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SB-506 Department of Fish and Wildlife: lake or streambed alteration agreements: Internet Web site.
(2017-2018)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL

NO. 506

**Introduced by Senator Nielsen
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Gallagher)**

February 16, 2017

An act to add Section 1618 to the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish and wildlife.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 506, Nielsen. Department of Fish and Wildlife: lake or streambed alteration agreements: Internet Web site.

Existing law prohibits an entity from substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of, or substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of, any river, stream, or lake, or from depositing certain material where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake, without first notifying the Department of Fish and Wildlife of that activity, and entering into a lake or streambed alteration agreement if required by the department to protect fish and wildlife resources.

This bill would require the department, on or before December 31, 2018, and periodically thereafter, to upgrade the information on its Internet Web site regarding lake or streambed alteration agreements, to update its "Frequently Asked Questions" document and other appropriate sources of information regarding the lake and streambed alteration program, and to provide guidance on its Internet Web site to facilitate members of the public in obtaining individualized guidance regarding the lake and streambed alteration program, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 1618 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

1618. On or before December 31, 2018, and periodically thereafter, the department shall do all of the following:

- (a) Upgrade the information on its Internet Web site regarding agreements issued pursuant to this chapter by identifying and segregating documents created for informational, guidance, or regulatory purposes in order to provide clarity to the public.
- (b) Update its "Frequently Asked Questions" document and other appropriate sources of information, as determined by the department, to provide current information to the public on matters that generate the most questions from the public regarding the lake and streambed alteration program.
- (c) Provide guidance on its Internet Web site to facilitate members of the public in obtaining individualized guidance regarding the lake and streambed alteration program.