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Dear Friend:

Attached is a summary of significant legislation referred to the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee during the first half of the 1985-86 legislative session.

The bills are listed by subject area, and the status of each is included. Spot bills, bills not taken up by the author, and bills which failed passage may not be listed. However, generally those of the greatest significance have been included regardless of status.

If you have any questions regarding the summary or specific bills, please contact the committee staff at (916) 445-6164.

Sincerely,

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I. WATER

A. WATER DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPLY

AB 223 (Peace) Water service: residential: charges

Prohibits specified water providers from seeking to recover water charges or penalties from subsequent tenants for nonpayment of water charges incurred by a previous tenant. Allows the water provider to require that water service to subsequent tenants be under the landlord's account. (Signed September 29, 1985; Chapter 1251).

AB 306 (Johnston) San Joaquin River channel

Allows the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the State Reclamation Board, to do clearing and snagging work in the bypasses and bifurcations of the San Joaquin Channel, as well as in the Channel itself. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).

AB 459 (Bates) Water resources development

Authorizes the Department of Water Resources to contract with the federal Central Valley Project to purchase water or provide water
quality for the State Water Resources Development System (State Water Project). (Two-year bill; Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee).

**AB 955** (Peace) Delta levee failure plan

Requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare an emergency plan which will allow the continued export of usable water from the delta in the event of the failure of one or more levees in the delta. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1271).

**AB 2010** (Isenberg) Central Valley Project: task force

Requires the Secretary of the Resources Agency to establish a task force to investigate the feasibility of state ownership or operation of the federal Central Valley Project and submit its recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 1988. (Two-year bill; Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee).

**ACA 16** (Bates) Water resources development

Places before state electors an amendment to the California Constitution which requires, in order to amend the "areas of origin" statutes, a two-thirds vote of both houses, and further stipulates that no amendment may reduce the protections contained in these statutes. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).
ACR 48 (Costa) California Water Forum

Encourages the California Water Forum to submit its statewide Water Policy Option Scenarios Report to the Legislature by October 1, 1986, and expresses legislative intent that the administrative agencies of the state should cooperate with the Forum in the preparation of the report. (Chaptered August 30, 1985; Resolution Chapter 85).

SB 187 (Ayala) Groundwater storage facilities

Authorizes, under specified conditions, groundwater storage facilities south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as part of the State Water Resources Development System. (Signed July 26, 1985; Chapter 268).

B. WATER QUALITY

AB 759 (Farr) Waste water treatment plants

Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to (1) classify and certify supervisors and operators of private utility waste water treatment plants, (2) adopt regulations or approve training courses necessary for certification, and (3) refuse to grant, suspend, or revoke a certificate of competency for supervisors and operators of municipal and private waste water treatment plants. (Signed July 30, 1985; Chapter 420).
AB 921 (Costa) Waste discharge reports
Limits the information that a regional water quality control board may require in a proposed waste discharge report to information pertinent to the discharge, and requires the State Water Resources Control Board to establish a reasonable time limit for the regional board to determine the adequacy of a report. (Signed September 16, 1985; Chapter 653).

AB 1835 (Sher) Fish & Game: recovery of damages
Requires the Department of Fish and Game to cleanup, abate or order the cleanup or abatement of any petroleum or petroleum products deposited in, or threatening to enter, the state's waterways and authorizes the department to collect civil damages for the cost of cleanup. (Signed September 20, 1985; Chapter 864).

AB 2228 (Sher) San Francisco Bay: protection
Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to undertake a comprehensive review of water quality standards to protect the San Francisco Bay, in cooperation with various public and private entities. Requires the Board to adopt, by December 1, 1989, any additional necessary standards for the protection of the reasonable and beneficial uses of water in the Bay. (Two-year bill; Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee).
ACR 85 (Farr) Monterey Bay: pollution

Requests the Department of Health Services to prepare a plan for the purpose of implementing a comprehensive plan and surveillance program on Monterey Bay pollution. Requests the Department to submit a status report on the present water quality of the Bay to the Legislature by January 1, 1986. (Signed September 20, 1985; Resolution Chapter 130)

SB 255 (Davis) Water quality: laboratory tests

Requires analyses of material subject to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act to be performed by a laboratory which is certified by the state board to be competent, properly staffed, and well equipped. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt criteria for certification and establish a fee schedule for certification. Requires the Legislature to fund this program by fiscal year 1986-87, and automatically terminates, as of January 1, 1989, the board's authority to levy fees for the certification program. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1520).

SB 382 (McCorquodale) Water quality enforcement

Corrects a technical flaw in the law by allowing a party who has been issued a complaint by a regional water quality control board for a violation of a water quality law to waive the right to a hearing, rather than the regional board. (Signed July 4, 1985; Chapter 148).
SB 686 (Marks) Oil spills: cleanup

Authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to order any responsible party to clean up or abate the effects of a discharge of petroleum or petroleum products into waters of the state under specified conditions. Appropriates $2.25 million from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund for various activities of the department related to oil spills. Excludes pesticides, under specified conditions, from the definition of petroleum product. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1429).

SB 1338 (Vuich) Safe drinking water grants

Authorizes the Department of Water Resources, in accordance with the California Safe Drinking Bond Law of 1984, to make grants not to exceed $400,000 each from the California Safe Drinking Water Fund to specified public entities to upgrade 90 separate domestic water systems. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1353.)

SCR 38 (Bergeson) Newport Bay pollution: regional board

Requests the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Ana Region, to prepare a report on the water quality of Newport Bay and its watershed, with recommendations for specific action to be taken by local, state, and federal agencies to protect the Bay waters from pollutants. (Chaptered July 17, 1985; Res. Chapter 97).
C. GROUNDWATER

**AB 578 (Grisham) Water replenishment districts:**

assessments

Exempts groundwater extraction from replenishment assessments if the board of directors of a water replenishment district determines the extraction would remedy or ameliorate a problem of groundwater contamination under specified conditions. (Signed September 9, 1985; Chapter 537).

**AB 792 (Costa) Groundwater management**

Authorizes local agencies whose jurisdiction includes groundwater basins with critical overdraft problems (currently 11 basins, as defined by the Department of Water Resources) to (1) establish programs for groundwater management, (2) enter into joint powers agreements to establish groundwater management programs, and (3) levy rates and assessments, if approved at an election, to pay for the management programs. (Two-year bill; Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee).

**AB 1156 (Areias) Groundwater recharge facility financing**

Enacts the Groundwater Recharge Facilities Financing Act which would provide loans and grants to water agencies for groundwater recharge programs. (Signed September 26, 1985; Chapter 1034).
**AB 1982 (Costa) Water conservation and groundwater recharge: state bonds**

Enacts the Water Conservation and Groundwater Recharge Bond Law of 1985, which authorizes the sale of bonds not to exceed $100 million for loans to local agencies for capital outlay water conservation programs and groundwater recharge facilities and grants and loans to public agencies for plans, surveys, research, development, and studies necessary for water conservation and groundwater recharge programs. (In Senate, not yet assigned to a policy committee).

**SB 187 (Ayala) Groundwater storage facilities**

Authorizes, under specified conditions, groundwater storage facilities south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as part of the State Water Resources Development System. (Signed July 26, 1985; Chapter 268).

**D. WATER CONSERVATION**

**AB 1029 (Kelley) Water conservation projects**

Specifies that water conservation and reclamation projects such as on-farm irrigation systems are eligible for assistance from any bond law if the project enables a more efficient use of water and is otherwise eligible for funding. (Signed September 25, 1985; Chapter 938).
AB 1658 (Isenberg) Agricultural water management planning

Requires every agricultural water supplier who supplies more than 50,000 acre-feet a year to prepare an informational report on its water management and conservation practices and submit the report to the Department of Water Resources no later than December 31, 1988. Those suppliers who determine that a significant opportunity to conserve water exists would be required to develop a water management plan. The bill provides for state reimbursement for the costs associated with developing and implementing a management plan. (Two-year bill; Assembly Ways and Means Committee).

AB 1982 (Costa) Water conservation and groundwater recharge: state bonds

Enacts the Water Conservation and Groundwater Recharge Bond Law of 1985, which authorizes the sale of bonds not to exceed $100 million for loans to local agencies for capital outlay water conservation programs and groundwater recharge facilities and grants and loans to public agencies for plans, surveys, research, development, and studies necessary for water conservation and groundwater recharge programs. (In Senate, not yet assigned to a policy committee).
E. HYDROELECTRIC POWER

AB 106 (Herger) Water districts: hydroelectric power
Allows the Biggs-West Gridley Water District, the Butte Water District and the Sutter Extension Water District to construct, maintain, and operate one or more hydroelectric projects on the Thermolito Afterbay, and authorizes the Yuba County Water Agency to develop hydroelectric alternate energy supply sources under 75 megawatts. (Signed July 29, 1985; Chapter 314).

