



## PCL INSIDER: News from the Capitol

### Ocean Day Makes a Splash at the Capitol

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, PCL joined ocean and coastal advocates from throughout the state for Ocean Day at the Capitol. We spent the day talking with legislators about Marine Protected Areas, plastic pollution prevention, climate change adaptation, and the need for strong coastal protection. Many legislators expressed their support for these issues, and will hopefully reaffirm that in practice through their upcoming votes. Policy committee hearings are now in full swing, and several ocean-related bills will be heard next week – notably including [AB 1699](#) (Bloom), which would ban microplastics in personal care products, and [SB 1132](#) (Mitchell & Leno), which would place a moratorium on both onshore and offshore fracking. Watch for other coastal and ocean bills over the coming weeks, including bag ban bill [SB 270](#) (Padilla, de León, & Lara), sea level rise adaptation and planning bills [SB 1217](#) (Leno) and [AB 2516](#) (Gordon), and beach water quality monitoring bill [SB 1395](#) (Block). We also expect PCL-sponsored [AB 976](#) (Atkins), giving the Coastal Commission the ability to fine violators of the Coastal Act, to undergo active discussion later this session.

### PCL Visits D.C. to Advocate for Wildlife Conservation Funding

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, PCL participated in the annual Teaming with Wildlife Fly-in in Washington, D.C., where we had a chance to speak to members of Congress about increasing wildlife conservation funding and protecting at-risk species. [Teaming with Wildlife](#) is a coalition of over 6,400 diverse organizations nationwide, including environmental non-profits, state fish and wildlife agencies, wildlife biologists, hunters, hikers, businesses, and more. We urged legislators to sign a [Dear Colleague](#) letter supporting the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program, which is the nation's core program for preventing new endangered species listings. The [State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program](#) supports monitoring and conservation at the local level and is used by state fish and wildlife agencies to implement [State Wildlife Action Plans](#), which work to protect more than 12,000 at-risk species nationwide, including over 800 species in California. The House letter closed last week, with the coalition gathering 126 signatures from legislators on both sides of the aisle. The Senate letter will be in circulation until April 7<sup>th</sup>, and has support from 20 senators so far, including Senator Boxer. We hope to obtain at least 33 signatures this year. Help us urge [Senator Feinstein](#) to sign the letter before the April 7<sup>th</sup> deadline! You can find a [call script](#) and more information on the Teaming with Wildlife website. Questions? Contact Rebecca Crebbin-Coates at [Rebecca@pcl.org](mailto:Rebecca@pcl.org).

### Apply Now for Spring and Summer Internships

Looking for a worthwhile and fun internship this spring? PCL still has three positions open! We are looking for a **Water Policy Intern** to provide legislative and policy support on a variety of statewide issues, including coastal protection, stormwater capture and reuse, Bay-Delta planning efforts, and more. We are also recruiting a **Development Intern** to assist with prospective donor research, event planning, grant research, and more. In addition, we are seeking an intern to assist with the development of our **50/50 Project** as we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PCL and PCL Foundation. The project will explore the past 50 years of environmental policy and outline a vision for California's environment 50 years in the future. We will begin interviewing for spring internships immediately, so apply **now!** Applications for our competitive summer internship program are due April 18<sup>th</sup>. For full descriptions and application information, please click [here](#).



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