

Dear Friends – Thank you for sending a letter of opposition for AB 2787. As noted below (see release), **the bill was pulled** from the Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Substances’ agenda. We believe that the bill did not have sufficient support in its current form. Since the bill could return we are still working on growing our coalition and we welcome your continued support by urging others to write the committee.

PRESS RELEASE

Lead Fishing Weight Bill Stalls Growing Opposition May Have Been a Factor

April 5, 2018 (Sacramento, CA): The leading advocate for California’s recreational anglers announced today that state legislation that would ban lead fishing weights, 50 grams or smaller, will not be heard by the Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Substance on April 10th as originally scheduled.

“It is encouraging that the lead fishing weight bill has stalled, but this threat is still very much alive” said Marko Mlikotin, executive director of the California Sportfishing League. “We will continue to demonstrate to the legislature that this proposed ban would have a huge, harmful impact on anglers and the fishing economy without benefiting the environment or people.”

Assembly Bill 2787, authored by the committee chair Assemblyman Bill Quirk (D-Hayward) could be amended and/or rescheduled for a later date.

A strong coalition of industries and organizations representing sportfishing, boaters, marina operators, retailers, tourism and hospitality has been demanding greater analysis before passing legislation that could have lasting impacts on fishing participation rates and jobs dependent on outdoor tourism.

“Anglers need to remain vigilant when it comes to protecting a great form of outdoor recreation,” said Mlikotin.

Opposition Coalition:

American Sportfishing Association, California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains, California Association for Recreational Fishing, California Aquaculture Association, California Parks Company, California Parks Hospitality Association, California Sportfishing League, California Yacht Brokers Association, California Yacht Marinas, Coastal Conservation Association - California, Coastside Fishing Club, Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, Coyote Bait and Tackle, Dana Wharf Sportfishing & Whale Watching, Douglas Elliot, Los Angeles Rod and Reel Club, Marina Recreation Association, National Federation of Independent Business, National Marine Manufacturers Association, Nor-Cal Guides and Sportsmen’s Association, **Oceanside Senior Anglers, Inc.**, Paradise Bass Club, Safe Harbor Marinas, San Diego County Wildlife Federation, United Pier and Shore Anglers of California, Visit Mammoth Lakes, Western Boaters Safety Group.

In addition, over 5000 anglers have signed an [online petition](#) opposing to the bill.

The California Sportfishing League (CSL) is a nonprofit coalition of recreational anglers, associations and small business owners devoted to protecting access to recreational fishing. Recreational fishing contributes over \$4.6 billion annually to California’s economy, a major contributor to outdoor tourism and jobs.

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