



Division of Boating and Waterways

STAFF REPORT: Legislative Update

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SUBJECT: California Legislation

Summary

This report provides summary excerpts and the status of legislation affecting the Division of Boating and Waterways. Information contained in this report is accurate as of November 2, 2021.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION UPDATE

Assembly Bill 591 (Villapudua) Vessels: arrests.

Summary: This bill authorizes peace officers to issue a “fix-it ticket” for the following vessel-related violations: (1) expired vessel registration; (2) failure to paint the vessel identification number on the forward half of the boat; (3) operating a vessel without possessing an operating license; (4) failure to display registration stickers on a vessel; (5) using a recreational boat without a proper floatation device; (6) operating a boat without a properly serviced fire extinguisher; and (7) having a fire extinguisher without the proper metallic name plate.

Status: Signed, Chapter 57, Statutes of 2021.

Assembly Bill 817 (Wood) Sport fishing licenses: 12-consecutive-month licenses.

Summary: This bill authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) to issue sport fishing licenses, valid for 12 consecutive months, until January 1, 2030, as specified. This bill also authorizes DFW to provide an electronic mobile device option to display fishing licenses, by January 1, 2023. The bill requires DFW to report to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2025, on recommendations to increase fishing license fees to fully offset program administrative costs. Additionally, the bill requires DFW to report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2028, evaluating all sport fishing licenses, as specified.

Status: Signed, Chapter 607, Statutes of 2021.

Commission Action

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Attachments