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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 Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California 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 laws and regulations relating to these activities.

The Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California (OSCC) promotes the conservation enhancement, scientific management, and wise use of all our natural resources; OSCC seeks to end activities needlessly destructive to natural resources; OSCC endeavors to educate and encourage the public generally, and the youth specifically, to an understanding of the advantages and importance of the conservation and enhancement of our natural resources.

OSCC works to enhance outdoor opportunities for all citizens. With several thousand members located throughout California, we stay in contact with our membership via newsletters and the internet so they can be involved as they see fit.


This is to inform you of the support of the Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California for AB 478 that would raise the age at which a person is required to buy a sport fishing license from 16 to 18 years.

By reducing the cost of taking a youth fishing, it is more likely that more young people will be given the opportunity to experience and learn about fishing. Once they participate in fishing, they are more likely to become advocates of the sport and to purchase fishing licenses and equipment as adults.

Accordingly, the Outdoor Sportsmen's Coalition of California 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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cc: Ms. Graciela Castillo-Krings, Deputy Legislative Secretary, Governor's Office
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