AB 846 (Campbell) Small hydroelectric projects: wild trout water
Prohibits the approval of small hydroelectric projects on streams designated as wild trout waters by the State Fish and Game Commission). (Two-year bill; Assembly Ways and Means Committee).

AB 951 (Jones) Hydroelectric power development
 Declares state policy that small hydroelectric generating facilities should be developed on existing dams, canals, or reservoirs. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, when considering the feasibility of a proposed small hydroelectric facility which is not on an existing dam, diversion, or canal, to make specified findings in water rates proceedings concerning the costs of mitigation measures and the cost impact of providing bypass flows to protect instream uses. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1272).
SB 245 (Ayala) California water districts: hydroelectric power

Grants water districts established under the California Water District Law the authority to construct and operate hydroelectric projects which may be financed through general obligation or revenue bonds. (Signed September 26, 1985; Chapter 1054).

F. DRAINAGE

AB 538 (Campbell) San Joaquin Valley drain

Prohibits any discharge from a San Joaquin Valley agricultural drain to the Delta, Suisun Bay, Carquinez Straits, or San Francisco Bay or tributaries, and defines "protect" as meaning not to harm or degrade the receiving environment, on a short or long-term basis. (Failed passage in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).

AB 791 (Costa) Comprehensive service laboratory

Requires the Department of Water Resources to conduct a feasibility study on entering into an interagency agreement with an appropriate state educational institution to establish a comprehensive, multifunctional service laboratory. Appropriates $387,700 from the General Fund to the department for allocation to California State University, Fresno to determine the feasibility of developing and implementing specific processes for
the removal of selenium from agricultural drain waters. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1427; However, the Governor line-item vetoed the $387,700 appropriation).

G. WATER RIGHTS

**AB 404** (Kelley) Water rights fees

Raises fees for water rights applications, applications to extend the time permitted to begin construction of a project, and applications and permits for appropriation of water. Imposes a fee for filing a petition to transfer water or for water rights. (Signed September 19, 1985; Chapter 819).

**AB 450** (Costa) Water rights

Conforms the method used by the State Water Resources Control Board to adjudicate a stream system with that used by the federal and state courts. (Signed September 13, 1985; Chapter 572).

H. FLOOD CONTROL

**AB 722** (Campbell) Sacramento River flood protection project

Prohibits the signing of an assurance agreement between the State Reclamation Board and the Army Corps of Engineers for a flood protection project on the Sacramento River, from Chico Landing to
Red Bluff, until the Department of Fish and Game prepares a mitigation plan and the Fish and Game Commission determines that the mitigated project will have no net long-term adverse impact on anadromous fisheries; rare, threatened, or endangered species; and riparian habitat. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).

**SB 674 (Nielsen) Water resources: flood control**

Requires the Department of Water Resources to conduct various water studies of the Sacramento River and the Feather River and their tributaries north of Sacramento. Redirects up to $400,000 from the department's 1985 budget for an alternative bank protection demonstration project on the Sacramento River. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1453; However, the Governor line-item vetoed the $2.2 million appropriation from the General Fund for flood damage control.)

**II. PARKS AND RECREATION**

**AB 20 (Elder) Land acquisitions and exchanges**

Requires the Director of General Services, at the request of the State Coastal Conservancy, to transfer excess state property within the coastal zone to the Conservancy if needed for exchange purposes. (Signed September 29, 1985; Chapter 1243).
AB 1456 (Clute) Parks: California Park and Recreational Facilities Act of 1984
Defines "district", for purposes of the California Park and Recreational Facilities Act of 1984, to include district agricultural associations or citrus fruit fairs, and enables these districts to receive local assistance grants. (Signed September 19, 1985; Chapter 827).

AB 1814 (O'Connell) State park system: operating agreements
Authorizes the Department of Parks and Recreation to enter into operating agreements with nonprofit corporations for the maintenance, administration, and control of any lands in the state park system. (Two-year bill; Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee).

AB 1825 (Johnston) Recreational marinas: state financial assistance
Authorizes the Department of Boating and Waterways to make loans from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to private recreational marina owners for specified development, expansion, and improvement of boating facilities. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1307).

