



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1228 without my signature.

This bill authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to approve, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue, experimental fishing permits that authorize commercial or recreational marine fishing activities otherwise prohibited by law.

While I support sustainable fishing practices, this bill creates significant and unfunded requirements on the Commission and the Department. This bill also duplicates an existing permit which already allows the testing of experimental fishing gear.

As our marine ecosystem changes, California should be a leader and support innovative and sustainable fishing practices. Therefore, I am directing the Department of Fish and Wildlife to work with the author on legislation to address the identified concerns.

Sincerely,



Edmund G. Brown Jr.