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**LEGISLATIVE REPORT PROVIDING INFORMATION AND A STATUS UPDATE
CONCERNING STATE LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO THE COMMISSION**

SUMMARY:

The first half of the 2019-20 legislative session began this past December. The bill introduction deadline is February 22. After all the bills are introduced, staff will review them and analyze those that appear relevant to the Commission. Because developing bill language can take time, spot bills, which are nonsubstantive placeholders, are common. Later, their contents will be replaced with substantive provisions. When substantive language is amended into the spot bills, which usually happens in the Spring, the Assembly and Senate rules committees will refer them to policy committees.

Key issues the Legislature is expected to address this year that are relevant to the Commission are oil and gas liability and decommissioning, sea-level rise and climate change, abandoned vessels, marine invasive species prevention, reducing plastic waste, beach access, and oil spill prevention. Staff also anticipates that legislation will be introduced related to the Oakland Athletics' interest in developing a major league ballpark and mixed-use development at the roughly 50-acre Howard Terminal site in the Port of Oakland. The Port, by the City Charter, is a trustee on behalf of the State for the state-owned filled tidelands at Howard Terminal. The Commission oversees the management of these trust lands by the Port as a tidelands trustee.

It is hard to predict the full range of legislation that will be introduced this year, but staff will monitor bill introductions and review legislation throughout the legislative session. Staff uses CapitolTrack, a legislative tracking service, to monitor and track state legislation. In the coming months, staff will present updates and recommendations to the Commission using CapitolTrack, summarizing key legislation and organizing bills by issue area. Staff will also work closely with the Natural Resources Agency, sister state agencies, legislative staff, and the Governor's office to stay up to date on potential legislation and concepts that may be of interest to the Commission.

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LEGISLATION:

Below is a list of bills introduced to date that may be of interest to the Commission.

AB 60 (Friedman) Sunscreen: oxybenzone and octinoxate

This bill, introduced by the Chair of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee, would ban the sale, offering of sale, or distribution for sale in the state, of sunscreen that contains oxybenzone. Some chemicals in sunscreen, including oxybenzone, may harm coral reefs and marine life. Last year, Hawaii enacted the first law in the nation that bans sunscreens containing oxybenzone.

AB 65 (Petrie-Norris) Coastal protection: climate adaption: project prioritization

This bill would require specified things of the State Coastal Conservancy when it allocates funding appropriated under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act of 2018, including that funding prioritizes projects using natural infrastructure to help adapt to climate change. The bill would require the Conservancy to provide information to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research on projects funded under the Act for possible inclusion into the State Adaptation Clearinghouse, a centralized source of information to guide decision makers at the state, regional, and local levels when planning for and implementing climate adaptation projects to promote resiliency to climate change in California.

AB 129 (Bloom) Waste management: plastic microfiber

This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation to recognize the emerging threat that microfibers, a category of plastic pollution, pose to the environment and water quality, and would make related findings and declarations.

AB 209 (Limon) Parks: environmental education: grant program.

This bill would require the Director of Parks and Recreation to establish an Outdoor Equity Grants Program to increase the ability of underserved and at-risk populations to participate in outdoor environmental educational experiences at state parks and other public lands where outdoor environmental education programs occur. The bill would also require the director to prioritize funding to outdoor environmental education programs that primarily provide outreach to and serve students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, foster youth, or pupils of limited English proficiency.

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SB 1 (Atkins, Portantino, and Stern) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2019

This bill, introduced by the Senate President Pro Tempore, is intended to protect California's environment, workers, and consumers from consequences of misguided deregulation at the federal level. The bill would make federal clean air, climate, clean water, worker safety, and endangered species standards enforceable under state law, even if the federal government weakens those standards. The bill would also direct state environmental, public health, and worker safety agencies to take all actions within their authorities to ensure standards in effect and being enforced as of January 2017 remain in effect.

SB 8 (Glazer) State parks: state coastal beaches: smoking ban

This bill would ban cigarette smoking at state coastal beaches and parks. In 2017, the Commission supported similar legislation ([Calendar Item 93, April 2017](#)).

SB 45 (Allen) Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020

This bill, introduced by the Chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount to finance projects to restore fire damaged areas, reduce wildfire risk, create healthy forest and watersheds, reduce climate impacts on urban areas and vulnerable populations, protect water supply and water quality, protect rivers, lakes, and streams, reduce flood risk, protect fish and wildlife from climate impacts, improve climate resilience of agricultural lands, and protect coastal lands and resources.

SB 54 (Allen) Single-use plastic waste: reduction

This bill would state legislative intent to enact legislation that would significantly reduce the amount of single-use plastic waste entering California's waste stream, polluting California's oceans, littering local communities and beaches, and costing local governments millions of dollars in cleanup costs.

DEADLINES:

The California Legislature has a legislative calendar that contains deadlines for when certain actions must occur. Below are key deadlines for 2019:

- February 22: Last day for bills to be introduced.
- April 11: Spring Recess begins upon adjournment.

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- April 26: Last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees' fiscal bills introduced in their house.
- May 10: Last day for policy committees to meet before June 3.
- May 17: Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report to the floor bills introduced in their house.
- May 31: Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house.
- June 15: Budget Bill must be passed by midnight.
- July 12: Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills. Summer Recess begins on adjournment, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
- August 12: Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess.
- August 30: Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- September 6: Last day to amend bills on the floor.
- September 13: Last day for any bill to be passed.
- October 13: Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills.