

Raising the minimum age at which a fishing license must be purchased will allow more young people to experience the sport of fishing which, in turn, will result in more of them becoming licensed fishermen and women as adults.

The bill would ultimately result in more people engaging in fishing, buying fishing licenses, and purchasing fishing equipment. It would not only increase the number of adult fishing license buyers, but would also have a beneficial impact on state and local economies.

For the above reasons, the California Sportsmen's Lobby supports the enactment of AB 478.

Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate, Kathryn Lynch, at (916) 443-0202 or lynch@lynchlobby.com.

Sincerely,

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