SB 489 (Royce) Bagley Conservation Fund: abolition
Abolishes the Bagley Conservation Fund and transfers any encumbered balance in the fund to the State Parks and Recreation Fund. (Signed September 10, 1985; Chapter 748).
SB 1391 (Keene) Resources

(1) Appropriates $1.3 million from the Environmental License Plate Fund for the acquisition of a 2.6 acre parcel on the shoreline of Lake Tahoe. (2) Appropriates $250,000 from the Special Account for Capitol Outlay for the completion of a visitor's center at the San Pasqual Battlefield State Historic Park. (3) Appropriates $231,000 from the Environmental License Plate Fund to assist in the acquisition of the Petrified Forest. (4) Augments the Budget Act of 1985 to provide an additional $190,000 from the General Fund for the operation of the California Agriculture Museum during fiscal year 1985. (5) Appropriates $20 million from federal revenues which the state anticipates receiving pursuant to the federal Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. (6) Appropriates $800,000 from the Special Account for Capital Outlay for acquisition of property known as Meyers Ranch, as an addition to the Sonoma Coast State Beach.

(Signed October 2, 1985, Chapter 1602, with line-item vetoes for sections authorizing funds for the California Agricultural Museum and the Myers Ranch; reduced funding allocation for the Lake Tahoe project from $20 million to $5 million.)
III. HISTORICAL RESOURCES

**AB 2104 (Killea) History documentation and historical property**

Authorizes the Secretary of State to conduct a governmental history documentation program. Revises the authority under which cities and counties may contract with owners of historical property to limit the use of the property in order to retain its historical significance, in return for property tax relief. (Signed September 25, 1985; Chapter 965).

**AB 2387 (Farr) Historical resources: grants**

Appropriates $500,000 from the General Fund to the State Historical Resources Commission for grants to nonprofit organizations for historical resources projects, including interpretation, preservation, planning, and protection of sites, structures, artifacts, records, photographs, or other archival material, and the gathering of oral traditions. (Two-year bill; Assembly Ways and Means Committee).
IV. FISHERIES

A. COMMERCIAL FISHING

**AB 210 (Hauser) Department of Fish & Game: Fisheries Development Section**

Establishes a Fisheries Development Section within the Department of Fish and Game to study and report on underutilized marine species, fish transportation needs and seafood purchases by state and federal agencies. Requires the Department to conduct a Dungeness crab study and establish a Commercial Fisheries and Seafood Industry Assistance Program. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).

**AB 307 (Wright) Commercial Fishing**

Makes changes in the halibut fishery with regard to size limit and year restrictions, and reduces the amount of undersized fish which may be taken. Places a moratorium on the issuance of new general gill and trammel net permits. (Signed September 29, 1985; Chapter 1002).

**AB 1766 (Felando) Fish processing**

Deletes processors of imported fresh fish from the requirement to obtain a license for processing and from the state privilege tax. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).
AB 1767 (Felando) Gill and trammel nets
Prohibits the use of gill and trammel nets of specified mesh size in six specified areas and extends some existing closures. (Signed September 20, 1985; Chapter 854).

AB 2078 (Allen) Commercial salmon vessel permits
Permits the Fish and Game Commission to levy civil damages in lieu of revocation or suspension of an individual's commercial salmon fishing privileges, if the individual agrees. (Signed September 20, 1985; Chapter 867).

AB 2079 (Allen) Commercial fishing reports
Requires fishermen, fish dealers, and fish processors to retain the fish landing receipts (pink tickets) for one year, and requires those who catch their own fish to send a copy of the pink ticket to the Department of Fish and Game. Authorizes the Fish and Game Commission to revoke or suspend licenses for failure to submit pink tickets as required. Requires persons who transport fish, mollusks, or crustaceans taken in California or imported fresh from outside the state, to fill out a transportation receipt. (Signed September 25, 1985; Chapter 955).

AB 2099 (Farr) Salmon and steelhead trout
Appropriates $45,000 from the Salmon Vessel Permit Fund within the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to the Department of Fish and Game for studies and reports on the salmon fishery and to enter
into consulting contracts for creating a permanent limited entry law for the commercial salmon fishing industry. (Signed September 29, 1985; Chapter 1196).

**AB 2199 (Feland) Drift gill and trammel nets: shark and swordfish**

Enacts new closures along the coast of Southern California (Santa Cruz Island to the U.S. - Mexican border) to gill and trammel nets used in the shark and swordfish fishery. (Signed October 2, 1985; Chapter 1558).

**AJR 44 (Elder) American tuna industry**

States that the American tuna industry contributes significantly to the economy of California. Memorializes the President and Congress and the International Trade Commission to review trade practices which adversely affect the American tuna industry. Encourages all Californians and Americans to buy American tuna. (Chaptered September 20, 1985; Resolution Chapter 142).

