



March 23, 2018

Assembly Member Bill Quirk, Chair
and Members of the Committee
1020 N Street, Room 171
Sacramento, California 95814

SUB: Opposition to AB 2787 (Quirk): Lead Fishing Weight Ban

Dear Assemblyman Quirk,

Safe Harbor Marinas is one of the largest owners and operators of marinas in the world. We are entirely dedicated to providing our customers with the best experience possible. We steward our waterways and environmental resources with great care and attention and we cultivate a long-term view of marina ownership. Lastly, we are committed to stable, steady, sustained growth. We own marinas in Alameda County as well as Ventura, San Diego and Emeryville.

We are a part of a coalition of recreational fishing and boating associations, tourism and hospitality industries and small business associations in opposition to legislation that will ban common lead fishing tackle. Banning weights of 50 grams or less will have a considerable impact on the cost of saltwater fishing, and the fishing charter boats that use this fishing tackle. This will hurt outdoor tourism and jobs dependent on recreational fishing for economic activity that generates \$4.6 billion a year in California.

Passing AB2787 will further harm the already declining fishing participation rates by driving up the cost of fishing tackle two-three times, or more. California's fishing participation rates have declined significantly, and in large part to the fact that fishing in California is extraordinarily costly and becoming less accessible. As participation rates decline due to added costs, so will license sale revenue that funds the fish hatcheries that stock our local rivers and lakes, and conservation programs that protect local wildlife, and waterways.

We serve your constituents, who would not be pleased with this legislation. Safe Harbor Marinas opposes AB2787.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Pearson', written over a horizontal line.

Kate Pearson
VP Business Development
Safe Harbor Marinas