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The Honorable Tom Berryhill
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Room 3067
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SB 518 – 12-Month Fishing License

Dear Senator Berryhill,

The Sportfishing Association of California (SAC) is a non-profit organization whose membership includes the majority of the Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels (CPFV) in Southern California.

The purpose of this letter is to express SAC's support for SB 518, the 12-Month Fishing License, which aims to increase fishing participation rates, license sales, and state revenue by making annual fishing license sales valid for a full 12-months from the date of purchase. Currently, fishing licenses expire on December 31st of each year, regardless of date of purchase.

Fishing participation has been in decline since the 1980s, which is reflected in a significant reduction of annual state fishing license sales. Since 1980, fishing license sales have declined over 55%. A 12-Month license system will increase sales and fishing participation in the State, and benefit the many regions that rely upon recreational fishing for jobs and tourism.

Sincerely,

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