**SB 89 (Maddy) Gill and trammel nets**

Adds specified prohibitions for the use of gill and trammel nets. Permits the use of small-mesh gill nets in specified areas. Authorizes the Director to open the area south of Point San Luis to large-mesh gill and trammel nets, if it is unlikely that sea otters would be taken accidentally in the nets. Requests the Department of Fish and Game to explore alternative fishing methods for California halibut. (Signed May 24, 1985; Chapter 50).
SB 280 (McCorquodale) Fish & Game: sturgeon roe: fish
Requires anyone in the business of processing or commercial
wholesale of sturgeon roe to be licensed, pay a privilege tax and
maintain specified records of transactions. Prohibits the
selling of sport caught fish and the buying, selling or
possessing of fish where food is offered for sale, except for
striped bass taken under a sport or ocean fishing license under
specified conditions. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1403).

SB 346 (Marks) Gill and trammel nets
Establishes specified criteria to obtain a special permit to
commercially fish in Fish and Game districts 10, 17 and portions
of district 18, and extends the permit for an additional two
years. (Signed July 30, 1985; Chapter 436).

SCR 22 (Mello) Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force
Creates the Pacific Fisheries Legislative Task Force composed of
legislators of the Pacific state and provinces in Canada to serve
as a clearinghouse for opinions from all the interested parties
involved in the Pacific fishing, seafood, and aquaculture
industries. (Chaptered July 19, 1985; Resolution Chapter 67).
B. FISHERIES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION

AB 723 (Campbell) Streamflow requirements
Requires the Department of Fish and Game to prepare proposed streamflow requirements on at least 10 streams or watercourses a year. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board, in acting upon applications to appropriate water, to consider streamflow requirements proposed by the director, and authorizes the board to establish streamflow requirements it deems necessary to protect fish and wildlife as conditions in permits and licenses. Appropriates $500,000 from the General Fund, and $500,000 from the Environmental License Plate Fund for the development of proposed streamflow requirements. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1259; However, the Governor line-item vetoed the $500,000 appropriation from the General Fund).

AB 823 (Costa) Striped bass
Extends the striped bass stamp program until January 1, 1990, to fund studies and hatchery release programs with the goal of rebuilding the striped bass population in the delta. (Signed July 9, 1985; Chapter 190).

AB 846 (Campbell) Small hydroelectric projects: wild trout water
Prohibits the approval of small hydroelectric projects on streams designated as wild trout waters by the State Fish and Game Commission). (Two-year bill; Assembly Ways and Means Committee).
**AB 2377** (Hauser) **Groundfish: tri-state compact**

Authorizes the Governor to enter into a compact with the States of Oregon and Washington to create a Tri-State Groundfish Travel Governing Board to manage the groundfish resources of the Pacific coast. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).

**SB 400** (Keene) **Fisheries restoration**

Enacts the Fisheries Restoration Act of 1985 to create a $5 million special account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund. Authorizes the money to be expended for the construction, operation and administration of projects to maintain and restore fishery resources and their habitat that have been damaged by past water diversions and projects and other development activities. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1236).

**C. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FUNDING**

**AB 617** (Kelley) **Fish & Game: revenues and funding**

Increases the basic sport hunting and fishing licenses to $18. Increases other various hunting and fishing licenses and fees. Appropriates $1,152,000 from the General Fund to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to augment hunting and fishing license revenues. (Signed October 1, 1985; Chapter 1463).
AB 1835 (Sher) Fish & Game: recovery of damages
Requires the Department of Fish and Game to cleanup, abate or order the cleanup or abatement of any petroleum or petroleum products deposited in, or threatening to enter, the state's waterways and authorizes the department to collect civil damages for the cost of cleanup. (Signed September 20, 1985; Chapter 864).

D. MISCELLANEOUS

AB 1171 (Costa) Fish & Game: prizes: permits
Exempts small bass tournaments from the Department of Fish and Game's permit process. (Signed July 1, 1985; Chapter 124).

V. W I L D L I F E

A. WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

AB 524 (Costa) Endangered species: project reviews
Extends indefinitely the requirements that (1) each state lead agency consult with the Department of Fish and Game on projects under the California Environmental Quality Act, and (2) if jeopardy occurs to an endangered or threatened species or its habitat, reasonable alternatives or measures must be taken. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water Parks and Wildlife Committee).
AB 947 (N. Waters) Mountain lions

Establishes the mountain lion as a game mammal, and authorizes the taking of mountain lions by any person whose livestock or other property is damaged by a mountain lion. Requires the Department of Fish and Game to develop a management plan for the mountain lion by January 1, 1987. Requires the Department to reimburse from the General Fund any owner for livestock or property that is damaged by mountain lions if a management plan has not been approved for the area by January 1, 1987. (Two-year bill; Senate Natural Resources Committee).

