



September 16, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Signature – AB 1949 [Boerner Horvath] – Marine Fish Species Enhancement**

Dear Governor Newsom:

Platinum Advisors writes to respectfully REQUEST your SIGNATURE on AB 1949 (Boerner Horvath) on behalf of California Association of Harbor Masters and Port Captains (CAHMPC). CAHMPC exchanges information relative to construction, maintenance, operation, regulation, enforcement, administration and management, pertaining to boats, marinas and harbors.

CAHMPC appreciates and supports the objective of AB 1949 to improve the existing hatchery program. The Marine Fish Hatchery in Carlsbad is the only salt-water marine fish hatchery on the West Coast. The goal of the hatchery program is to develop culture techniques for depleted marine fish species and to produce offspring for use in the OREHP. AB 1949 seeks to expand the program to include any marine fishing species for sport and commercial fishing.

The bill would also update the provisions related to the advisory panel to provide for more public participation and stakeholder engagement. In addition, the bill would expand the contracting authority of the Department of Fish and Wildlife by allowing the department to contract with any public or private entity to conduct research projects.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our request for your signature of AB 1949.

Sincerely,

Beau Biller  
Lobbyist  
Platinum Advisors

cc: The Honorable Tasha Boerner Horvath, Author, Brad Gross, Executive Director CAHMPC