AB 1169 (Costa) Migratory birds: habitat improvement projects

Permits the Fish and Game Commission to contract with nonprofit organizations, through an exemption from the Public Contract Code, to construct projects to protect, preserve, restore, and enhance migratory waterfowl habitat on state lands. (Signed July 26, 1985; Chapter 276).

AB 1620 (Farr) Restricted live wild animals: inspections

Authorizes inspections by local entities, as defined, of exotic animals, and nonaccredited zoos and establishes various permits and fees. Provides a method for the development of memorandums of understanding between the Department of Fish and Game and the local entities who would be doing inspections and collecting fees. (Signed September 25, 1985; Chapter 1019).
AB 2077 (Allen) Wildlife management areas
Requires the Governor's budget to include sufficient funds from the General Fund to pay the nonappropriative share of costs, as defined, in managing state wildlife management areas. (Two-year bill; Assembly Ways and Means Committee).

AB 2510 (Costa) Wildlife: habitat
Authorizes the department to enter into wildlife habitat management agreements with the owners or lessees of private or publicly owned lands for the purpose of cooperatively managing habitat values on those lands. (Two-year bill; Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee).

SB 76 (Presley) Mountain lions
Allows the specially protected status of the mountain lion to expire as of January 1, 1986, allowing the return of the mountain lion to the game mammal status. Requires the Department to immediately develop mountain lion management plans throughout the state. Permits taking of mountain lions if a management plan has not been adopted by the Fish and Game Commission by January 1, 1987. Requires the Department of Fish and Game to conduct a comprehensive study of the mountain lion, and the Commission to adopt management regulations to reflect the results of the study. (Vetoed by the Governor October 2, 1985).
SB 499 (Davis) Fish and Game: enforcement

Appropriates $135,000 from the General Fund and $175,000 from the Fish and Game Preservation Fund to fund six new positions and the costs of equipment to develop two special investigative units for investigating acts relating to the commercial take of specified animals and various other violations. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1357).

SB 1019 (Doolittle) Game offenses: penalties

Increases the maximum misdemeanor penalty for the poaching of a game mammal or bird to $2,000 or one year in jail or both. Provides for dismissal of charges if a person can produce, in court, a license, license tag or license stamp issued to the individual and valid at the time of the arrest. (Signed October 2, 1985; Chapter 1478).

B. HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

AB 2436 (Allen) Fish and Game license agents

Specifies various requirements for the reporting and recordkeeping practices relative to hunting and fishing permits, licenses, stamps and tags. Specifies bonding requirements for license agents. Requires the Auditor General to conduct an audit and investigation of the Department of Fish and Game's compliance with various accounting procedures and tax and fee collection procedures. Appropriates $80,000 from the General Fund to the
Auditor General to conduct the compliance audit and implement the provisions of the bill. Appropriates $50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Finance to conduct a study of the Department of Fish and Game's current licensing system. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1310).

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**C. DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

**AB 1663 (Campbell) Dogs and cats: spaying or neutering**

Prohibits a public pound or shelter from selling or giving away any dog or cat over six months of age that has not been spayed or neutered unless a deposit for spaying or neutering has been tendered to the pound or shelter. The deposit is returned upon presentation of a receipt or written statement from the veterinarian or clinic that the dog or cat has been spayed or neutered. (Signed September 30, 1985; Chapter 1290).
**AB 1810 (Herger) Humane officers**

Requires all humane officers, except those who have been in office 9 years or more, to successfully complete courses of training in animal care, state humane laws, and the carrying and use of firearms. (Signed September 26, 1985; Chapter 998).

**D. MISCELLANEOUS**

**SB 330 (Mello) Falconry: licenses and permits**

Specifies that no permit is required for the capture or temporary intrastate transfer of birds-of-prey. Prohibits the taking, possessing or destruction of birds-of-prey, their nests or eggs except under specified conditions. Imposes, prohibits and changes various licenses and permit fees. Requires the department to notify, within 15 days, an applicant of insufficient information on a application for a permit. Increases the maximum fine for the taking, possessing or destruction of protected birds-of-prey, their nests or eggs to $5,000, one year in jail or both. (Signed August 1, 1985; Chapter 1334.)

This summary was prepared by Matthew Orr, Secretary to the Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife.